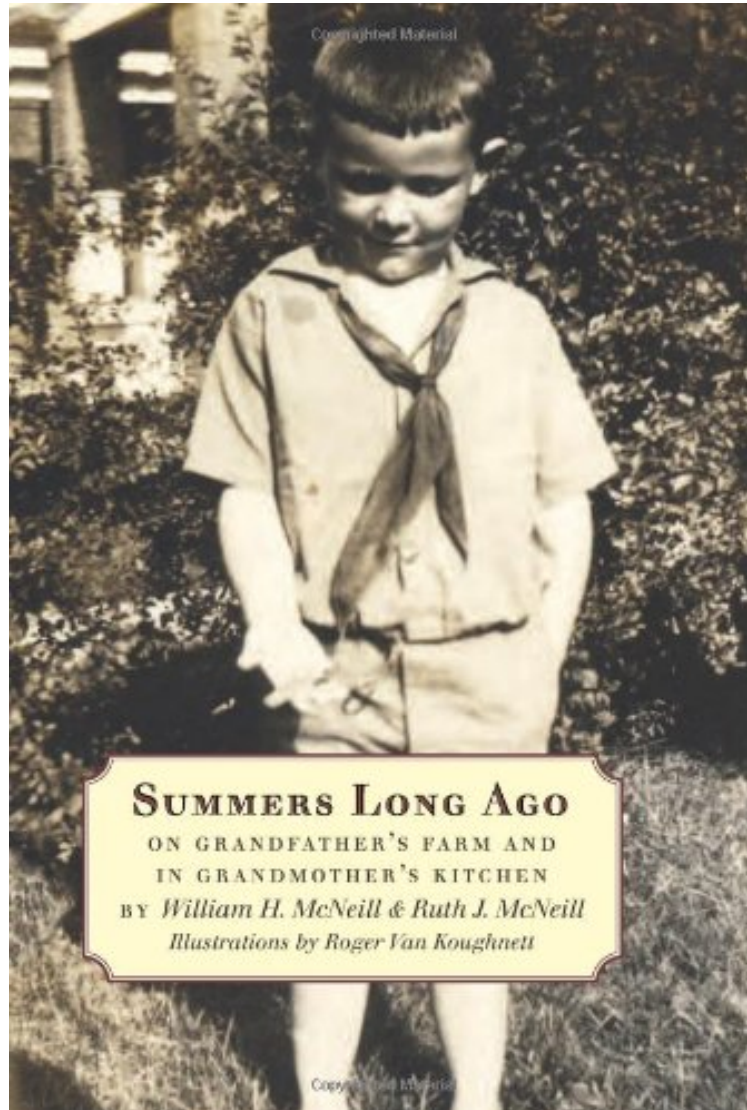


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. as if I was there By Margaret L. Lemberg This book gives a vivid description of the time and place when the author was a boy (c. 1927 or so). It has enough detail to be interesting for

all ages and is written at a level comprehensible for a child about the age that the author was when he had these experiences. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Quite the unique and inspiring story. By Midwest Book Review. It's a privilege not everyone has, and keeps fading as time rolls on. "Summers Long Ago: On Grandfather's Farm and in Grandmother's Kitchen" is a memoir of William McNeill reflecting on the summers with his grandparents on a Canadian coastal farm. Reminiscing about the profound lessons he learned during these times, he shows how his experiences shaped him into the historian he is today. "Summers Long Ago" is quite the unique and inspiring story, and is well worth the consideration. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Friend's story found at By Jim R. Dr. McNeill was my principal advisor at The University of Chicago in the late 60s. He was helpful and generous. We talked recently about the differences between his grandfather and grandmother's dairy farm and the small farm I grew up on--all the difference between horse-driven farm and a tractor-driven one. His description of his family and working life is accurate. You can read what it was like to be on a farm in the 1920s. I highly recommend it. You will learn and enjoy.

This book is for families for grandparents to read aloud to their grandchildren, for beginning readers to read to their parents, and for parents and children to read together. It is also for teachers and young students who want to know what life was like on a family farm before furnaces, running water, and electricity changed housekeeping and before cars, trucks, and tractors changed work in the fields, a time when cows had to be milked by hand every day and when almost all of what chickens, pigs, cows, horses, and people ate came directly from the farm. These stories of a city boy's learning to fish for trout in the brook, gather wild blueberries and mushrooms in the back pasture, and dig clams on the shore are an introduction to a distant but still emotionally vibrant aspect of the human past.

About the Author William H. McNeill is a renowned world historian and amateur gardener. His books include *The Rise of the West: A History of the Human Community* (National Book Award), *Plagues and Peoples*, *The Pursuit of Power*, *Keeping Together in Time*, and, with his son J. R. McNeill, *The Human Web: A Birdseye View of Human History*. He is the senior editor of the *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*.