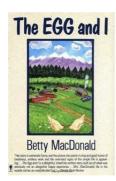
THE EGG AND I

When Betty MacDonald married a marine and moved to a small chicken farm on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State, she was largely unprepared for the rigors of life in the wild. With no running water, no electricity, a house in need of constant repair, and days that ran from four in the morning to nine at night, the MacDonalds had barely a moment to...



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Peek Inside the Book

There was a Sears, Roebuck catalogue painfully twisted and shellacked and tied with a red cord. The white card beneath it said, An inexpensive doorstop." ... There were catsup bottles made into bud vases, closthespins decorated with crepe paper butterflies for use as curtin hold-backers, crocheted bags for silverware, bouquets of crepe paper and velvet flowers, an enormous funeral set piece of white organdy gardenias and dark green oilcloth leaves with REST IN PEACE spelled out in white pipe cleaners,...

Reader's Opinions

I adored Betty MacDonalds four Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle books when I was a child so much so that I tracked them down to read to my own children when they came along. So I was ready to laugh uproariously with MacDonalds famous memoir The Egg and I.And dont get me wrong: Parts of the book are hilarious: her paternal grandmother Gammy, the travails...

First published in 1945, this book seems now not as hilarious as when I read it in the fifties. The stereotyping is just awful when seen from the 21st century. However, Ma and Pa Kettle are unforgettable, and I have always enjoyed yelling, whenever I see a home-cum-junkyard in my travels, "Look! There's a Ma and Pa Kettle house!" I...