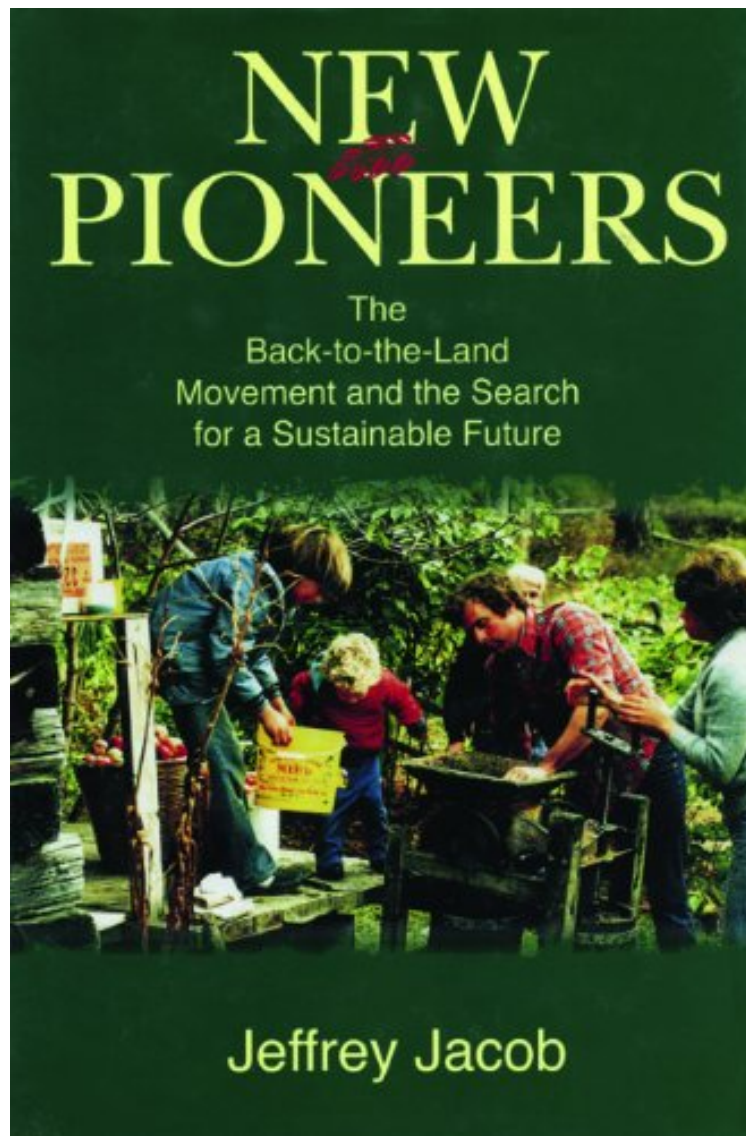


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Since the 1960s, hundreds of thousands of urban North Americans have given up their city or suburban homes to move "back to the land". *New Pioneers* is the first comprehensive study of these back-to-the-landers. From more than 1,300 survey responses, interviews, and in-depth case studies, at both the regional and national levels, of representative back-to-the-landers, Jacob analyzes their values, use of labor on their acreages, and their predisposition toward environmental activism. After examining the experiences of the back-to-the-country people who live on the margins of a postindustrial society, Jacob creates a clearer appreciation of the preconditions necessary to translate the idea of sustainable living into concrete action on a societywide scale. While *New Pioneers* describes an important social movement, it also shows how far a group of highly motivated individuals and families can go, by themselves, in breaking away from the prevailing consumer culture. The dilemmas, frustrations, adaptations, and triumphs of these neo-homesteaders offer valuable insights to anyone contemplating a move "back to the land".  
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