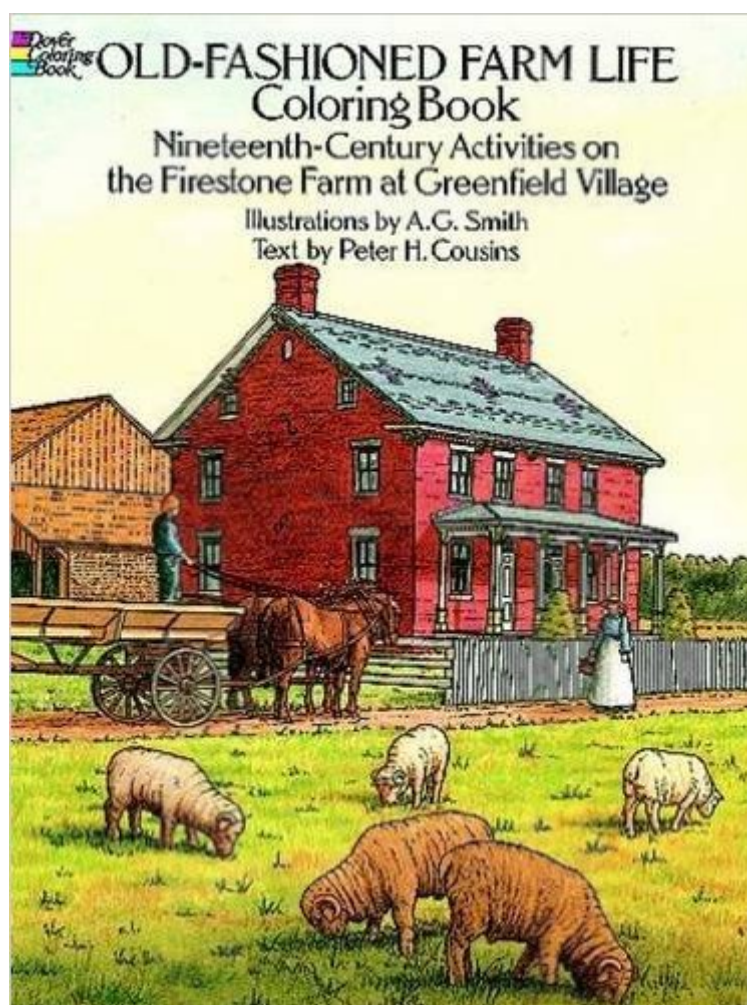


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# Old-Fashioned Farm Life Coloring Book: Nineteenth Century Activities On The Firestone Farm At Greenfield Village (Dover History Coloring Book)



## Synopsis

Life on a farm before the advent of tractors relied on horse-drawn equipment and the skills and labor of many people, as the detailed drawings in this fascinating book reveal. Accurately rendered by A. G. Smith, 43 ready-to-color illustrations depict a wide variety of farm activities in mid-nineteenth-century America. Based on scenes re-created on the Firestone Farm at historic Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, the drawings include authentically detailed views of kitchen chores (churning butter, preparing foods); seasonal occupations (shearing sheep, mowing hay, gathering pumpkins, "harvesting" and "sugaring off" maple syrup), as well as plowing, planting, caring for livestock, splitting firewood, raising a barn, and many other activities. Peter H. Cousins, Curator of Agriculture at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, has written an informative introduction and provided fact-filled captions for this entertaining and educational view of life in bygone rural America.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

THIS COLOR BOOK SURE DID BRING BACK THE MEMORIES OF MY GRANDPARENTS FARM, AND ALL THE FUN ALL OF US COUSINS HAD AS WELL AS ALL MY SISTERS AND MY BIG BROTHER. THEIR FARM WAS IN PA, AND THEY HAD SHEEP GALORE, AS WELL AS OTHER

CATTLE. I USED TO GATHER THE EGGS FOR MY GRAMMA BECAUSE SHE ENJOYED HER "EGG MONEY", AND SPENT SOME OF THAT AS MY GRAMPA BOUGHT HIS GRAINS AND SEEDS. I RODE BETWEEN THEM ON THE OLD BUCKBOARD BEHIND GRAMPA'S TWO WORK HORSES. THOSE TIMES WERE THE BEST TIMES OF MY LIFE, AND I AM SO THANKFUL FOR THEM, AND THIS BOOK SURE DID CAPTURE THAT ERA OF TIME JUST AS IT WAS FOR ME.

This coloring book is of pictures from typical farming activities that took place of a hundred years ago to today. There is a large introduction giving facts on the American people of the late 1700's to the 1800's. Each coloring page has detailed descriptions for the images about animal breeds, equipment, techniques, food and survival. An adult could appreciate this coloring book for its very detailed images and history, but it may be a little too much for younger kids. My 8 year old does enjoys it, but was shocked to find a page of a pig being butchered in detail. I should have browsed it first given that Dover coloring books are largely for adults. Overall, it's good and I would recommend it if your interested.

A coloring book for older children and adults, I guess would be the best way to describe this book. If your child - like mine - loves history, you can't go wrong with this. I agree with the previous reviewer that this is better suited to colored pencils rather than crayons as there is quite a bit of detail in the drawings, including one of a gutted pig strung from a tree limb! Yes, you heard me. That in itself makes this a worthwhile purchase. But, there are also the farm women in bonnets, animals, the 19th century house, etc., to color in. Along with the pages to color are bits of information to teach the colorer of life on an 1880's farm. Really a pretty cool, one-of-a-kind coloring book. By the way, visit Greenfield Village in Dearborn Michigan sometime and see the actual Firestone farm - a real working farm - in person.

I love to color but I'm 42 so I have trouble finding adult coloring books. This is a nice coloring book with lots of detail. However, only a few pages of animals, a butchering of a pig and lack of barns made it my least favorite. Also, the pages are 2-sided so using fine markers is out.

I grew up on a farm. I have shot and killed animals for food. So, I know that slaughter is a part of farm life - HOWEVER if I want to buy my nephew a gift for CHRISTMAS - I would prefer it if there was not a FULL IMAGE OF A HOG BEING SLAUGHTERED!! Seriously, it is hanging from a tree and a guy is gutting it! My nephew is 8! Seriously!

As a 46 year old adult I love to color. It's relaxing and is a great distraction especially if you are recovering from an illness or surgery. Because of the detail in this book, color pencils work better than crayons. But I prefer to color with pencils most of the time anyways, because they are less messy when sharpening. I still like to use crayons to color with kiddie-type coloring books occasionally. Sometimes it is just fun to color an elephant purple or orange! But I can go through the kiddie books really fast and can get bored easily, so I sought out adult type coloring books through the internet. I am happy with this purchase.

I love the Dover coloring books! I'm an adult and I still love to color, so I have a small library of these to have "coloring parties" with my sister, friends, nieces and nephews. There's enough of a variety in this book to appeal to younger kids as well as the adults in attendance. Get yourself some Dover coloring books and some colored pencils and hold your own coloring party! UPDATE: Apparently, coloring books for adults have come into vogue as "art therapy." Coloring is relaxing and can reduce stress. I could have told them that years ago! Keep on coloring people! 5/2015

Dover has been creating quality and affordable books since 1941. I grew up enjoying their coloring, stencil, sticker and puzzle books. This is a brand that has staying power with that artistic tradition now being passed down to my kids. Holiday favorites such as the *Christmas Stained Glass Coloring Book* (1973) while the *Goddesses Coloring Book* (2012) offers a new look on an old art form. We bought this *Old-Fashioned Farm Life* after a visit to Greenfield Village, MI, part of the Henry Ford Museum complex in Dearborn, MI. If you are planning a trip to this Midwest museum, my recommendation is to buy and review these pages before your trip and then have your kids color/review it after. The 44 pages accurately illustrate both the historical structures as well as the costumed role-players who populate the working Firestone Farm accompanied by a brief description of the daily and seasonal activities of a large farming operation. For East Coast readers, Greenfield Village is the 19th-century version of the 17th-century Plimoth Plantation located in Plymouth, MA. It's a terrific resource to prepare for your travel through time. The 1990-issued book needs updating; the real-life version includes the lives and games of farm children - activities missing from this work that would help personalize it to the target audience of 10 and older. I agree with another reviewer that the detailed line-drawings discourages coloring. For the price, though, it's an excellent educational - not artistic - investment.

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