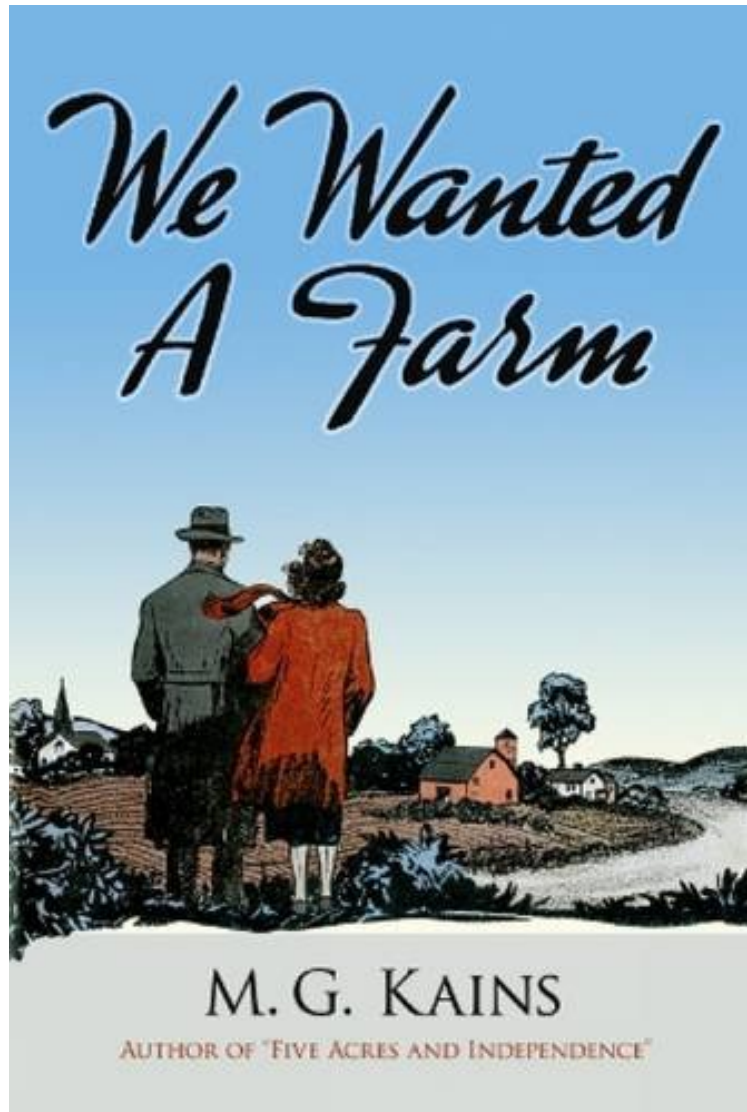


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Maurice G. Kains : We Wanted a Farm (Dover Books on Herbs, Farming and Gardening) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised We Wanted a Farm (Dover Books on Herbs, Farming and Gardening):

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Good story book, but poor to decent information bookBy Ronald ClobesI am having a hard time with the rating of this book in that as a story and a history, it is worth the five stars, but

how it was marketed deserves something less. I was interested in this book because the back cover marketing promised to show how I could make the move from the city to the country in stages. A lot of that detail is missing from this book. Probably more the publisher's fault than the author's fault. This book is more a narrative of Mr. Kains' experiences in three separate locations, the soil that he encountered, and quick remarks on how he dealt with it, and some of the crops he grew. Several stories about favorite pets are sprinkled liberally through out. A surprisingly negative chapter about hired help is included as well. There are several excellent chapters on reviving fruit tree orchards and berry patches, and information on varieties of blackberries, raspberries, and strawberries, but no information on what Mr. Kains did to support himself once he bought his farm. There is no information about marketing produce in this book. "Ten Acres Enough" and "Gold in the Grass" are far better books for my situation. I liked Mr. Kains' book "Five Acres and Independence." "We Wanted a Farm" demonstrates that Mr. Kains wrote "Five Acres" from first hand experience. I recommend "We Wanted" as a narrative, and story book, but if you are interested in fruit trees and berries, Stella Otto's books may be better. Norton Creek Press has republished "Ten Acres Enough", "Gold in the Grass", and "We Wanted a Farm" as three back to the land adventure books. I found "Ten Acres" the most interesting, and "We Wanted" the least interesting. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Vincent D. Libertry Sr. Great story

In his classic *Five Acres and Independence*, Maurice G. Kains offered advice about living off the land with privately raised stock and produce. In this engaging and informative memoir, he relates his family's experiences in realizing their long-cherished dream of establishing and maintaining their own small farm. Kains recounts how they overcame the handicap of unproductive clay soil to develop a relatively small garden that yielded an entire year's supply of vegetables. He describes his reclamation of neglected fruit trees, vines, and blackberry patches; laying out an orchard of 1,000 trees, a vineyard, a commercial vegetable garden, and ornamental plantings; the installation of heating, water, and sewage systems; fighting weeds and bugs; and numerous other challenges. Gardeners, urban homesteaders, those who aspire to life on a small working farm, and other readers will find *We Wanted a Farm* an outstanding and informative source of expert advice.