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We've spent the morning the same way he has spent most Sunday mornings for the past sixty years: at the Baptist church in this tiny mountain community, Meadows of Dan population 1,934. Only a person in love with trees could have written this lovely book.

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In American Chestnut, Susan Freinkel tells the dramatic story of the stubborn optimists who refused to let this cultural icon go. Others have been seeking out the few non-infected chestnuts to serve as breeding stock for a potentially blight resistant tree. But he dropped out after finding his colleagues in the academic world to be too narrow in their intellectual outlook, fiercely competitive, and just generally unfriendly people.

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Could it just be possible to save this on-the-verge-of-extinction native tree? I'm about to embark on the part of the story that covers the efforts to cross-breed the American chestnut with its blight-resistant Asian cousins, and I'm looking forward to the hope those chapters will engender, as well as to one day planting another chestnut tree with my son, one that will live to grow 100 feet tall. This book captures the depth of the tragedy, especially the passages on heroic but doomed efforts to save the trees in the early years of the blight.

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Freinkel, a gifted writer whose research is impeccable and whose reporting is topnotch, tells of the impassioned work of scientists over the past century and up to today, trying to bring the American chestnut back from the brink of extinction. In Early's day, the log exterior was covered with clapboard, a common bid by mountain families for respectability.

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