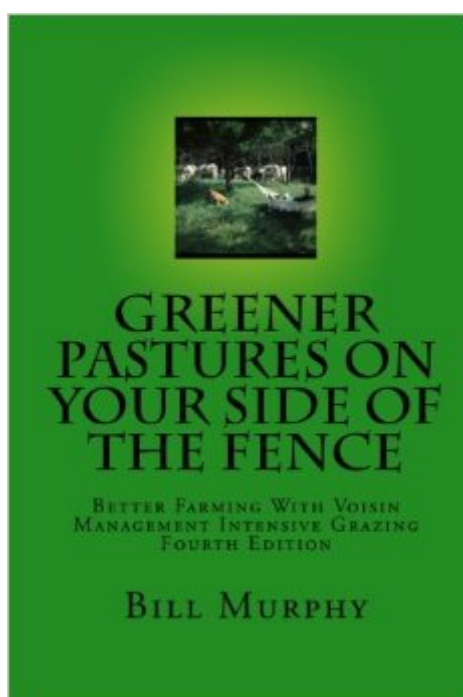


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This is the best all-around go-to book if one wants to start improving their pastures and getting serious production from them. Things that are great about this book vs. others like it: Bill Murphy is a PhD agronomist AND a practical farmer. He can write, is fact-based in his outlook, yet doesn't assume you operate a perfect farm with a limitless supply of grad-student labor. Except for Jim Gerrish, none of the modern authors of modern pasture management books have this combination: Not Logsdon, not Nation, and certainly not Salatin. Another thing that is great about this book! IT CITES ITS SOURCES. Wow...who'da think that giving the reader a thorough bibliography and a decent index was a good idea. Not getting this from Salatin's books, that's for sure. This book is also

not overwhelmingly colored by the author's particular situation. Murphy's farm was in Vermont, but most of his academic years were spent in Brazil, so he sort of understands it all and gives the reader the proper perspective to make the best choices for their farm weather they live in the Midwest, South or even out West. There are a number of nuggets of wisdom I found in this book that have been enormously helpful:--that annual and Italian ryegrass are somewhat better able to overcome the problems of converting long-cropped land into pastures. They are both more resistant than other cool-season grasses to herbicide residues, low organic matter levels, and other soil defects. I failed to seed timothy and bluegrass pastures 3x before I succeed with Italian ryegrass...which I then overseed in subsequent years with more perennial grasses like perennial ryegrass, Kentucky bluegrass, etc.

I am a small scale sheep rancher (less than 120 breed ewes). Much of this book is geared towards cattle. Sheep are covered and the practice of rotational grazing and pasture building seem to be somewhat universal in approach and scope when it comes to all ruminates or grazing livestock. I was anxious to receive this book as some think of Voisin as one of the forefathers of management intensive grazing. I was not disappointed as the books information exceeded my expectations. The information on cover crops for pasture was a welcome surprise to mention one. Regardless, after reading the book over the course of three nights; I realized this would be a go to reference book and therein lies the rub. I doubt this copy will hold together for another two readings, much less a weekly or so thumbing to confirm implemented pasture practices. The paperback edition (4th printing) arrived in a bubble protected paper envelope. This is the first of over 60 books purchased from that did not arrive in a box. The covers were somewhat curled when I unpacked the book. I thought about sending it back based on condition, but I could not resist starting the read. After the three night read in my climate controlled home the clear outer wrapper of the cover seems to be separating from the color underlay and several of the pages are coming loose from the glue binder. I love all my books paper or not and as such, treat them well regardless of construction. I don't own a Kindle, but this books publisher needs to think about making in available for Kindle or upgrading their printing process. I have seen art books in paper for half the price of this book constructed ten times better. Pitiful.

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