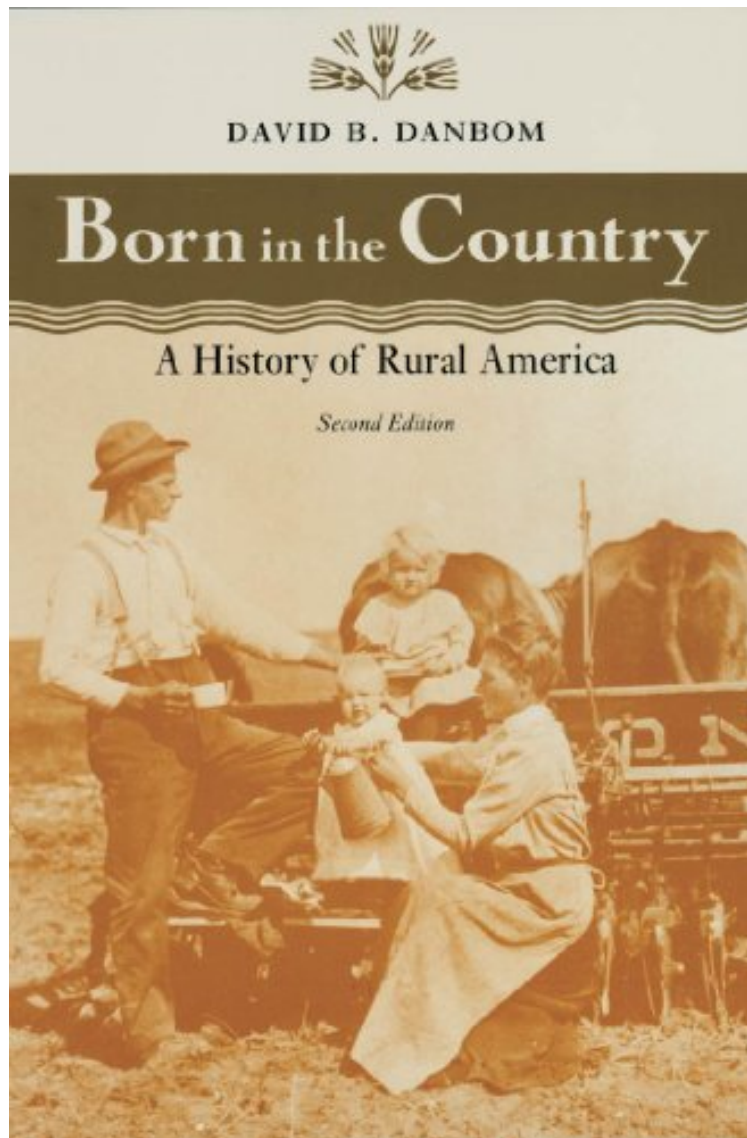


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By Martin S. Harris Jr. A good but traditional history, with many events left out (so as to avoid displeasing the "Establishment"?). Insufficient discussion of the pro-urban-consumer (keep food cheap to buy votes) events surrounding the rejection of the McNary-Haugen proposal of the early 20's, where farmers would fund a program for commodity export sufficient to keep farmgate prices level; no mention of the remarkably successful NYC milkshed dairy-producer strikes of the 30's; no mention of

the political shenanigans whereby both political parties abandoned "fixed parity" for "floating parity" in the early 50's; no mention of the successful campaign of the National Farmers' Organization to raise farmgate prices by moving raw milk among possible markets, one which met with huge retribution from the Federal government, in the early 70's; and insufficient mention of the min-farm/farmers-market/organic movement, where growers of independent means can afford to devote their (less-than-profitable) worktime to the growth and marketing (at higher than commercial prices) green beans by selling them to a cohort of buyers for whom food prices don't matter as much as "local" or "organic". Even so, a good read. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. History of Rural America By Alicia Crumpton I'm reviewing the 1st edition (can't wait to read the 2nd edition!). This is an indispensable volume for those interested in rural history within the US, the intersection of policy and culture, the social and cultural milieu of rural areas, and how industrialization and ideals for America in terms of progress, urbanity, modernity, consumerism, etc. influenced rural life, community, and development. My particular interests are around gender, role negotiation, community, and daily life - while these were not the sole focus of this book, these topics were discussed and/or inferred by virtue of the historical implications. A must read! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By romulus arrived in fine shape

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