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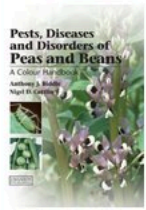


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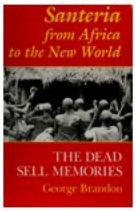


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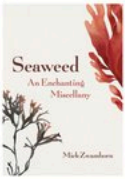


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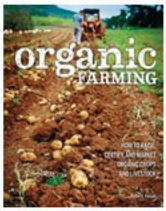


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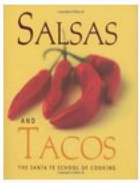


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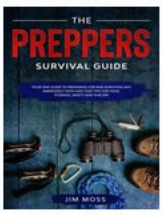


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# Introduction

arry was a Vietnam veteran who had come home after fighting fo is country and wanted to get away from it all. After moving bac o central Vermont, he and his wife, Martha, found 30 acres of lan ocated in the heart of the Vermont Green Mountains. The land hich was a mixture of forest and rundown pastures, was service y a winding dirt road that was a little more than a glorified four heeler trail.

ust five years prior, the local power company had offered to buil ower lines to service the farms located on the mountain. Th argest landowner, a small-scale cow farmer, declined, questionin hy he needed to be indebted to someone else when he coul rovide the necessities he and his family needed with his own tw ands.

he barn for Martha and Barry came first. It was a necessity, as i ould house their chickens and goats. They were to be a primar ood source for the first year. The cabin came next, a 1000 squar oot 3-bedroom home with a self-composting toilet and a trickle o unning water that fed the kitchen sink. There was no blender, n icrowave, and no television. They lived with only a battery owered radio that could pick up three local stations to serve as th ighttime entertainment for them each evening after work an hores.

or the early years, Martha and Barry's off-grid home wa unctional and nothing more. It was not easy; it took a great deal o ommitment. There were times they wondered if they had made th ight decision because it was not an easy life. In the end, it was th eace, privacy, and feelings of self-sufficiency that were thei eward.

or Martha and Barry, their Green Mountain log cabin started a 30 ear story of living off-grid. In that home, they raised six children uilt three additions to their home, harvested thousands of boar eet of timber, and drank gallons of fresh goat milk.

eads - it was a symbol of how they wished to live their lives; t odel, for their children, and it served as an example of what self ustenance was. They hoped to instill these basic tenets of living lif o its fullest if their children would like to grow up and continue th radition.

he idea of living off-grid can sound like a romantic utopia rankly, if you are looking for a comfortable life with plenty of idl ime, then living off-grid may not be for you. However, for thos ho are interested in a self-sustained, enriching experience wher ou are less reliant on others and more independent, providing fo ourself and your family, living off-grid is an excellent choice t elp lead you to this goal.

## hat We Know

he basic premise of living off-grid is to construct a residence fre f any reliance on a utility company for generating its power. A as been well documented, the mass production of energy ha ueled growing concerns regarding the fossil fuels burned t enerate such power.

he carbon emissions from these power generators are a majo omponent in the rapidly evolving global climate change crisis tha as taken center stage for most countries as they grapple with risin ea levels and increasingly unpredictable and severe weathe atterns. In 2020, during the writing of this book, we surpassed th ntire alphabet and began using Greek alphabet for names o urricanes and tropical storms in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

he Pacific Northwest of the United States is on fire again, and th ap overview looks like an inferno as five states burn out o ontrol. This is also a climate issue that can be directly blamed o lobal warming, which is a result of burning fossil fuels an eleasing carbon emissions into our atmosphere.

s further motivation for enacting change to our current way of life he recent public health crisis brought on by COVID-19, ha rovided additional incentive as it continues to reveal nationa nfrastructure vulnerabilities.

s deliveries were slowed, most of the United States experience