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CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. Paperback. Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. 164 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.6in. In her delicious collection of essays, *So Much Sky*, author Karen Weir-Jimerson offers up bite-sized gems that view modern life through a rural lens. Many of these pieces were originally published in the authors popular *Slow Lane* column for *Country Home* magazine, and seeing them here collected one is convinced that the column was aptly named. Time does indeed seem to slow as Weir-Jimerson lures us into a charming world of chirping crickets, rogue tornados, and country characters both animal and human. The essays are arranged by season. In spring we meet Rose, a Border collie puppy who gives the lie to the difficulty of herding cats. In summer, a neighbors bull invades the garden sparking a new take on poet Frosts advice about the importance of fences. In autumn, crime takes center stage and a sister is corrupted, as the author leads a dawn raid on a local cemeterys overabundant hydrangea blossoms. In winter we can smell the cookies baking as winters roulette wheel spins out an Iowa snow day of car-sized drifts and old movies by the fire. Garden writer and essayist Weir-Jimerson is not farm-raised. Shes a working mother of suburban background with rural inclinations who, along with her husband Doug and two young sons (now grown), turns a rough Iowa farmstead into a little slice of heaven. She is also a gifted and natural storyteller. From spring through winter we share the familys adventures with lambing, lack of closets, sheep shearing, morel hunting, finding skeletons in boxes at rural auctions, the political correctness of home-grown peas, irresistible petty crime, green Jello as a food group, bird and butterfly migration, a cacophony of clocks, and unsuccessful horseback...



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