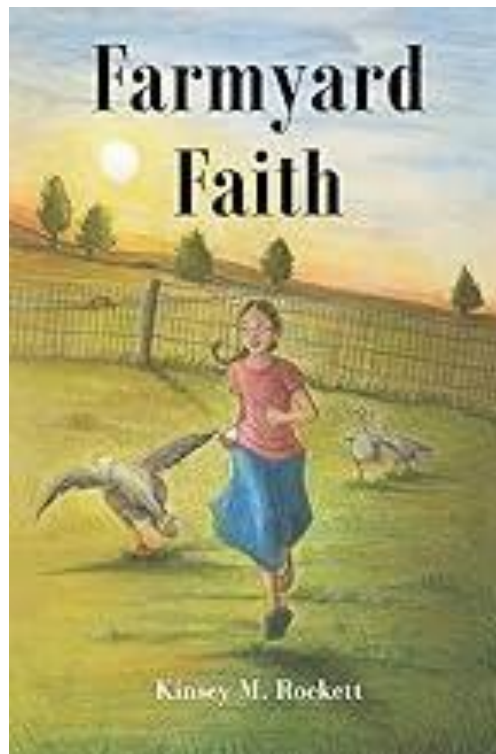


Farmyard Faith



By Kinsey M. Rockett

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

I liked the book cover of *Farmyard Faith* so, of course, I had to read it. It tells the story of the author and her family who moved to a farm in Chattaroy, WA when she was nine years old. She writes of their adventures covering ten years. One of their adventures was getting two packages of bees back to the farm, especially after one of the packages was damaged and thousands of bees escaped. Animals on their farm included chickens, goats, pigs, ducks, geese, rabbits, and cats. Since her parents, older brother Chris, and Kinsey were all inexperienced about farm life, they learned through trial and error. Kinsey was an animal lover and she loved the goat kids the most. She also told of an incident involving chickens' cruel pecking order against one of their own. The beginning of the book starts with a list that she wrote at the age of 13 called "What I Didn't Know." For example, she didn't know that chickens would catch and eat mice. She ended her book with another list of "101 Things Most Farming Books Don't Tell you," like Alfalfa doesn't taste very good; Goats will eat anything. Not true, but chickens will; Pigs don't oink; plus many more fun facts to read. The many stories in this

book tell of adventures, challenges, laughter, sadness, and hard work. They are all true which makes it even more special.

This book is well-written and very interesting. I really enjoyed reading it. Plus, I liked the glossary the author provided for those of us who have never lived on a farm. I recommend this book for one and all. It's a good read.



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