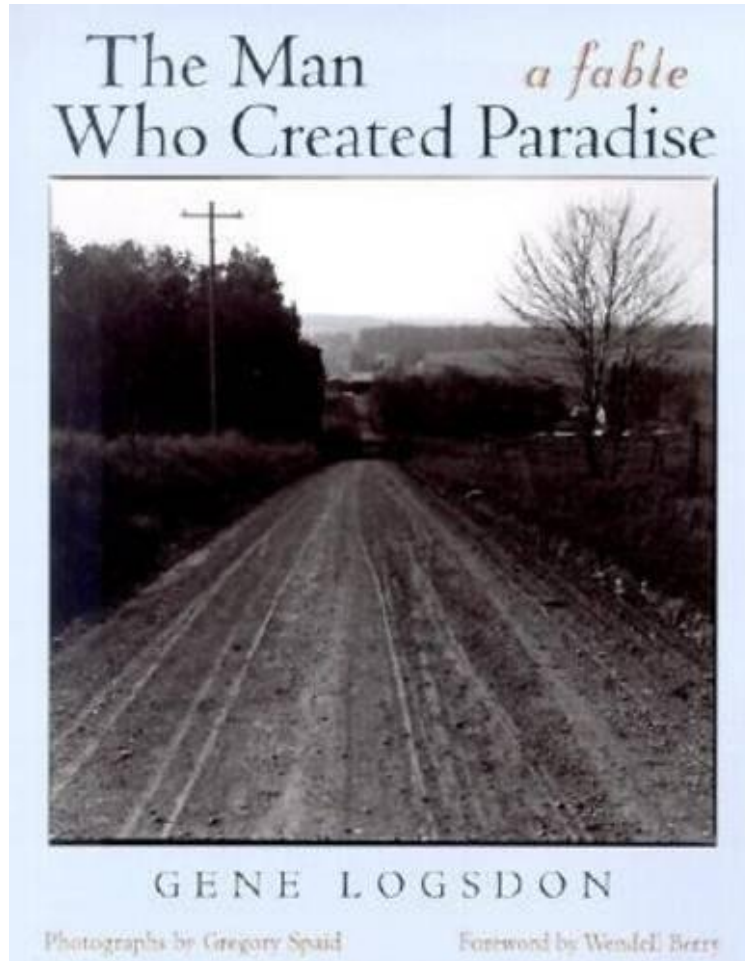


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Gene Logsdon's *The Man Who Created Paradise* is a message of hope at a time when the very concept of earth stewardship is under attack. The fable, inspired by a true story, tells how Wally Spero looked at one of the bleakest places in America—a raw and barren strip-mined landscape—and saw in it his escape from the drudgery of his factory job. He bought an old bulldozer and used the machine to carve patiently, acre by acre, a beautiful little farm out of a seemingly worthless wasteland. Wally's story is a charming distillation of the themes that the late, beloved Gene Logsdon returned to again and again in his many books and hundreds of articles. Environmental restoration is the task of our time. The work of healing our land begins in our own backyards and farms, in our neighborhoods and our regions. Humans can turn the earth into a veritable paradise if they really want to. Noted photographer Gregory Spaid retraced the trail that Logsdon traveled when he was inspired to write *The Man Who Created Paradise*. His photographs evoke the same yearning for wholeness, for ties to land and community, that infuses the fable's poetic prose.

From Publishers Weekly: Prolific environmental writer Gene Logsdon tells the inspirational story of a man who singlehandedly reclaims an Ohio farm from strip-mined land in this plainspoken short narrative, accompanied by Gregory Spaid's eloquent black and white photos and a foreword by Wendell Berry. Inspired by a true story, *The Man Who Created Paradise: A Fable* looks like a handsomely illustrated gift book, but it is also something more ambitious: an implicit call to readers to create their own small sustainable spaces. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. If you're feeling despairing, this book is the tonic. This slim volume should be read aloud at kitchen tables and over the radio until it becomes a national legend—a legend we might then try to live up to. Bill McKibben