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By Jeffrey Greene

Texas A&M University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Margaret Bamberger (illustrator). Paperback. 232 pages. Dimensions: 9.2in. x 5.9in. x 0.7in. Award-winning author Jeffrey Greene provides a portrait, by turns lyrical and provocative, of J. David Bambergers unlikely transformation from first, a vacuum cleaner salesman, then to co-founder and CEO of Church's Fried Chicken, to an internationally recognized conservationist. In fact, Greene tells two integrally related stories: the evolution of one man's business sense, applying profit incentives to land restoration and nature conservancy; and the creation of a Texas Hill Country preserve where he effectively demonstrates his own principles. Growing up in rural Ohio during the Great Depression and World War II, Bamberger learned at an early age to shun waste, grow food productively, and admire the Amish for living in harmony with the land. His mother taught him to love the natural world and gave him a book that would set the course for his life: Pleasant Valley, by Louis Bromfield, a visionary American advocate for land restoration. Inspired by his new role model, Bamberger would say, If I ever make money, I want to do what Bromfield did. After finding that financial success, Bamberger bought what he describes as the...



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