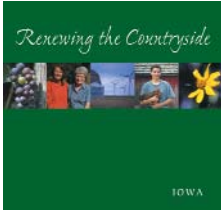


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Reviews

This is a wonderful ledger of unheralded heroes who don't make billions or blow anything up. They are quiet, intelligent and caring Iowans. They have journeyed through hard times but sustained their love of place. They are creating an inspiring culture of farm and commerce and community, where human and land can be in enduring harmony. Every American worried about the planet should use this as scripture for the future.

— Hugh Sidey, writer, *Time* magazine, native of Greenfield, Iowa

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— Christie Vilsack, First Lady of Iowa

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— Catherine E. Woteki, Dean, College of Agriculture, Iowa State University

Iowan Aldo Leopold, in *A Sand County Almanac*, focused on the concept of harmony between people and the land. Iowa is a “beautiful land” inhabited by beautiful people. It is this harmony that gives beauty to both our countryside and our citizens. *Renewing the Countryside - Iowa* reveals the ingenuity of Iowans and their love of the beauty of our land and our heritage—a heritage based on working with and understanding the balance of harmony.

— Robert D. Ray, former Governor of Iowa



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