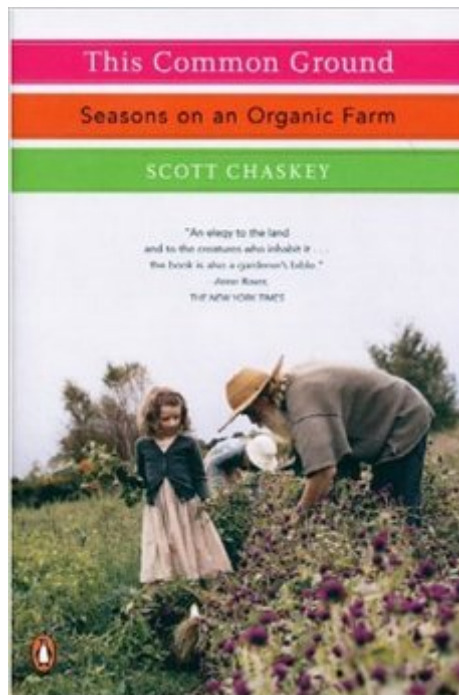


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# This Common Ground: Seasons On An Organic Farm



## Synopsis

In the tradition of Michael Pollan, Joan Gussow, and Verlyn Klinkenborg's *The Rural Life*, *This Common Ground* is an inspirational evocation of a life lived close to the earth, written by the head farmer at one of the country's first community-supported farms. By reflecting on four seasons of activity at his beloved Quail Hill Farm in eastern Long Island, Scott Chaskey offers stirring insight into the connections between land and the human family. Whether writing about the voice of a small wren nesting in the lemon balm or a meadow of oats, millet, and peas rising to silver and green after a fresh rain, this poet-farmer's contagious sense of wonder brings us back to our bond with the soil.

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"The Best Plants Come with a story." --Maria RodaleCatalogues sometimes contain the stuff that dreams are made of. On Quail Hill the selection of seeds from catalogues represents the dreams of life, life with hopes of blossoming on an organic farm in Amagansett, NY. Scott Chaskey, a self-described "holistic" farmer, shares the seasons and the songs of farm life in his marvelously eloquent book, *This Common Ground: Seasons on an Organic Farm*. More than fifteen years ago a small coterie of families met to form the Quail Hill farm. They would come to share the land and the production of organic vegetables, fruit and flowers amongst themselves and with the indigenous wildlife in the area. With a rare poetic ambience with nature, the author leads the reader through the day to day, season to season workings of the farm from the tilling of the soil to the taste on the palate. He travels with the poet in his heart and introduces, or reintroduces as the case may be, to

the likes of Wordsworth, Shakespeare, Whitman, Keats, Yeats and others. In one way or another we are all dependent, albeit some more than others, on the survival of the small farm. Perhaps the philosophy of Chasky can be summed up in one small sentence from the Earth Charter: "The resilience of the community of life and the well-being of humanity depend upon preserving a healthy biosphere with all its ecological systems, a rich variety of plants and animals, fertile soils, pure water, and clean air." His love of life, friends, family and farm (organic that is) embrace this charter for all of us ... on a small plot of land on Quail Hill farm, Amagansett, NY, USA, World. One needn't be an organic farmer nor one who "lives beyond the sidewalks to enjoy this book.

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