



Mapping the Farm: The Chronicle of a Family

By John Hildebrand

Minnesota Historical Society Press, U.S. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Mapping the Farm: The Chronicle of a Family, John Hildebrand, To some, the fields and farms of the Upper Midwest all look the same, but to the people who have struggled to raise families and make a living from the soil, each farm is a 'small kingdom' with a rich and often troubled history. This book focuses on the O'Neills, the family of his wife Sharon, and their 240 acres near Rochester, Minnesota. When William O'Neill began raising dairy cows in Minnesota in 1880, America was a nation of farmers. A little over a hundred years later, William's grandson Ed is too old and ill to continue farming. The farm is being chopped into subdivisions, an interstate has cut off access to the river, and changing technology and the tightening market have made small farms a thing of the past. Ed's children and grandchildren gather to try to find a way to keep the farm in the family. In this absorbing and hauntingly beautiful book, Hildebrand tells the story of four generations of farming O'Neills and, in doing so, tells a quintessentially American story of land and labour, memory and...



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