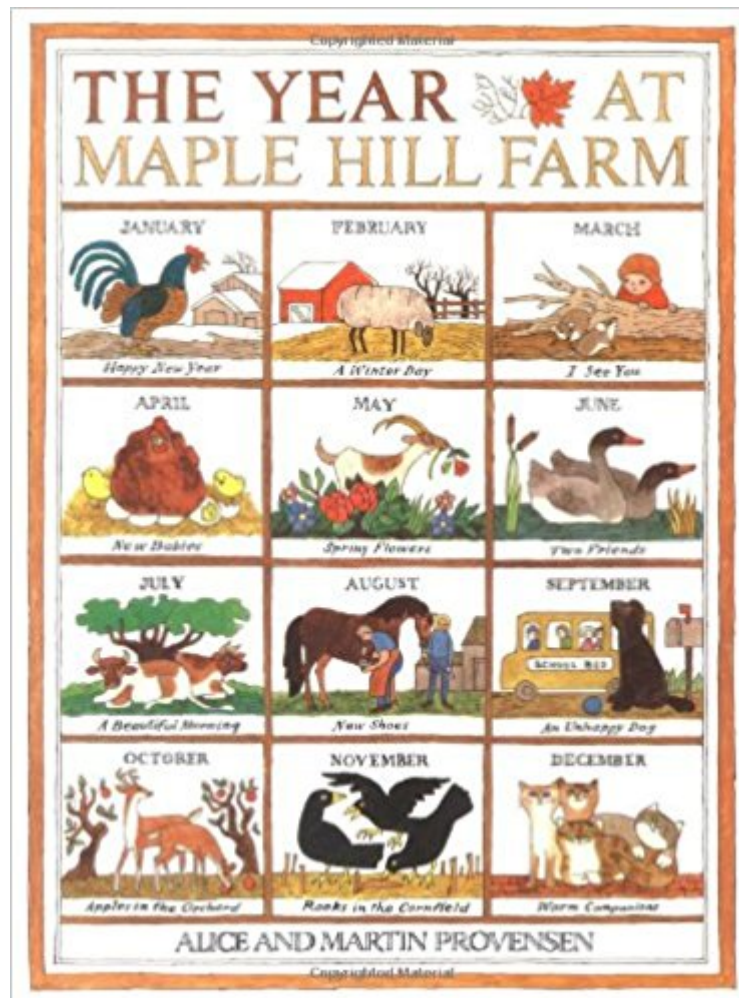




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The Year At Maple Hill Farm



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Synopsis

This is a book about farm animals, and what happens during one year on a farm. In January, the cows stay in the barnyard, and the chickens don't lay many eggs. By March, you can tell spring is coming: the barn is filled with baby animals. Month by month, the animals at Maple Hill Farm sense the changing seasons and respond to the changes. Through gently humorous text and charming illustrations, Alice and Martin Provensen capture one year at their beloved Maple Hill Farm in a way sure to delight city slickers and country folk alike.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Alice Provensen is the author and illustrator of *Murphy in the City*, *A Day in the Life of Murphy*, and *Klondike Gold*. She collaborated with her late husband, Martin, on many other highly acclaimed picture books, including the Caldecott Medal-winning *The Glorious Flight* and Nancy Willard's Newbery Medal-winning *A Visit to William Blake's Inn*, which was also a Caldecott Honor Book. The Provenses have been on the New York Times list of the Ten Best Illustrated Books eight times. Alice lives in California.

This was a choice on my son's reading list for going into 1st grade. It was a nice, illustrative way to

show the progression and cyclical nature of seasons and how it affects animals, plants, and people. It goes through the months, which is also helpful to reinforce the calendar.

We love this book! It's got a little humor, and has a nice pace, following the goings-on of a farm month-to-month. My daughter returns to it again and again. It never gets old for us. The illustrations are sweet, too. I adore the illustrations by the Provensens in "The Color Kittens," by Margaret Wise Brown, so was thrilled to find this book by them.

For years, the favorite bedtime-reading story for both adults and kids in our family has been "Our Animal Friends at Maple Hill Farm", by Alice & Martin Provensen. When I saw this other book by the same authors, with a similar theme, I looked forward to a new favorite. I was disappointed. The format of this book is too small, so that the illustrations and text are not comfortable to look at. The colors are also too muted, for our taste. The story, such as it is, is lovely, and deserves a better-printed version than this. Would not recommend.

I was so happy to find another of these Provensen books! Animal Friends at Maple Hill Farm is my absolute favorite but this book is fantastic, too. It takes you through a year on the farm. Animal Friends is longer, fyi. I loved this one!!

I love this book but want it in hardcover. A paperback of this size doesn't stand a chance of surviving.

Such a beautiful book! My children loved this month by month chronicle of the people and animals on a New England farm. It is realistic and yet idyllic with quite a bit of sweet humor communicated through the charming illustrations. My grandson sees his rooks in palm trees and has yet to see a snowflake. The book his dad and auntie adored as frequent visitors to the Audubon Society's Drumlin Farm, enchants him with its near magical winter scenery.

What a great book. Bought it to read to my preschool students. The illustrations are so beautiful, and I love that there is a more simple text at the top for days when they are having a harder time listening, but more in depth text below for one on one reading with those that are interested. So happy I got this book!

This is such a beautiful little book. The illustrations are full of detail and the text is full of great information. We live in the Midwest and are surrounded by family farms. This little book makes us yearn for one of our own. :)

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