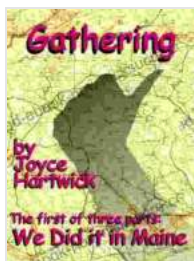


Part of We Did It in Maine: Homesteading Memoir Hitchhiking Back to the Land

In their book "We Did It in Maine: A Homesteading Memoir," Josh and Jill Kohnstamm chronicle their journey from city life to homesteading in Maine. The book is a testament to the challenges and rewards of homesteading, as well as the importance of community and self-sufficiency.

Josh and Jill met in New York City in the early 1970s. They were both idealistic young people who were searching for a more meaningful life. They found it in homesteading.



Gathering: Part I of We Did it in Maine, (homesteading memoir, hitchhiking, back to the land Book 1)

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In 1974, Josh and Jill bought a 100-acre farm in Maine. They had no experience in farming, but they were determined to learn. They started by

building a small cabin and clearing the land. They also raised animals and grew their own food.

Homesteading was not easy. Josh and Jill faced many challenges, including harsh weather, pests, and financial difficulties. But they also found great rewards in their new life. They loved the feeling of being self-sufficient and living in harmony with the land.

Josh and Jill's story is an inspiration to anyone who dreams of living a more sustainable and fulfilling life. Their book is a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in homesteading. It is a reminder that anything is possible if you have the determination and the support of a loving community.

The Challenges of Homesteading

Homesteading is not for the faint of heart. It requires hard work, dedication, and a willingness to face challenges head-on. Josh and Jill faced many challenges during their first years of homesteading, including:

- **Harsh weather:** Maine has a long and cold winter. Josh and Jill had to learn how to heat their home, keep their animals warm, and grow food in a challenging climate.
- **Pests:** Pests are a major problem for homesteaders. Josh and Jill had to deal with everything from deer and mice to insects and birds.
- **Financial difficulties:** Homesteading can be expensive. Josh and Jill had to find ways to supplement their income while they were getting their homestead up and running.

Despite the challenges, Josh and Jill never gave up. They learned from their mistakes and adapted to their new circumstances. They also found strength in their community.

The Rewards of Homesteading

Homesteading is not without its rewards. Josh and Jill found great satisfaction in living a more sustainable and self-sufficient life. They loved the feeling of being connected to the land and the joy of raising their own food.

In addition to the practical benefits of homesteading, Josh and Jill also found great emotional and spiritual rewards. They loved the feeling of being part of a community and the satisfaction of knowing that they were making a difference in the world.

The Importance of Community

Community is essential for homesteaders. Josh and Jill could not have succeeded without the support of their neighbors and friends. They helped each other with everything from building projects to childcare.

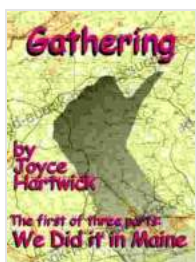
Community is also important for homesteaders because it provides a sense of belonging and purpose. Homesteaders are often isolated, so it is important to have a network of people to support them.

The Importance of Self-Sufficiency

Self-sufficiency is another important aspect of homesteading. Josh and Jill wanted to be able to live off the land as much as possible. They raised their own food, heated their home with wood, and generated their own electricity.

Self-sufficiency is not always easy, but it is important for homesteaders. It gives them a sense of security and independence. It also allows them to live a more sustainable and environmentally friendly life.

"We Did It in Maine" is a inspiring story of homesteading and self-sufficiency. Josh and Jill Kohnstamm's journey is a reminder that anything is possible if you have the determination and the support of a loving community.



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