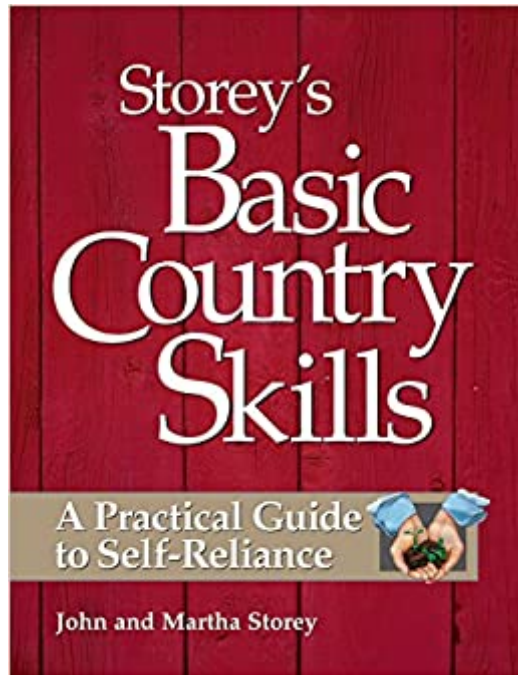




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# Storey's Basic Country Skills: A Practical Guide To Self-Reliance



## Synopsis

Whether you live on a small suburban lot or have a many acres in the country, this inspiring collection will empower you to increase your self-sufficiency and embrace a more independent lifestyle. A variety of authors share their specialized knowledge and provide practical instructions for basic country skills like preserving vegetables, developing water systems, keeping farm animals, and renovating barns. From sharpening an axe to baking your own bread, you'll be amazed at the many ways learning traditional skills can enrich your life.

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“This big, comprehensive book that covers everything from land to animals; from vegetables to country cooking. The book encompasses more than 40 years of writing and includes the expertise of many experienced authors. It's like having a whole community of seasoned gardeners, farmers and homesteaders living next door to you.” — Star Beacon

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A must have for homesteaders or preppers. A good overall information collection. As a city girl preparing for country life I find this to be invaluable. If you were born and bred on a farm perhaps you know this stuff already, but I'm a novice, so I loved it. Keep in mind I have other books to help

round out my information, but this one is one of my favorites!

We have had a copy of this for many years. We refer to it again and again for questions around the home and garden. We just purchased a copy for our newlywed daughter and son and they love it. This book is timeless knowledge and one you should own in hard copy in case of events that send everyone back to basics without the aid of Google.

If you live in the country or, if you hope to, someday, take this book with you -you will appreciate it week after week! Not the only game in town on the subject, but easy to navigate, straightforward articles make it a true leader in the field. Remember, living in the country doesn't always provide good internet access, and while you may be able to find this same stuff on Google, if the server's down and you're caught in a blizzard, you'll be glad you made the investment. My advice -go for the cheap reader copy. It's bound to get that way eventually anyway -save yourself some dough.

The astonishing amount of information in this book scratches the surface on most every aspect of country living. It is a terrific primer for someone considering a move to the country with the idea of developing a certain amount of self-sufficiency, but is also a great reference for someone in the country who is interested in taking on the occasional new project. This is a great place to start. I won't be building an old-fashioned woodshed or digging a well (!) but if I wanted to do either of these or hundreds of other things from making curtains to cheese, butchering game to canning garden produce, building a fence or a root cellar, it's all here. Even though this is a yellow pages sized book, there is such a wide variety of topics, the information can only go so far. It is far enough, however, to satisfy the curiosity and/or get you started. Obviously if you intend to keep cattle, for example, and have little knowledge on that subject, you'll need to learn more than this book offers, but there's enough here to get you thinking. I found the information on gardening to be the most useful and feel some level of comfort that I have a place to look should I want to take on other projects or look for tips of various sorts, like how to discourage bugs naturally or what tools to use for what, what to look for when buying a tractor or tackling weed problems. There is a very good index at the back so looking up a topic is easy and there's also an index of more detailed books on various subjects if you want to go to the next level. There are plenty of illustrations to make things clearer. I don't see myself needing most of the topics (need to know how to shear a sheep?), but you never know. A local hunter recently gave me a goose he'd shot and guess where I looked to learn how to clean it. That was something I never expected to do. Whether you're just daydreaming

about country life or trying to determine what you can and cannot undertake yourself, this book has value and a lot of good information.

Great book for tips on fixes and handy quick builds around the retirement homestead. Can't wait to put some of the projects in action.

Book was delivered in great condition and couldn't be happier with the purchasing experience. The book itself is invaluable as I'm planning a homestead and always interested in how things get done simply. The illustrations are great and the guidance is backed by years of trial and error and salt of the earth wisdom. It will serve as a constant guide and have pride of place on my bookshelf.

Awesome book. I really like the information. I wish the pages were stronger, but this book is better than others that I have. The information is really practical and easy to read. I have used the gardening information most. That is what I'm working on this year - next year I'm going to tackle long term food preservation. Looking through the "country cooking and stocking up" section I think I'll be able to learn a lot from this book.

i purchased for my daughter more for fun, but has been a wealth of practical knowledge. Delivery & timing & price excellent.

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