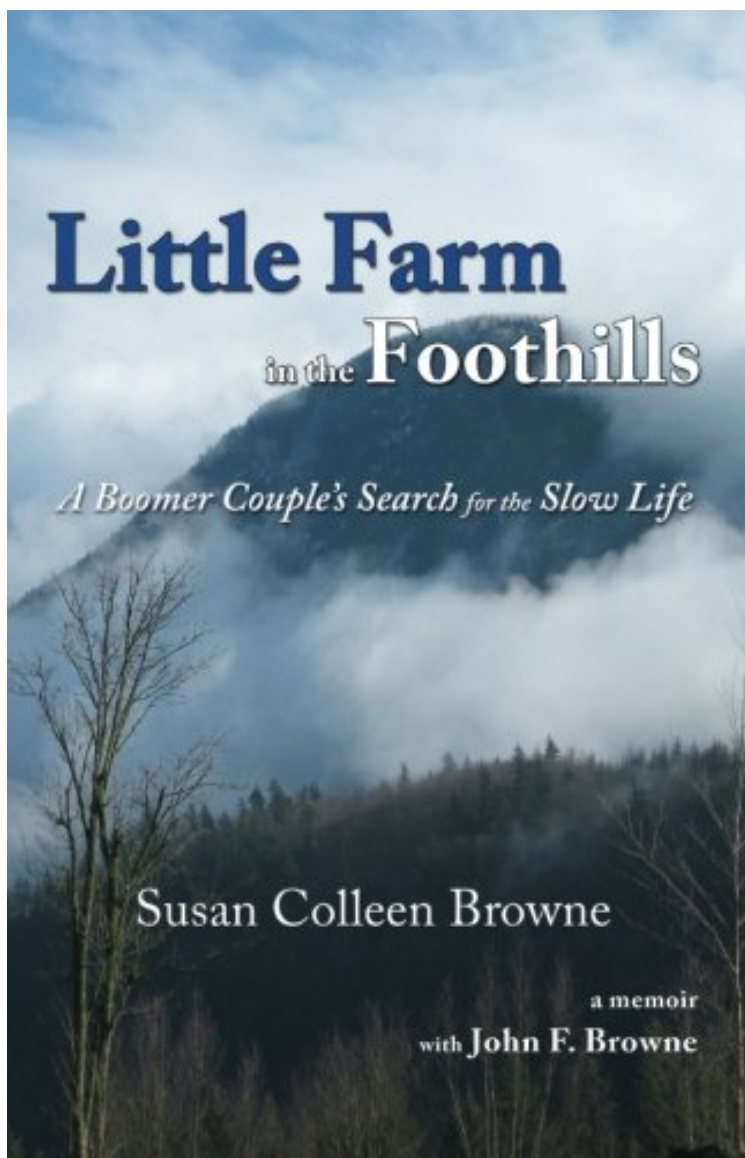


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When two Boomers flee the city for a slower, simpler, and more serene lifestyle, they discover that simplicity can get awfully complicated and life becomes anything but serene. In this feel-good tale for gardeners, nature-lovers, and dreamers of all ages, *Little Farm in the Foothills* follows a midlife couples pursuit of the new Great American Dream living closer to the land as they start growing their own organic food, living locally, and transforming an old clear cut into a little homestead. At the time Susan and her husband John first conceived the notion of having a country place, they'd settled in a comfortable and convenient home in the city, happily raising some vegetables and berries in the back yard. Being experienced gardeners, they figured that relocating would be no big deal they'd expand the garden a little, have a bit more peace and quiet. So they bought 10 acres in the middle of the woods and prepared to pretty much transfer that comfortable town life to the new property. But this modest plan becomes an adventure that is more life-changing than they could have ever imagined. There was so much to this new life they never faced before for starters, the back-breaking labor of breaking ground by hand and wildlife predation of their first crops. Despite a tight budget and many roadblocks along the way, they must also cope with unexpected adversity like isolation, infrastructure failures, and extreme weather. *Little Farm in the Foothills* is not a memoir about farming it's a warmhearted story of making a dream come true. As Susan writes of their Foothills home, it's not a farm, it's not even a farmette, but it's the dream of a farm. A delightful account. *The Bellingham Herald*. *Little Farm in the Foothills* A Washington State Library Summer Reads book selection: The Brownes foray into slower living in Whatcom County is an enjoyable read. Their delightful, yet very real, experiences in making the big leap toward their dreams make for a humorous and charming book. Washington State Librarian Jan Walsh

The Brownes' foray into slower living in Whatcom County is an enjoyable read. Their delightful, yet very real, experiences in making the big leap toward their dreams make for a humorous and charming book. --Jan Walsh, Washington State Librarian It's the story, in memoir form, of a couple's commitment to their 'starter homestead,' a ten-acre former clear-cut in the western foothills of the Cascades. Author Susan Colleen Browne and her husband, John, relate their tale of migration from the overdeveloped suburbs of Bellingham to a place they could raise their own food, start a small orchard, and generally live what they thought would be the slow life of boomers at the cusp of retirement. Along the way, they discover that what they want is not always what may be best for them --BackHome Magazine Describing their yearning for a return to nature and a slower-paced lifestyle in this memoir, author Susan Browne and her retired policeman-husband trace the origins of this sentiment in a deeply personal story. Raised in a city, she longed for 'outdoor space' the story of the complications that went with this search for a rural site to homestead reveals the hopes and foibles of a couple in pursuit of the Great American dream. --Current Books on Gardening and Botany About the Author Susan Colleen Browne is a graduate of Huxley College of the Environment, Western Washington University. A community college creative writing instructor and novelist, Susan is the creator of the Village of Ballydara series, set in Ireland. Susan lives with her husband John at Berryridge Farm in the foothills of the Pacific Northwest. When Susan isn't digging compost, weeding veggie beds, or wrangling hens, she's working on her next Village of Ballydara story! You can contact Susan at www.susancolleenbrowne.com. You'll also find recipes and tales from Berryridge Farm at www.littlefarminthefoothills.blogspot.com