



A Job for All Seasons: My Small Country Living (Hardback)

By Phyllida Barstow

Merlin Unwin Books, United Kingdom, 2013. Hardback. Book Condition: New. Lucy Milne, Olivia Stewart-Smith (illustrator). 220 x 144 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Many home-steaders have plunged in at the deep end and learnt through experience. But Phyllida Barstow, author of the childhood autobiography *My Animals and Other Family*, was already steeped in animal husbandry when, as a young woman, she embarked on her own home-steading enterprises. Here is her lively, informative and witty account of her first-hand experience throughout her lifetime in Gloucestershire, with chickens, dogs, goats, horses, sheep, peacocks, alpacas and even honey bees. As she points out, small-holding is not a summer idyll but truly a job for all seasons, all hours, all weathers. She also has to deal with fallen stock, pest control, disease outbreaks and slaughter. Her tips include those on animal handling, leading, breeding and delivery. Her wry and practical attitude towards her animals is imbued with respect and often affection for her charges. This account of the realities of modern home-steading is both entertaining and informative.



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