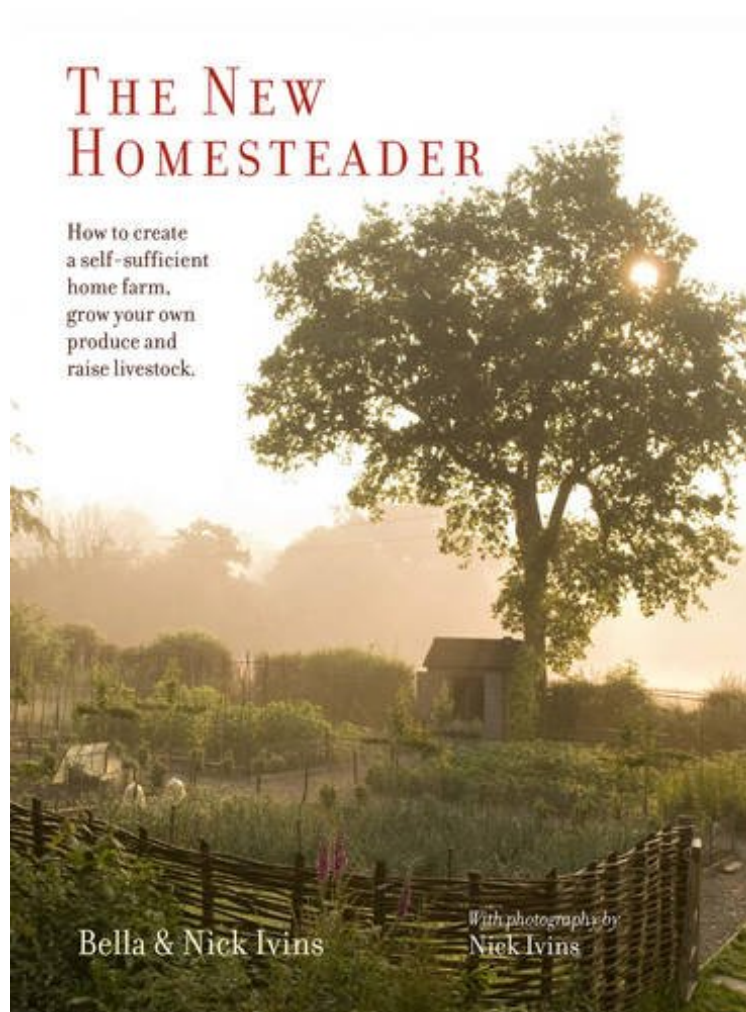


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Bella Ivins, Nick Ivins : The New Homesteader: How to create a self-sufficient home farm, grow your own produce and raise livestock before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The New Homesteader: How to create a self-sufficient home farm, grow your own produce and raise livestock:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful book and very "readable". By Diane Dixon This is a really beautiful book. I'm about a third way through reading the book and while I can't say that there is any groundbreaking information, it is refreshing to see an honest approach to the homesteading movement. Their approach from my view focuses on traditional techniques (aesthetics playing a vital role) when they can but are realistic enough to admit to

shooting predators and using a little chemical pest control when all else fails. I was also glad to see some photos of the house interior - a beautiful home that looks "lived in". 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. It is a very encouraging invitation to return to our roots as gatherers and enjoy the fruits and yield of this earth. By N. Nelson This is a visual feast, as well as a very practical introduction for those wanting to include sustainability into their lives. It isn't for those with acres and acres of land; the authors are specific to say that anyone can produce agricultural crops - for some, that's in pots on terraces. It is a very encouraging invitation to return to our roots as gatherers and enjoy the fruits and yield of this earth. The book is divided into neat chapters that touch on specific subjects -- bee keeping, raising soft fruits, etc. You can simply thumb through and find the topic that you are most interested in and glean some wisdom without having to necessarily read the whole book, although you'll want to. :)

Ten years ago, Bella and Nick Ivins left the big city behind and relocated to Walnuts Farm. Inspired by the Modern Homesteading movement, they decided to embrace a self-sufficient way of life. 'The New Homesteader' tells the story of their family life on their home farm and provides all the knowledge necessary for anyone thinking of embracing a self-sustaining lifestyle and starting their own homestead or urban farm - or even just tending their own plot to provide a supply of fresh ingredients throughout the year. Starting with the Kitchen Garden, Nick and Bella discuss designing and planning their plot, then move on to choosing and planting fruit and vegetable crops. Next, in The Orchard, they explain how to plant and tend an orchard as well as growing different varieties of soft fruit. The section on Animals covers the topic of livestock, including keeping bees, chickens and other small poultry, and rearing lambs and pigs. And The Garden tackles a range of associated subjects such how to make any additional outside space productive by planting a wildflower meadow, a small woodland, and even a nuttery. The Outbuildings takes a closer look at the places and spaces at the heart of a successful homestead - the barn, the wood yard, the workshop, and the store, where summer produce (such as potatoes, onions and apples) is stored to keep the homestead going during the lean winter months. Finally, in The Farmhouse, Nick and Bella move on to the hub of the homestead, the backdrop for day-to-day farm life. The farmhouse kitchen is the place where produce is canned and preserved, bread is baked, and dairy products are produced. Other sections address decorating with natural finds and homestead housekeeping, including natural cleaning products. Whether you dream of starting a homestead in the city, the country, or the suburbs to become fully or partially self sufficient, 'The New Homesteader' puts the dream within reach.

About the Author Bella and Nick Ivins have spent the last ten years restoring Walnuts Farm and its surrounding five acres into a beautiful and productive modern homestead. Here, the couple have embraced the 'good life' along with their two daughters, Flora and Peggy. Walnuts Farm is also a location house for the film and photographic industry, with clients including John Lewis, Net a Porter and Neal's Yard. The family has a monthly feature entitled 'A Taste of the Good Life' in 'Country Living' magazine.