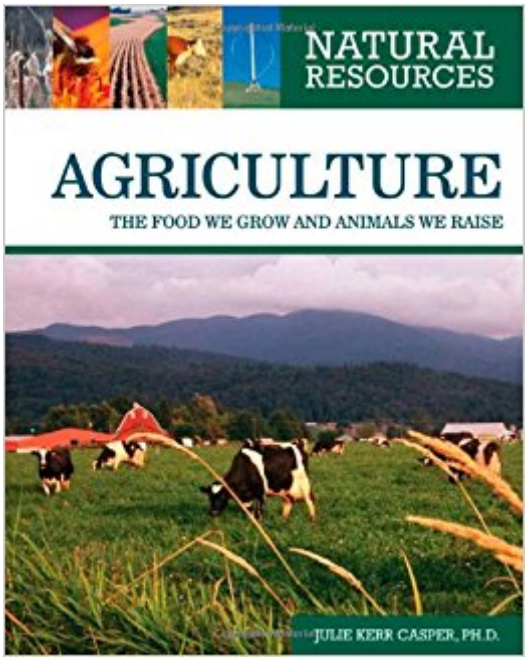
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Customer Reviews

"Next time you eat a slice of pizza, ask yourself how many people helped bring that pizza to you." Casper, who has worked for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for 30 years, has compiled a comprehensive introduction to U.S. agricultural practices. Densely packed chapters move from the history of American farming to sustainable practices for the future. The prose is dry, and Casper sometimes glosses over controversial issues, such as factory farming and mad cow disease. But the breadth of information about agriculture is rare in a book published for youth, and many practical sidebars, such as instructions for creating composting, will attract environmentally conscious teens as well as students searching for science-fair ideas. Numerous tables, diagrams, and illustrations; a glossary and chronology; and extensive resource lists support this useful survey, an entry in the new Natural Resources series. Gillian EngbergCopyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

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This book seems to be intended for high school students, but the agriculture topics are treated in such a simplistic and superficial way that I do not think many readers would find it useful. The book could have been much enhanced by a more data-rich approach, with more specifics on how farming originated and how it is practiced today, rather than a litany of fuzzy generalizations.

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