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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In the course of a single day in 1976, the span of this elegiac novel, while in San Francisco attending a conference on agricultural technology, an emotionally troubled journalist wanders through pre-dawn streets reflecting on the early days of his marriage, on his parents and their love of the land. "Berry writes with grace and eloquence of the beauty in handed-down lives," declared PW.

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From Library Journal

Set in the year of the U.S. bicentennial, this novel is a lament for what the country has lost in its pursuit of progress. Andy Catlett, a farmer and agricultural journalist, has lost his land, and his resulting bitterness has cut him off from family and friends. After attending a pompous conference on "The Future of the American Food System," he wanders the streets of San Francisco considering the spiritual dismemberment he sees around him. Because economic dictates have replaced principles of humanity, man's harmony with his environment has been destroyed. Andy's lyrical reveries allude to past generations of family and friends, but many of these characters are too sparsely drawn to capture the reader's interest. Albert E. Wilhelm,

Tennessee Technological Univ., Cookeville

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Review

"After he loses his right hand to a corn-picking machine, farmer and farm-journalist Andy Catlett is profoundly depressed. The weight of his loss exacerbates his perception of the foolishness and wastefulness of the industrial agriculture he has long crusaded against as a writer and dedicated family farmer... His journey from spiritual darkness to light, from wounded alienation to healed community, conveyed by Berry's exact and sensitive prose, constitutes an epic poem of American agriculture as much as a short novel. In it, Berry weds more happily than ever before his skills as one of our finest, keenest-eyed, sharpest-eared poets to his moral concerns as our preeminent philosopher of agriculture." -- *Booklist*

"Berry... writes with grace and eloquence of the beauty in handed-down lives." -- *Publishers Weekly*

"In Remembering Wendell Berry has constructed an almost perfect fiction, a sublime meditation on how irrevocable loss is redeemed through a renewed sense of kinship with the land and the past... A beautiful and ennobling book." -- *The Washington Post*

"The latest in Berry's series (Nathan Coulter; A Place on Earth; The Wild Birds) about the fictional town of Port William, Kentucky- this short, intensely lyrical novel celebrates 'the hope and dream of membership' in a community of friends and relations, all of whom share in each other's past and in their respect for nature... [Remembering] ends as pure poetry." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Ginger Knowles:

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