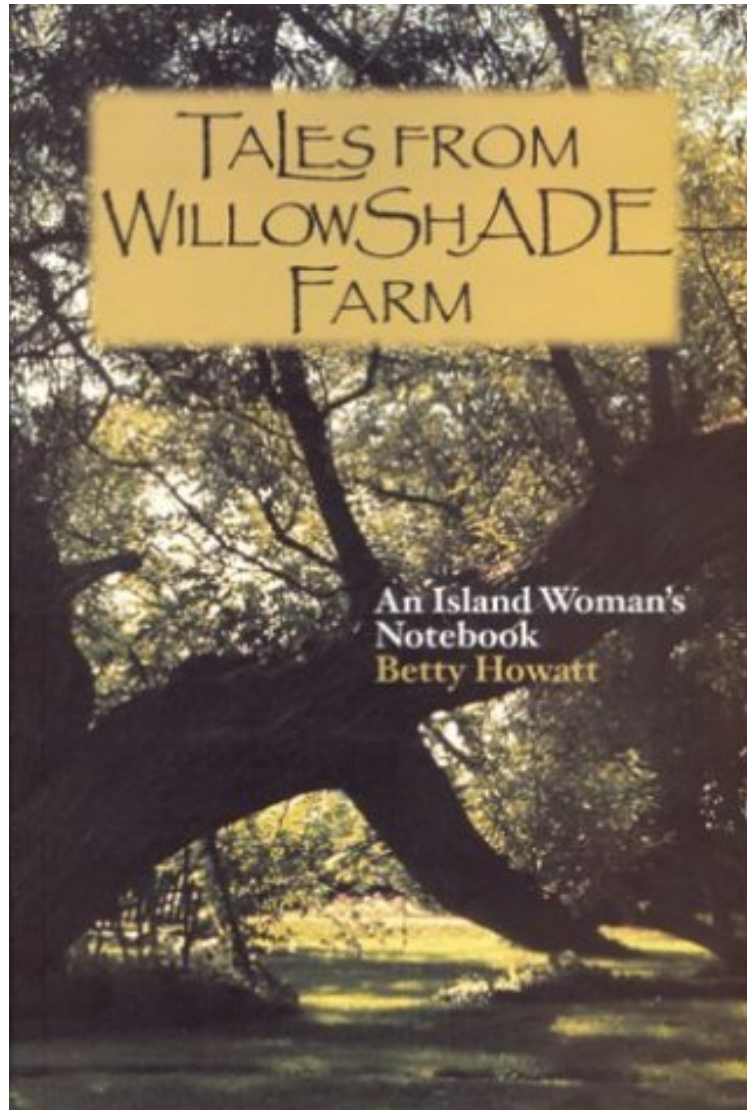


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Read! By Terry P. Betty Howatt is engaging, smart, and entertaining. I learned a lot about plants and farm life in this book, but even more, I found it a soothing read that enveloped me in a slower pace of life. Of course it didn't hurt that it takes place on Prince Edward Island! I'd like to read more books by Betty! In the meantime, this is one of the few books I would read over and over again!

For half a century, Prince Edward Islands beloved naturalist Betty Howatt has been observing the rhythms of life on her family farm. While hoeing in her garden, she has watched osprey training their young to fly. Tending a bed of lavender, she has found herself reflecting on the histories of her herbs. Once, weighing produce in her farm market, she rescued a bat caught in a fly sticker and discovered that even these night-loving creatures occasionally need a bath. In *Tales from Willowshade Farm*, Howatt shares a wealth of gardening lore, vivid memories of long-ago days, and a prodigious knowledge of Island flora and fauna. Told with wisdom, humour, and a refreshing lack of sentimentality, this gentle memoir offers a birds-eye view of daily life on a small family farm -- humble routines that are all too quickly disappearing.

About the Author Betty Howatt and her husband operate a small farm on land settled by Everett Howatts ancestors in 1783. Howatts Fruit Farm (formerly known as Willowshade Farm) on Prince Edward Islands south shore is recognized province-wide for its high-quality fruits, vegetables, and honey. An outspoken activist on behalf of Island heritage, Betty Howatts popular radio column on local plants and wildlife is broadcast weekly on CBCs Main Street.