



NEW BOOK BY LOCAL AUTHOR CELEBRATES VERMONT

Set in Vermont, *Taproot: Coming Home to Prairie Hill* (Verdant Books, May 2014) is about fulfilling fantasies as the nest empties. It's about the search for roots against a family's journey from the brink of annihilation. It's about making a home in a new and baffling natural and human environment.

But it's the beauty of the writing that strikes first, touching on universal fears and longings.

Part memoir, part nature journal, part observations of Vermonters—along with the often amusing saga of building a house—the book speaks to the reader on many levels.

A recent transplant from the New York Metropolitan area and a commentator on Vermont Public Radio, Martha Leb Molnar describes how she and her husband, both children of Holocaust survivors, strive to overcome their nomadic past through devotion to a place. They buy land on a rugged Vermont hill, build a house, and begin a new life, learning to observe the huge bowl of sky, the windstorms, the seasons, and the puzzling animal and human neighbors.

Lyrical descriptions of living close to the land are interspersed with entertaining anecdotes about learning to understand Vermonters, and the foibles involved in building a house.

Taproot is a story both singular and universal. We follow the author as she faces down her fears and finds strength in the natural world. We share the rewards of not just hanging on to a dream but making it happen. The book inspires, entertains and informs.

Molnar, from birth, seems to have owned a quenchless longing for the emphatically exurban. What a fascinating, quirky and fabulously moving ride we take to get there with her. – Sydney Lea, Vermont Poet Laureate

For everyone who feels a strong attachment to particular places and wonders why. – Bill McKibben

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