

The Pleasures And Tribulations Of Moving From Big City To An Old Country

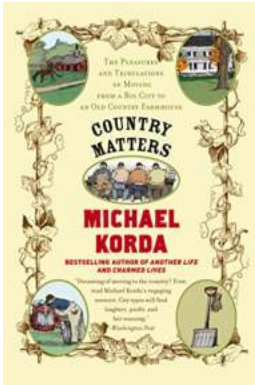


Imagine a life far away from the chaos and noise of big city living. A life where you wake up to the sweet sound of birds chirping and breathe in the crisp, fresh air. Moving from a big city to an old country can be an incredible adventure filled with both pleasures and tribulations.

Embracing Nature's Symphony

One of the biggest pleasures of moving from a big city to an old country is embracing the symphony of nature. Gone are the blaring car horns and sirens, replaced by the gentle rustling of leaves and the distant mooing of cows. The

peace and tranquility that come with living in the countryside can be therapeutic and rejuvenating for both the mind and body.



Country Matters: The Pleasures and Tribulations of Moving from a Big City to an Old Country

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Embracing nature also means waking up to breathtaking sunrises and witnessing mesmerizing sunsets that paint the sky with vibrant colors, creating a stunning backdrop for your new life. The beauty of the scenery in the old country can inspire creativity and provide a sense of calm that is hard to find in the hustle and bustle of city life.

Rediscovering Community and Simplicity

In the old country, community plays a vital role in everyday life. Instead of rushing past neighbors without a second glance, you'll find yourself engaging in warm conversations, sharing stories, and building genuine connections. The tight-knit

communities in the countryside create a sense of belonging and support that is often lacking in big cities.



Living in an old country also means embracing a simpler way of life. You'll learn to appreciate the joys of growing your own food, tending to a garden, and living in harmony with the changing seasons. The pleasures of enjoying a home-cooked meal made from freshly picked produce or sitting around a bonfire on a cool evening cannot be overstated.

Challenges and Adaptation

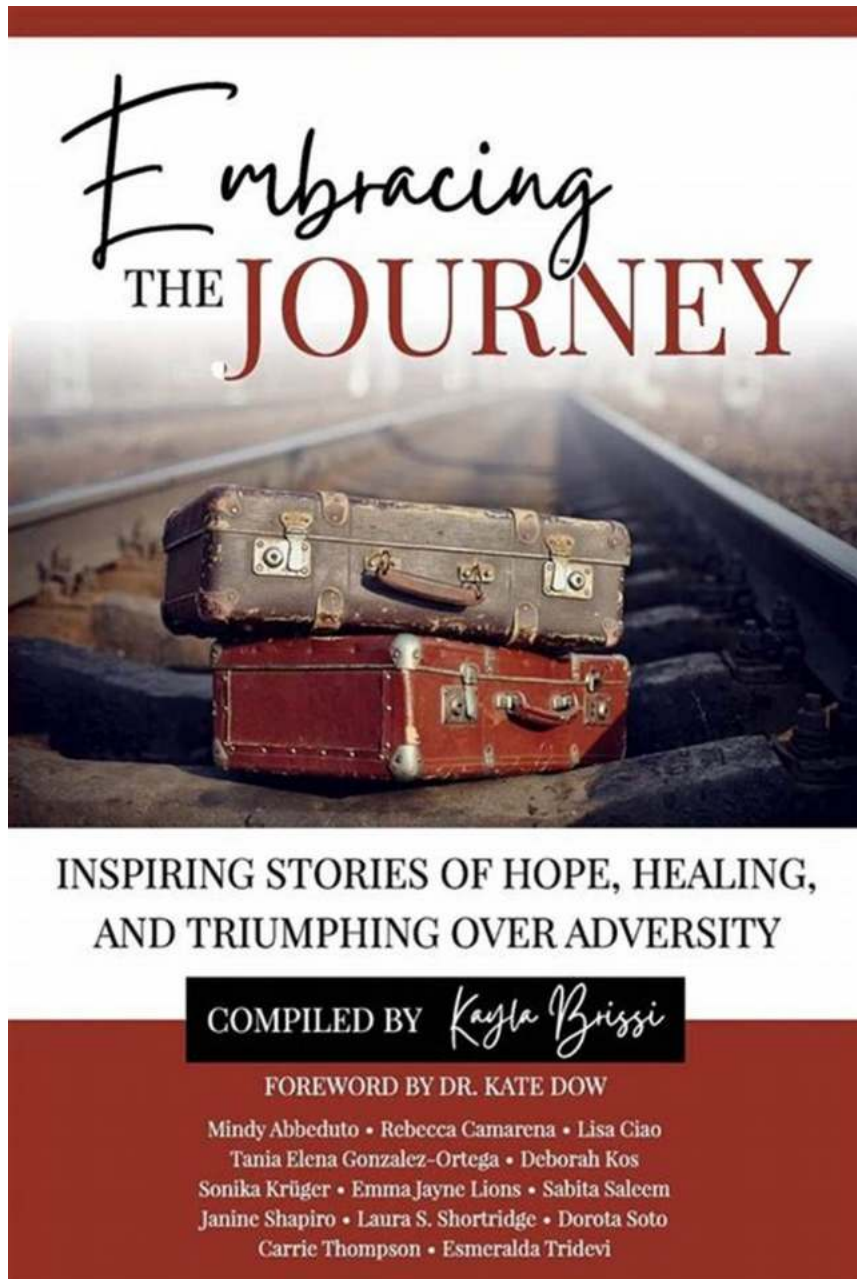
While the joys of living in an old country are abundant, it's important to acknowledge the challenges that come with it. Moving from the convenience of a big city to a more remote location can be a significant adjustment. Access to amenities, medical facilities, and entertainment options may become more limited.



The old country lifestyle requires self-sufficiency and adaptability. You may find yourself having to learn new skills, such as fixing a leaky roof or troubleshooting plumbing issues. The lack of immediate services and conveniences available in big cities can be frustrating at times, but it also encourages resourcefulness and problem-solving abilities.

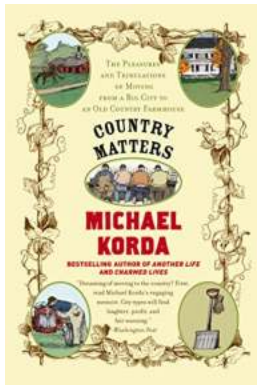
Appreciating the Journey

Ultimately, the decision to move from a big city to an old country is a personal one. It requires weighing the pleasures and tribulations that come with such a move. However, it is often through the challenges that we grow, learn, and appreciate the journey we are on.



Whether you find solace in the solitude of nature or delight in building a tight-knit community, the pleasures of living in an old country can outweigh the tribulations. It is a chance to reconnect with simplicity, appreciate the little things in life, and

rediscover the joys of a slower pace. So, if you are considering making the move, embrace the adventure and start this new chapter with an open heart and mind.



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“Dreaming of moving to the country? First, read Michael Korda’s engaging memoir. City types will find laughter, profit, and fair warning in *Country Matters*.”—
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With his inimitable sense of humor and storytelling talent, New York Times bestselling author Michael Korda brings us this charming, hilarious, self-deprecating memoir of a city couple's new life in the country.

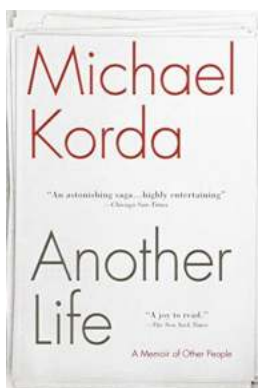
At once entertaining, canny, and moving, *Country Matters* does for Dutchess County, New York, what *Under the Tuscan Sun* did for Tuscany. This witty memoir, replete with Korda's own line drawings, reads like a novel, as it chronicles the author's transformation from city slicker to full-time country gentleman, complete with tractors, horses, and a leaking roof.

When he decides to take up residence in an eighteenth-century farmhouse in Dutchess County, ninety miles north of New York City, Korda discovers what country life is really like:

- Owning pigs, more than owning horses, even more than owning the actual house, firmly anchored the Kordas as residents in the eyes of their Pleasant Valley neighbors.
- You may own your land, but without concertina barbed wire, or the 82nd Airborne on patrol, it's impossible to keep people off it!
- It's possible to line up major household repairs over a tuna melt sandwich.

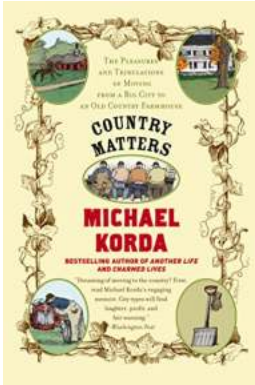
The locals are not particularly quick to accept these outsiders, and the couple's earliest interactions with their new neighbors provide constant entertainment, particularly when the Kordas discover that hunting season is a year-round event—right on their own land! From their closest neighbors, mostly dairy farmers, to their unforgettable caretaker Harold Roe—whose motto regarding the local flora is "Whack it all back!"—the residents of Pleasant Valley eventually come to realize that the Kordas are more than mere weekenders.

Sure to have readers in stitches, this is a book that has universal appeal for all who have ever dreamed of owning that perfect little place to escape to up in the country, or, more boldly, have done it.



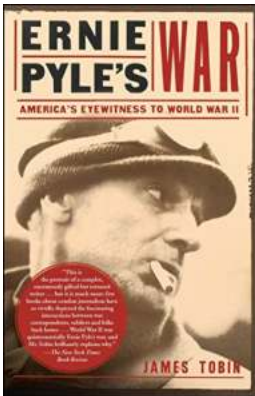
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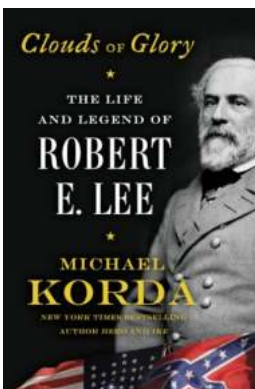


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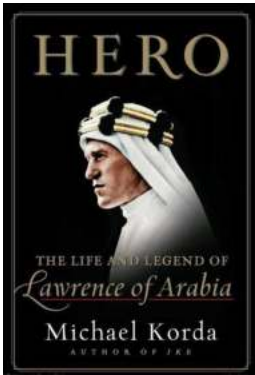
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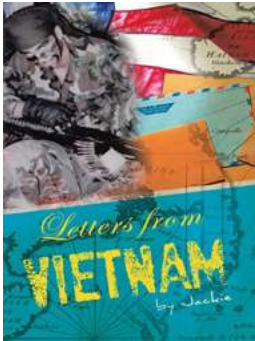
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