

Summers on the Farm

A Bulletin Dozen Booklist

AS SPRING PLANTING SEASON draws to a close and the cool, wet days of spring fade into the hot, humid days of summer, life on a farm begins to reach fever pitch. Summer times are busy times, and work, be it feeding chickens, slopping hogs, or pitching hay, cannot go untended. Fortunately, food is plentiful and there is lots to celebrate: last month's hatchlings are acquiring their feathers, and by the end of the month, cries of "corn's up!" will herald this year's yield. And sometimes, just the slightest breeze tinged with moisture or a distant rumbling is enough to put farmers and animals in to a frenzy. So come on down and visit some of the farms featured in this month's Dozens' list.

—Debra Mitts Smith
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The *Bulletin* Dozen is a monthly theme-based booklist available from the *Bulletin's* website. Since we're awfully fond of bakers here at the *Bulletin*, we thought we'd adopt their philosophy of generosity and throw in an extra one or two when we have them to offer—so don't expect an even dozen.

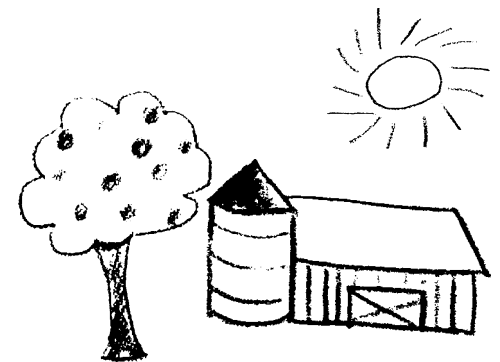
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Chorao, Kay. *Little Farm by the Sea*; written and illus. by Kay Chorao. Holt, 1998. 4-7 yrs

From the deceptive stillness of winter to the bustle and bounty of summer, this story takes us through the seasons of a Maine farm. (BCCB 7/98)

Denslow, Sharon Phillips. *Georgie Lee*; illus. by Lynne Rae Perkins. Greenwillow, 2002. Gr. 2-4

By the time J.D. leaves his grandmother and her cow, Georgie Lee, they will have shared enough unusual adventures to fill a book. (BCCB 6/02)

Doyle, Malachy. *Cow*; illus. by Angelo Rinaldi. McElderry, 2002. 4-6 yrs

A hot, summer day in the life of a dairy cow is recounted in lush, full-page illustrations and simple text.

Fisher, Carolyn. *A Twisted Tale*; written and illus. by Carolyn Fisher. Knopf, 2002. 5-8yrs

When a tornado twirls and swirls the animals in the air, mixing them up, young Farmer Bailey Tarbell finds the perfect way to un-mix them at the fair. (BCCB 7/02)

Fleming, Denise. *Barnyard Banter*; written and illus. by Denise Fleming. Holt, 1994. 16 mos.-3 yrs

With cows mooing in the pasture, crows cawing in the cornfields, and pigs wallowing in mud, it's a noisy summer morning in the farmyard. (BCCB 5/94)

Griffith, Helen. *Granddaddy and Janetta*; illus. by James Stevenson. Greenwillow, 1993. 4-7 yrs

As each animal comes out to greet her, all of Janetta's frets about visiting her grandfather are laid aside. (BCCB 4/93)

Grimes, Nikki. *Danitra Brown Leaves Town*; illus. by Floyd Cooper. Amistad/HarperCollins, 2002. Gr. 2-4

Letters between two friends reflect the differences and similarities of their summertime activities as one remains in the city and the other visits her relatives in the country. (BCCB 4/02)

Hall, Donald. *The Farm Summer 1942*; illus. by Barry Moser. Dial, 1994. 6-9 yrs

While his father and mother serve their country, Peter spends his summer caring for animals and listening to family stories on his grandparents' New Hampshire farm. (BCCB 7/94)

Hurwitz, Johanna. *Faraway Summer*; illus. by Mary Azarian. Morrow, 1998. Gr. 4-6

As part of the Fresh Air Fund, city girl Dossi is sent to stay with the Meade family on their Vermont farm during the summer of 1910.

Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie. *A Farm of Her Own*; illus. by Kathleen Kolb. Dutton, 2001. 4-8 yrs

Emma's summers on Aunt Ada and Uncle Will's Vermont farm kindle her dreams of owning a farm. (BCCB 6/01)

Polacco, Patricia. *Thunder Cake*; written and illus. by Patricia Polacco. Philomel, 1990. 5-8 yrs

When the air gets heavy and damp, signaling a storm, a grandmother helps her granddaughter overcome her fear of thunder. (BCCB 3/90)

Sloat, Teri. *Farmer Brown Goes Round and Round*; illus. by Nadine Bernard Westcott. Kroupa/DK Ink, 1999. 4-7 yrs

When a twister twists Farmer Brown and his animals around, it takes a second twister to get them unwound. (BCCB 4/99)

Stewig, John Warren. *Making Plum Jam*; illus. by Kevin O'Malley. Hyperion, 2002. 6-9 yrs

This year on his aunt's farm, Jack gets to do more than gather eggs, slop the hogs, and water the beans. (BCCB 7/02)

