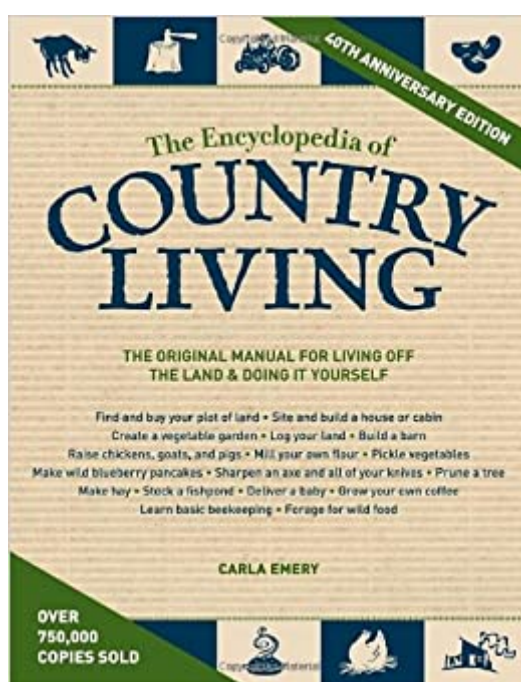


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# The Encyclopedia Of Country Living, 40th Anniversary Edition: The Original Manual For Living Off The Land & Doing It Yourself



## Synopsis

From craft culture to survivalists, preppers, homesteaders, urban farmers, and everyone in between there is a desire for a simpler way of life—a healthier, greener, more self-sustaining and holistic approach to modern life. The knowledge you need to survive and thrive off the grid is at your fingertips in *The Encyclopedia of Country Living*, the best-selling resource for the homesteading movement. With its origins in the back-to-the-land effort of the late 1960s, Carla Emery's landmark book has grown into a comprehensive guide to building your sustainable country escape haven, while lowering your carbon footprint in the process. The 40th anniversary edition offers up-to-date and detailed information on the fundamentals of topics like homegrown food; raising chickens, goats, and pigs; beekeeping; food preservation; mail-order supply sourcing; foraging; and much, much more (even how to deliver a baby)—everything you need to lead a self-sufficient lifestyle in the 21st century. Basic, thorough, and reliable, this book deserves a place in urban and rural homes alike.

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“For the suburbanite with just enough space for a little garden to the die-hard homesteaders and everyone in between, *The Encyclopedia of Country Living* makes for both fascinating reading

and a truly essential reference source. You won't find a more complete source of step-by-step information about growing, processing, cooking and preserving every kind of food from the garden, the orchard, the field or the barnyard! Rodale Book Club "If you're dreaming about moving "back to the land" someday, or if you're already there and want to live more self-sufficiently (wherever you may be) you'll want a copy of ... The Encyclopedia of Country Living." Organic Gardening "This book is a monument to the coevolution of a person and an idea. As folk literature. . . this book should be shelved in your collection between the Foxfire books and Alicia Bay Lau's Living on Earth. Whole Earth catalog "Urbanites will find the recipes and resources list. . . useful, the trivia interesting. . . and Emery's personal reflections. . . compelling. Even readers with no plans to raise sheep, sell home-made cheese or plant millet will find this a fascinating cultural document." Publishers Weekly "Packed with old wisdom as well as up-to-date websites and mail-order sources to make country living easier." Country Almanac "Although mainly a modern individualist's resource on how to grow and prepare food, this work is much more. As one astonished browser acclaimed, 'Excels there anything this book doesn't tell you how to do?' Library Journal "If you're thinking about ditching the city and reconnecting with a simpler, more direct way of life, living the self-sufficient lifestyle full-bore, or just living more directly and simply where you are right now, The Encyclopedia covers a wealth of information to keep you on target." Lehman's Country Living "If I could only have one comprehensive how-to book on self-reliant living (and I think I've read them all), this would be it. As a matter of fact, I have two copies of this book myself... It has gotten better and better since it was first printed 40 years ago. And the massive book is filled with personal stories and anecdotes, making it a friendly and easy read - not at all like a textbook." Backwoods Home Magazine "The Encyclopedia of Country Living by Carla Emery is one of my favorite finds. It is a guide to all things country and, for those of us that don't get down on the farm as often as we would like to, it is a mini vacation from the asphalt jungle. Emery offers practical advice on everything from gardening and canning to raising animals and churning butter. ... The Encyclopedia of Country Living is a warm and inviting trip to your Grandmother's kitchen table and that, alone, is reason enough to pick up a copy for your own library." The Jefferson County Post "While it is impossible for one book to have everything you need, 'The Encyclopedia of Country Living' does an exceptional job of giving you the most bang for your buck when it comes to needing a single resource where you are likely to find the answer to your country living questions." Outdoor Self Reliance "Practical advice, invaluable information, and collected

wisdom for folks and farmers in the country, city, and anywhere in between."Territorial Seed catalog

Carla Emery lived on a farm in Idaho for more than thirty years as a wife, mother of seven, home-schooler, goat-keeper, garden-grower, writer, and country-living instructor. She wrote and self-published the first editions of *The Encyclopedia of Country Living* during the early 1970s and also ran her "School of Country Living." Carla sold nearly 90,000 copies of her self-published editions, traveling the country to promote it and appearing on such shows as *The Mike Douglas Show*, *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, *The Phil Donahue Show*, and *Good Morning America*, where she demonstrated country-living skills such as goat-milking, bread-making, and butter-churning. When Sasquatch Books published the 9th Edition of *Encyclopedia* in 1994, Carla continued to travel the country promoting and selling the book, and teaching the timeless skills of country living. Carla cultivated a large and loyal following across the country. Carla passed away in 2005.

In 1998 my husband, our four year old son and I moved from the city to 11.93 acres in the middle of nowhere. We lived for two years without running water or electricity. From my first copy of *The Encyclopedia of Country Living* I learned how to milk a goat and raise my hogs. I learned how to dress out a large animal and brooder chicks with kerosene lanterns. Not that I read this book a lot or anything, but I literally wore the covers off of the copy that I ordered from Lehman's Non-Electric Hardware Store. I'm on my second copy now, which my husband had drilled with a three hole punch to give it more staying power. I highly recommend this book to learn the life-style of self-sufficiency. Self-sufficiency is a mind set and a life-style. I highly recommend it. My son is 18 years old and a freshman in college now. I am an old woman of nearly 55. I wouldn't give up my memories or skills for anything. This is a fantastic reference book, and really, the only one you'll ever need. One other note: I wrote Ms. Emery about some health problems I was having and she wrote me back! I'll never forget her kindness to a stranger. One of my deepest regrets is I did not get to meet her. As a struggling author here on I find her achievements amazing. I hope her family reads this and knows how much her writing meant to our family. God bless you, Ms. Emery. I hope you can know how much your postcard meant to me.

I briefly met Carla Emery years ago. She was a very warm, giving, and likeable person (sadly I later learned she died shortly after I met her), and she was the real deal. She had grown up on a farm,

homesteading, and living and learning from her relatives many of the skills she writes about in her book (she admitted some parts of the book were researched--not surprising given this book is truly encyclopedic). But for her the skills she writes about was a way of life. There's a good reason this book is a classic with multiple editions. It includes more information on country skills than most of us will ever use. It boogles my mind how she put it all together. Back to Basics is another classic in this genre, but that was written by a whole team of writers. This was all Carla. Reading this is like spending time in a room full of homesteaders and listening to them chat and swap stories. Of course, you probably won't need to know how to give birth to a baby without a doctor around or how to midwife/husband a baby calf into the world in a snow storm, but it's comforting to know you could find out how if necessary, even if the power is out. Most likely you'll need it for things like mending a fence or growing grain. Yep, it's in here. And Carla's likeability comes through in print. This book is a classic. Other books likely of interest: >Your Cabin in the Woods, which is a great starter book for anyone thinking about getting their own place in the country, as it is a very helpful combination of both practical and philosophical. >Back to Basics: A Complete Guide to Traditional Skills, Third Edition, also great reference for all things homesteading. >Traditional Breads of the World: 275 Easy Recipes from Around the Globe Like The Encyclopedia of Country Living, these books have also stood the test of time.

I've had hours of enjoyment flipping through the various topics covered in this quaint volume of rural lore. It is amazingly comprehensive, and decidedly unscientific in its approach. If you are looking for a technical guide to "off the grid living," then you may be disappointed. If you'd enjoy wasting away a hot summer afternoon chatting with the old fellow down at the Farm Store, then this gem is full of wisdom that you can appreciate.

I bought my first copy of this book 20 years ago. I was moving from the city to the country and this book was A LOT of fun! It's like having one of those neighbors that knows about or has tried a lot of different things on a farm, but it's in book form. I pulled my 20 year old copy out again recently when researching fish farming and decided to get a fresh copy. As you can see from the pic, the book has been well used over the years.

Recommend you put this one on your shelf. This is obviously a wonderful work to capture so many skills and so much knowledge from a different time about a different way of life. Before you learn the hard way, do yourself a favor and read up on this increasingly endangered firsthand experience. If

you're interested in homesteading, learning a more sustainable lifestyle or just getting back to basic life skills, you'll benefit by pulling this compendium off your shelf.

I was first introduced to this book by watching a YouTube video on home steading. I was not disappointed the book was packaged securely and arrived on time! This book holds almost a thousand pages of suggestions, tips and tricks. I absolutely love it!

This book has everything you need. I don't live in the country but I can save money in the suburbs with all the excellent tips in this book. If you are thinking about becoming more self-sustaining, I would highly recommend getting this book. You may not need to know what to do if a cow eats metal (depending on the amount of metal digested a magnet might help) but you'll learn a lot from this book.

This Country Living Encyclopedia is an indispensable tool for those wanting to return to a more natural, self sufficient lifestyle. In the event of an economic disaster, or weather related disaster this book would also come in handy. It covers most topics one needs in their quest to live an independent, self sustaining lifestyle. I highly recommend for those living on the edge of the country, on large suburban lots. It helps you do more with less on your less than 5 acres property. If you want a one stop, reference book that answers the majority of questions, or provides enough knowledge to locate the required additional information, this is the book for you.

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