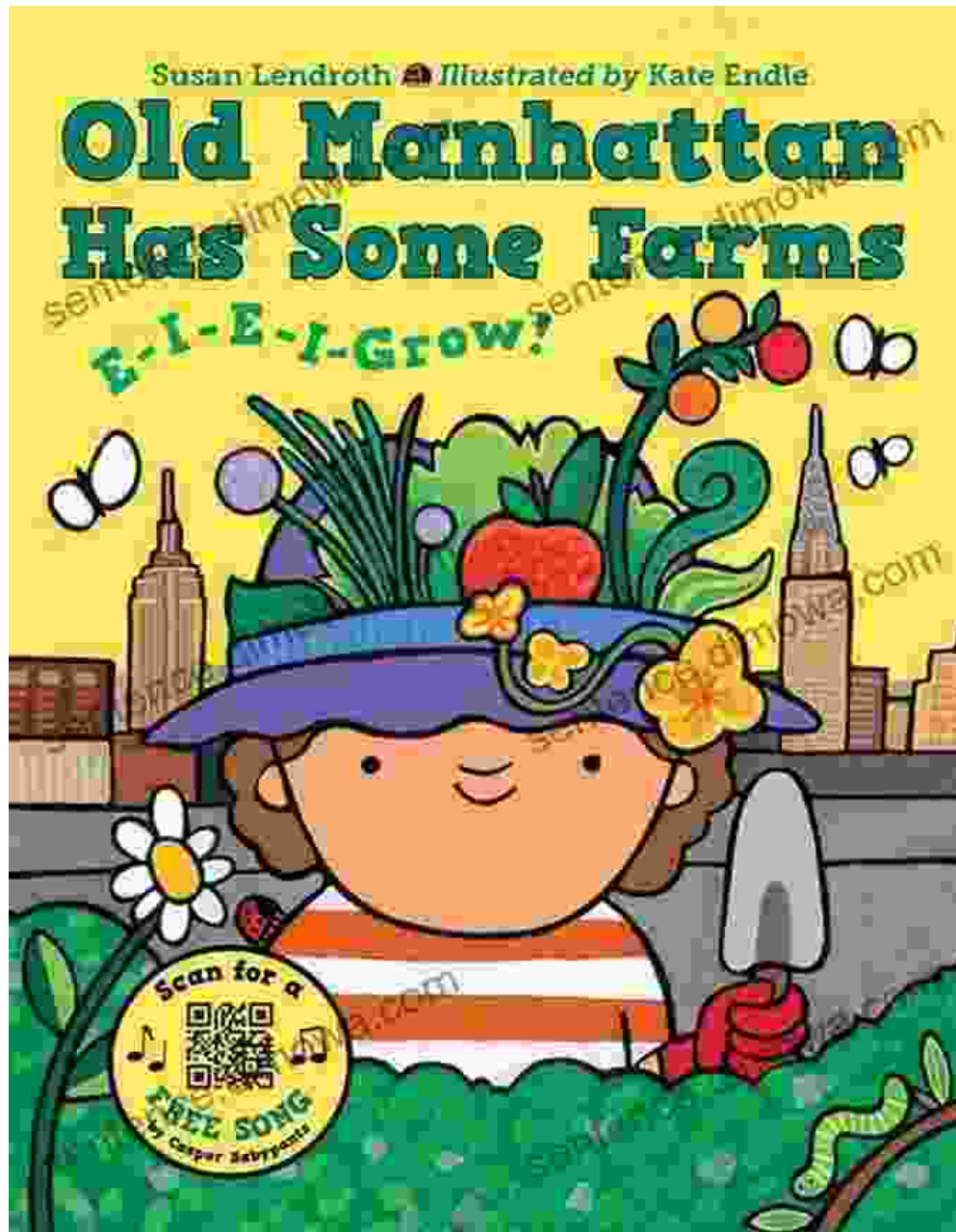


Old Manhattan Has Some Farms: A Journey into the Agricultural Past of New York City



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In the heart of the bustling metropolis of New York City, where towering skyscrapers pierce the sky and the streets are filled with a symphony of urban sounds, it may come as a surprise that the city has a rich agricultural past. Once upon a time, Manhattan was not just a concrete jungle, but a vibrant landscape dotted with farms, orchards, and pastures.

The book "Old Manhattan Has Some Farms" by Robert W. Snyder uncovers this forgotten history, taking readers on a fascinating journey through the agricultural roots of New York City. Snyder, a renowned historian and preservationist, meticulously researched and documented the existence of over 200 farms that once thrived within the boundaries of present-day Manhattan.

Through a captivating narrative, the book delves into the lives of the farmers who cultivated these urban farms. From Dutch settlers planting tobacco along the waterfront to Irish immigrants raising pigs in the crowded streets of Five Points, Snyder brings to life the challenges and triumphs of these agricultural pioneers.

The book also explores the role of agriculture in shaping the city's geography and urban development. Snyder reveals how the location of farms influenced the growth of neighborhoods, the establishment of roads,

and even the design of Central Park. The legacy of these farms can still be seen today in the names of certain streets and landmarks, such as Orchard Street, Cherry Street, and Sheep Meadow.

Beyond its historical significance, "Old Manhattan Has Some Farms" also offers a thought-provoking perspective on sustainability and urban living. Snyder argues that the city's agricultural past provides valuable lessons for contemporary efforts to promote sustainable practices and create more livable urban environments.

The book is richly illustrated with over 100 historical maps, photographs, and engravings. These visual aids bring the history of Manhattan's farms to life, allowing readers to visualize the landscapes and buildings that have long since disappeared.

Whether you are a history buff, an urban explorer, or simply someone curious about the hidden stories of New York City, "Old Manhattan Has Some Farms" is a captivating read that will transport you to a forgotten era and shed new light on the city you thought you knew.

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