



## Never Curse the Rain: A Farm Boy's Reflections on Water (Hardback)

By Jerry Apps

Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Growing up on the family farm, Jerry Apps learned from a young age that water was precious. The farm had no running water, a windmill pumped drinking water for the small herd of cattle, and Jerry and his brothers hauled bucket after bucket of water for the family's use. A weekly bath was considered sufficient. And when it rained, it was cause for celebration. Indeed, if ever the Apps boys complained about a rainy day spoiling their plans, their father admonished, Never curse the rain, for the family's very livelihood depended upon it. In Never Curse the Rain, Jerry shares his memories of water, from its importance to his family's crops and cattle to its many recreational uses--fishing trips, canoe journeys, and the simple pleasures of an afternoon spent dreaming in the haymow as rain patters on the barn roof. Water is still a touchstone in Jerry's life, and he explores the ways he's found it helpful in soothing a troubled mind or releasing creativity. He also discusses his concerns about the future of water and ensuring we always have enough....

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