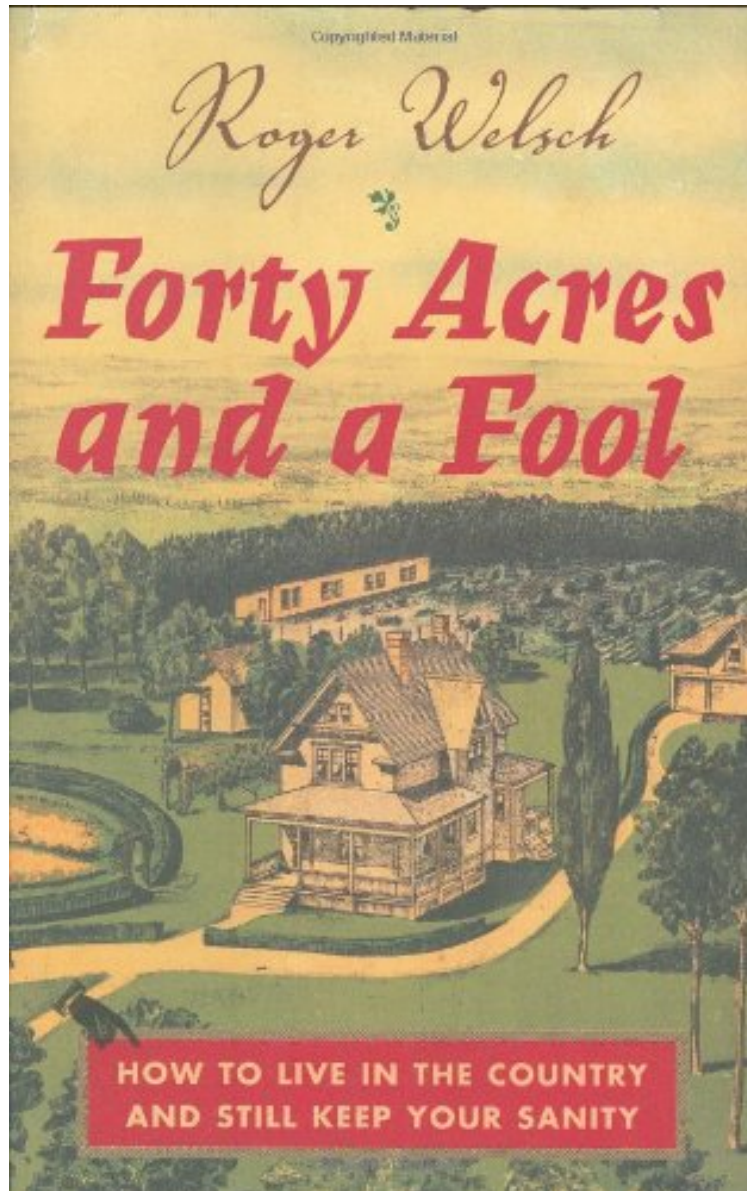


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At a time when so much manliness is played out on computer keyboards and TV or videogame remote controls, it takes a certain degree of grit and guts and plain pigheadedness to pull up stakes and move to the country. For those brave souls, the backward-looking gentleman farmers of our fast-forward-looking age, Roger Welsch has a few choice words. To homestead in the Old West, the saying went, all you needed was forty acres and a mule. For the 21st century, Welsch contends that instead of a beast of burden one only needs the stubbornness of being a fool.

St. Paul Pioneer Press, Nov. 22, 2006 "It provides enough insight into rural living to help anyone decide if they want part of the action, or to stay safely within the confines of a metropolitan beltway." Two-Cylinder, November-December 2006 "Learn from the mistakes of a master, and laugh harder than you thought possible while doing it."