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Description:

From Though Perry makes no claim to being an actual farmer whose livelihood is dependent on his labor, he offers a loving portrait of the occasional rigors and quirks of farm life. In this book, the focus is on his neighbor Tom Hartwig, a man who has lived 82 years in one farmhouse in rural Wisconsin, on a farm that survived the construction of a four-lane interstate in its front yard in 1965. Tom, known for his hobby of building and occasionally firing cannons, offers pearls of wisdom on everything from living with whizzing traffic outside your kitchen window, to repairing tools ranging from massive farm equipment to shovel handles, to raising daughters. Perry relates his own farm life, including realizing that taking his daughter to swim in the local creek is more important than deadlines and appreciating the pleasure of odd tools as he sharpens a scythe (only to be told very matter-of-factly by Tom that a gas-powered weed whacker is better). A charming and humorous

appreciation of life by a middle-aged man late to farming and parenting. --Vanessa Bush --This text refers to the edition.

Review "Warmhearted....engaging....down-to-earth and genuine." (**Kirkus Reviews**)

"Funnier than Keillor." (**MinnPost**)

"Visiting Tom is more than just a whimsical portrait of a unique character. It's a meditation on modernity and self-reliance that sneaks up on you with its unexpected depth." (**Capital Times**)

"Michael Perry writes the words that create the memoirs that make so many of us want to raise chickens and pigs, plant a few rows of corn or otherwise just make hay. Mostly, though, he makes us want to get to know our neighbors better - no matter where we live." (**Experience Wisconsin Magazine**)

"The portrait Mr. Perry paints...is of a place and a life that is worth noting....His writing is beautiful and immediate and elegant." (**Wall Street Journal**)

"[Perry] is a sharp and empathetic observer." (**Journal Sentinel**)

"In Visiting Tom, a story that melds Perry's unique humor with notes of Garrison Keillor and Billy Bryson, the elderly man's tenderness and character jump off the page as he shares his thoughts on life and love." (**Express Milwaukee**)

"It's part memoir, part character piece. There's a bit of the poetic to it. It's about fighting bureaucracy, Foxfire-ish self-sustenance, life the 'old timer's' way, and male-bonding foolishness. It's about fatherhood, marriage and love. And it's just about one of the sweetest books you'll ever read." (**Daily Sparks Tribune**)

"Drop whatever you are doing and sit down to read Michael Perry's Visiting Tom....Perry is a craftsman of the highest order....When you go back to doing what you were doing when you picked up this book, you might just see your world with a broader, more humane perspective." (**New York Journal of Books**)

"Charming and humorous." (**Booklist**) --This text refers to the edition.

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