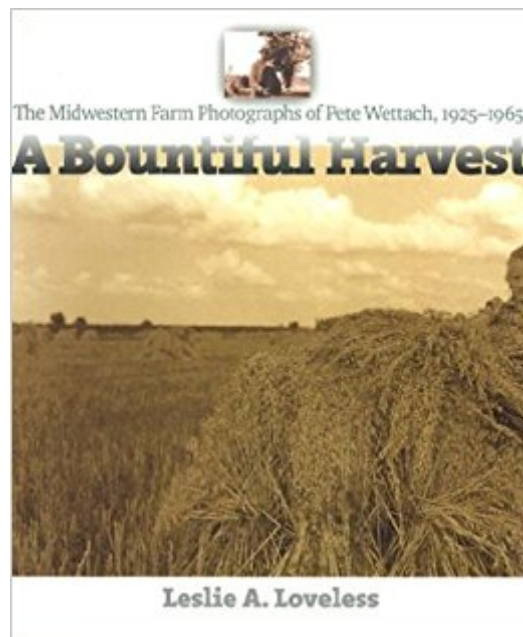




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Synopsis

Lesley Loveless has selected the images that best represent the creativity of the photographer Pete Wettach and the poignancy of midwestern farm life during some of its most difficult years from the collection of tens of thousands of images left by the photographer.

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Customer Reviews

"We sometimes fail to recognize or celebrate the talents of those who live among us. The governor and I are honored to celebrate Pete Wettach's skills as an artist and a historian. He is a credit to our hometown and to our beautiful state."

Bought for my father in law for Christmas. He LOVES it!!!!

Very disappointing. Much ado about nothing. A waste of my money. It caused me to consider that anyone can just make a large format book out of nothing, with no substance whatsoever and market it to people who don't have the opportunity to look it over first.

It helps to have been on an Iowa farm, I realize, but I found this book amazingly evocative. The pictures do it--the text is not by a person with an Iowa farm background, and, I am sorry to say, it shows. For instance on page 79 she talks of tying bales by hand. Maybe some people did such but I never heard of it--if one had no baler the hay was put up loose into a haymow, though I suppose

there may have been balers which did not tie the bales even as in the far distant past there were binders which did not tie the bundles. Her discussion on threshing overlooks entirely a great tradition in I think most threshing rings: the afternoon lunch and often also the morning lunch. Minced ham sandwiches or hot dogs never tasted so good! But you cannot quarrel with what the pictures actually show, whether they correspond with one's own experience or not we know they are authentic and effectively recall a time now gone. Do yourself a favor and get this book. You will savor it.

I think this book is outstanding. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I recommend this book to anyone who is interested in a pictorial history of life on the farm in Iowa mainly in the 1930's and 1940's.

This is a beautiful, beautiful book. The photographs are amazing and honest and the book is attractively put together (though I did not read the text.. was too taken in by the photographs). I bought this originally for myself, but when I showed it to my grandparents (who were farmers themselves during this era) they fell in love with it and I had to give it to them. I'm back to buy another copy for myself. Highly, highly recommended!

A wonderful collection of photographs that capture the history and beauty of midwestern farm life in the early 20th century.

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