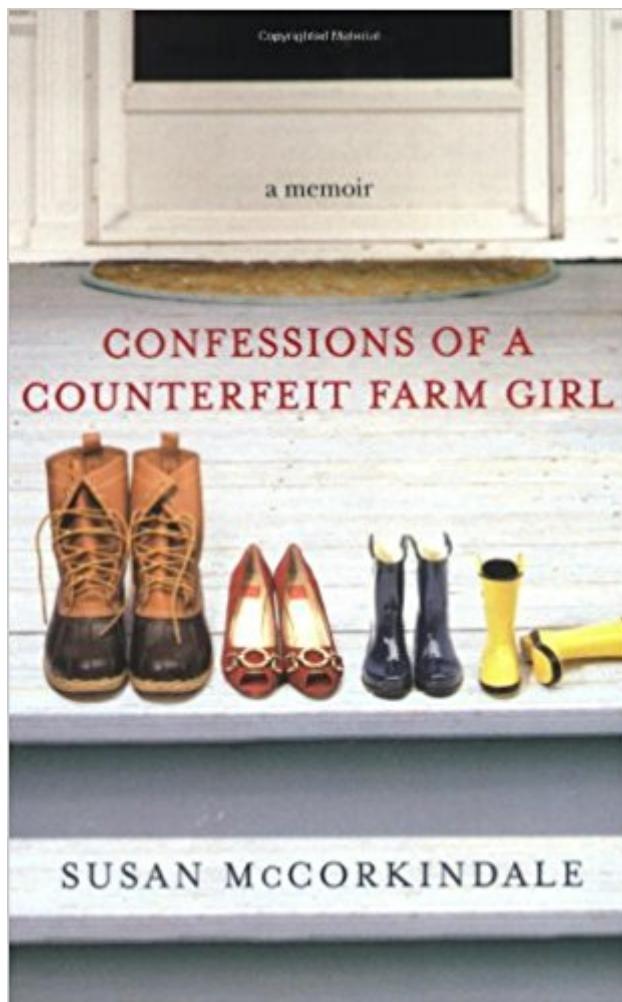


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Confessions Of A Counterfeit Farm Girl: A Memoir



Synopsis

A laugh-out-loud memoir about a city slicker who discovers that Manolos and manure just don't mix. At her husband's prompting, suburban mom and New York career woman Susan McCorkindale agreed to give up her stressful six-figure job. Together, they headed down south to a 500-acre beef farm, and never looked back. Well, he didn't look back. She did. A lot. From playing ?spot the religious billboard? on the drive to rural Virginia, to adapting to a world without Starbucks, to planning bright-orange hunter-resistant wardrobes for the kids (?We moved here to get away from the madness of Manhattan only to risk getting popped on our own property?), this is her hilarious account of how a city girl came to love?or at least tolerate?country life.

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Customer Reviews

Susan McCorkindale is the author of two memoirs, *No Place to Hide: More Confessions of a Counterfeit Farm Girl* and *Confessions of a Counterfeit Farm Girl*. A former marketing director at Family Circle, McCorkindale is now a freelance advertising copywriter in Virginia. She is also the editor of SHE! magazine and a contributor to The Huffington Post. She is a graduate of Marymount Manhattan College.

Wow, I cannot believe that there were so many good reviews for this book! Although, it is interesting that when you look a little closer, most of the people are from VA, NY or NJ who like the book...and even more interesting is that when you click on their profile to see what else they have reviewed, THEY HAVE REVIEWED NOTHING ELSE!! This is obviously her friends who went on here to

promote the book! We read this for our book club, and honestly it did not go over whatsoever. I feel bad for the author, as I'm sure these stories are hysterical in person, in this book though, it was completely disjointed. It made me wonder how this woman got a book deal, my emails and facebook posts are more completely thought out.

Not to negate Susan McCorkindale's experiences, but the way in which rural life is treated with such disdain is only funny the first time, afterward it is simply insulting. For someone with such experience in the marketing world, I am surprised at how well this text has sold. I can see how it may be humorous to a naive city crowd, but McCorkindale needs to find more appropriate adjectives to describe her experiences; those she uses become old and overused quickly during the read.

Really disappointed in this book after having read so many books about women leaving it all behind to pursue farming. The whole yuppie theme got very boring, quit after 109 pages.. when they finally made it to the farm, which was refurbished to their "taste"...

Having moved not long ago from the Big Apple to the Virginia countryside myself, and also missing Starbucks, NYC shopping, and a lot of other city pleasures, I figured this would be a fun read. NOT! By the end of the book, I wondered why the author bothered to stay in the countryside at all. Other than the gorgeous scenery, it seems like there isn't a single thing she can tolerate about a rural lifestyle, from the absence of Starbucks (which was a "joke" that seemed to be used about every 5 pages) to the driving habits of the locals, to the farm animals themselves. And the "jokes" about designer footwear on the farm were even more annoying. We get it--she really loves designer shoes, and insists on wearing them even in the pasture. If I were her husband or kids, I'd never forgive her for discussing my bathroom habits and hygiene for all the world to read. I didn't find the description of her husband and kids peeing all over the toilet funny at all, just sort of gross and pathetic (and I bet they peed all over the toilet when they lived in NJ, too, so why discuss it in this book?). Finally, the footnotes on nearly every page--to add snarky comments or attempts to make another (usually bad) joke, drove me NUTS! Don't waste your time reading this.

I was trying to learn about living on a farm from a city girl's perspective- thought it'd be good considering my boyfriend (after we get married) wants to eventually move us out to a farm and thought it'd be interesting since we live and work in a city and so did this lady... you know the typical story of getting yanked out of the city to the farm land and well... this was just poorly written. I was

very dissapointed.

I started reading this book last night and was thrown by the footnotes. Thinking it was just me being tired I left it for this am. I am trying so hard to stick with this book but the footnote thing is interferring with the flow of the story. I am 54 pages in but don't think I want to finish the rest. I was so looking forward to a light read. Maybe I'll just not read the footnotes but then again I might miss something important...forget it for today!

I read this through a book club which is something I never do. Glad I did. This story is about a city girl living a farm world. Very much like my life. I related to this story and funny as well.. Great read.

Just to much joking around for me. Stopped reading it after about 30 %. Might finish it if nothing else to do.

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