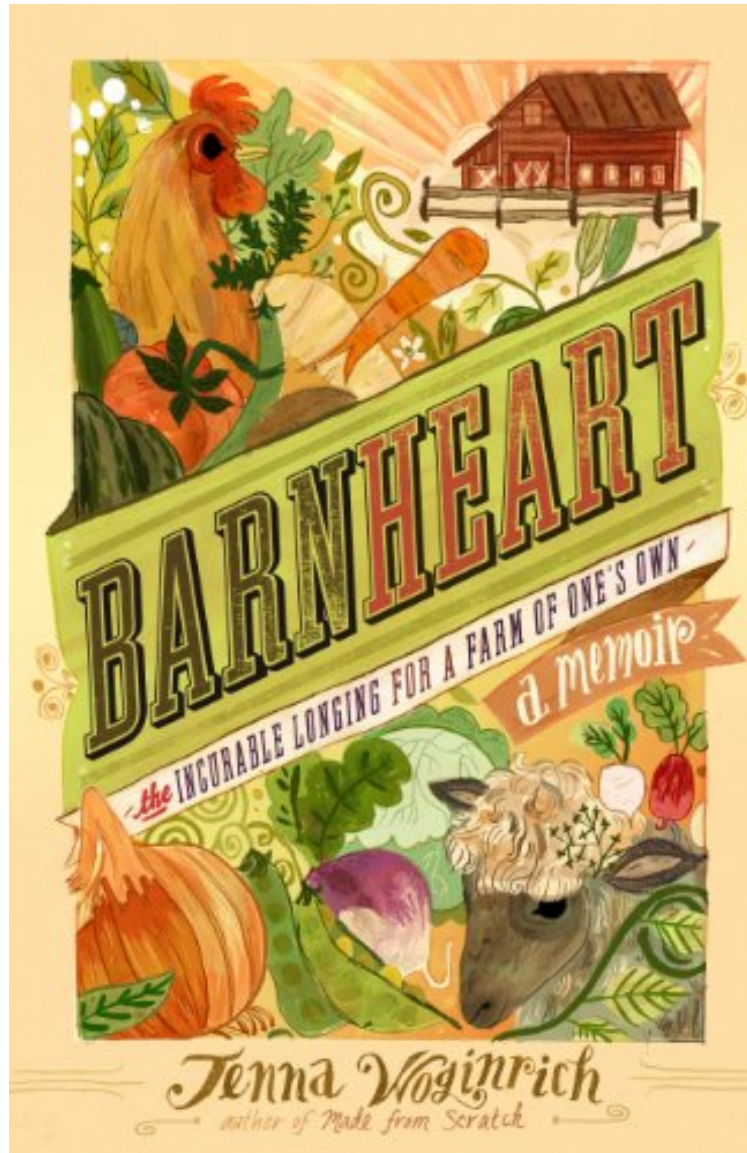


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Jenna Woginrich : Barnheart: The Incurable Longing for a Farm of Ones Own before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Barnheart: The Incurable Longing for a Farm of Ones Own:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A readable and thoughtful memoir of starting a small farm By Cissal enjoyed this book a lot. I have a case of "barnheart" myself, although I'm not sure my health will ever allow me to

actually fulfill it (even if I could afford to). But- that's why I love reading accounts written by people who DO do it- and who knows? When I first read Sue Hubbel's book about beekeeping, we didn't figure we could do that, and now we have 3 hives! Now- this is not in any way a how-to manual. It's fairly scanty on many of the details, like- how big is the chicken coop? for how many chickens etc.? If that's what you're looking for, this is not the book you want. However, if you are longing for, or even thinking about, a small homestead- this is a thoughtful yet mostly light-hearted, inspirational book that is a fast and entertaining read. It even has a happy ending! I loved the author's voice in it- chatty, and at least as wry about herself as about anything else. She discusses her bad times and failures intelligently and without self-pity, but doesn't gloss over them either. I gave this 4 stars instead of 5 mostly because it is very short; I read it in one morning, among doing other things. However, for what it is, that's a pretty decent length. I'd recommend it to those of us with "barnheart" who are living vicariously!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. heartfelt, honest, hard-earned happiness

By Jo-Ann Mapson It was the title of this book that attracted me. Very soon, though, I was engaged in the story of Jenna, her dogs, hens, sheep and turkey. I have a black thumb, but this book has made me consider trying to grow things again. I urge any reader who wants to have that "slip inside the narrator's skin" kind of reading voyage to read this book. I felt for the narrator for many reasons; dogged by bad credit scores, misunderstood by crazy neighbors, we've all been there at one time or another. What a wonderful tale.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Barnheart really speaks to those of us who feel this way about farming/homesteading.

By Grace's Nature When I read Jenna Woginrich's last book I was impressed with the way this 20 something goes out and gets what she wants instead of just dreaming about it the way most of us do. Barnheart continues the story of her journey as she skills up, makes the hard decisions, and learns the hard lessons while actually going out there and living the life she desires. Her voice is truthful and frank without ever being preachy. She shares her failures with the same unvarnished honesty she uses to recount her successes, and never lets herself off the hook when she errs. I find Woginrich very inspirational, and will rely on her example as I belatedly get off my tush and begin my own Barnheart style journey at age 50. Read this if you could use an example of courage, steadfastness, and willingness to put in some hard damn work or if there is any kind of life change you are putting off because of self doubt or nervousness. This book is just the right kick in the pants you need to help you get started, whatever it is you long to do. I am very much looking forward to seeing where Woginrich goes next.

With humor and poise, Jenna Woginrich describes her adventurous self-education in homesteading. Poignant offbeat observations on learning to farm by trial and error punctuate the story of her quest to find a permanent home for herself and her livestock: chickens, geese, sheep, ducks, rabbits, a goat, and a turkey. Alone and on a shoestring budget, Woginrich takes on cranky neighbors and small-town politics without ever losing her trademark humility or comedic style.

From the Back Cover Symptoms of Acute Barnheart: Endless hours spent baking bread, studying chicken coop plans, gathering eggs, browsing seed catalogs, weeding the vegetable garden, attending sheepdog trials, dreaming about heritage-breed livestock, and longing incessantly for a farm of one's own. In a memoir filled with hope and humor, Jenna Woginrich recounts her adventures in homesteading and how she finally makes peace with her barnheart.