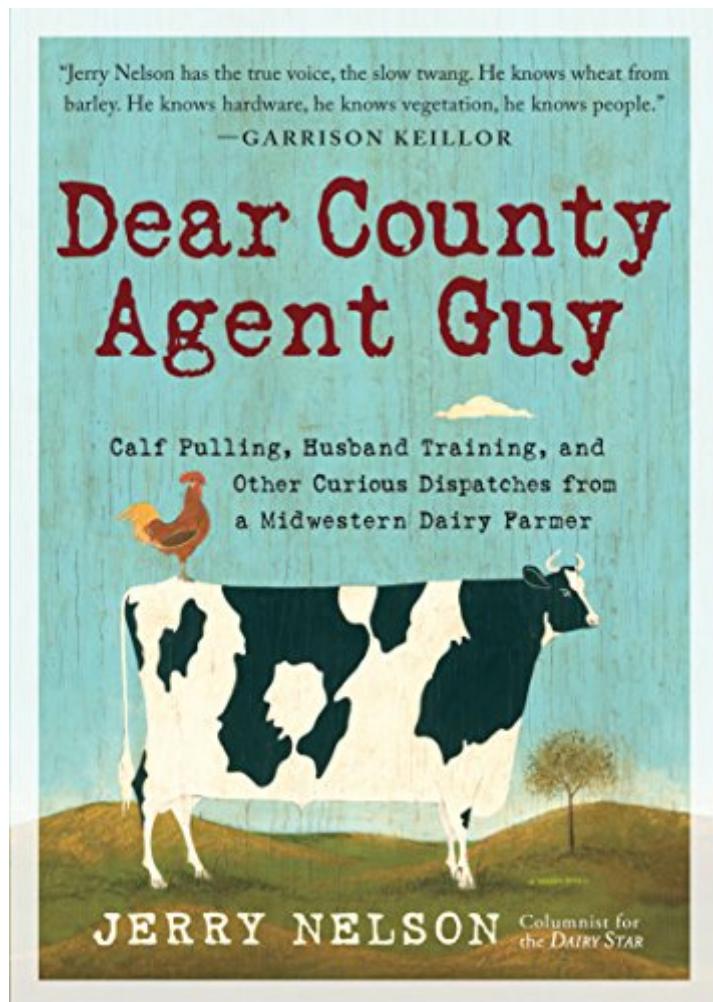


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# Dear County Agent Guy: Calf Pulling, Husband Training, And Other Curious Dispatches From A Midwestern Dairy Farmer



## **Synopsis**

â œJerry Nelsonâ ™s column comes from the true heart of the Midwest. He has the true voice, the slow twang. He knows wheat from barley. He knows hardware, he knows vegetation, he knows people.â •â "Garrison Keillor In the tradition of Mark Twain and Jean Shepherd, Dave Barry and Garrison Keillor, Jerry Nelson is a humorist whose beat is the American heartland, a small-town world of pickup trucks and Sunday night pancake dinners, dropping in on neighbors and complaining about the county agent. His depictions of daily life, from the point of view of an ex-dairy farmer and taciturn husband with a twinkle in his eye, are read by 250,000 people a weekâ "and occasionally woven into Prairie Home Companion scripts. These are stories of courtship; childbirthâ "he offers the delivery room doctor the use of his calf puller; family; neighbors; chores; and the duties of a fatherâ "why is it that a man who spends his days in cow manure canâ ™t change a babyâ ™s diaper? Knee-slappingly funny one moment, poignant the next, itâ ™s a very special look at a distinctly American way of life. Â

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## **Customer Reviews**

Dear County Agent Guy is absolutely hysterical. I must admit I originally chose it on NetGalley

because I am doing a 2016 reading challenge, and I needed a book in the Humor category. Not sure what to expect, I started it and could not stop reading â “ the book was so funny save a few sections where the intricate details of farm equipment made me skim those parts. Winter Storm Stories and Labor and Delivery were my favorites of the comical stories. Uncle Wilmer and That Old House were touching and so well written. I also enjoyed all of his references to his Norwegian heritage. I was reading this book while I was at the car wash and laughed out loud so many times that everyone around me wanted to know what I was reading.I am a big fan of Garrison Keiller and Bill Bryson. Jerry Nelsonâ ™s writing and stories remind me of them. Apparently a number of these stories have been printed in his syndicated column, but I had never encountered him before. I am now a big fan and will look for his column. This was a highly enjoyable read. Thanks to NetGalley, the publisher, and Jerry Nelson for allowing me to read this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Dear Country Agent Guy is Jerry Nelson's tales of being a farmer in South Dakota. Jerry is a Norwegian dairy farmer that has worked and lived on his farm since he was a little boy and this book, he lets everyone know what it truly means to be a farmer. With stories like nearly losing his life to hilarious tales of his family and what living in a South Dakota winter is really like, this book will make you appreciated everything that a farmer does.This book had me laughing out loud at certain points of the book, it's a very good book that I think could be up there with the Lena and Ole books, if you know what I mean! I lived up in North Dakota and I understand everything he said even right down to the hard winter but he can keep the lutefisk to himself!! I would like to see more stories by Jerry down the road and know I will enjoy those as much as I did this book!Thank You to Jerry Nelson for sharing your stories and I can only hope that there will be more stories to come!!! received this book from the Publisher via NetGalley in exchange for a honest review.

I enjoyed "Dear County Agent Guy" very much, finding it equally entertaining, humorous and informative about the issues of family farm life. It is an easy and fun read, with laugh out loud moments at times. Highly recommended!

This was a pretty funny book. The stories were all pretty short along with the book. There were several laugh out loud moments especially during the stories about the author and his wife. She definitely deserves an award for some of the stuff that she's put up with.I also got a full blown description of what lutefisk is. Gross! I read Murder mysteries and this was the first time I almost threw up from a book. Ugh!! digress, I thought the author did a great job with his stories and I

enjoyed reading them. I don't think you necessarily have to be a farmer to enjoy this book as he pretty well explains what he's talking about so you do get the gist of the story. I would recommend this book if you're into humor. Thanks to Workman Publishing and Net Galley for the opportunity to read, review and get to know Jerry Nelson a little better in exchange for an honest review.

Although I've been off the farm three times longer than I was ever on it, I still consider myself a farmer's daughter. The smell of freshly turned soil, the coolness of a maturing corn crop and the taste of fresh harvest are happy touchstones of my life. In *Dear County Agent Guy*, author Jerry Nelson brings to life all the gifts and foibles of ag life and sets them to the music of laughter. An entertaining, uplifting read.

Lovely prose; original voice. Jerry Nelson's columns are filled with warmth and humor. His writing is very well-detailed, and his insights about family life, farming, and community provide wonderful insights in a way that will amuse those who know rural life and enlighten more urban readers. Like a wry combination of Garrison Kiellor, Dave Barry, and a slightly twisted Thoreau. The pieces are short articles; those wanting more in depth analysis might be left wanting, but I found the length fitting for his concise, rich storytelling.

I'm glad I bought and read this. It was good fun and an easy non-taxing read; no filth, no controversy, some education, good writing skills and was an excellent fill-in after a more substantive read or after a series of disappointments.

It was interesting and had comical spots in it but it's not your usual novel where a story starts and you keep reading to see how it's going to end. Each chapter is about different happenings, mostly on the dairy farm although there's some with topics such as baby diapers, raising children or whatever.

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