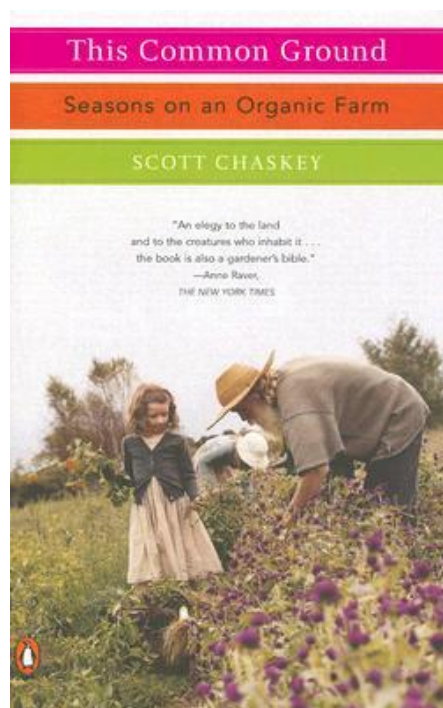




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In the tradition of Michael Pollan, Joan Gussow, and Verlyn Klinkenborg's **The Rural Life**, **This Common Ground** is an inspirational evocation of a life lived close to the earth, written by the head farmer at one of the country's first community-supported farms. By reflecting on four seasons of activity at his beloved Quail Hill Farm in eastern Long Island, Scott Chaskey offers stirring insight into the connections between land and the human family. Whether writing about the voice of a small wren nesting in the lemon balm or a meadow of oats, millet, and peas rising to silver and green after a fresh rain, this poet-farmer's contagious sense of wonder brings us back to our bond with the soil.

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Missy says

Great book. Poeticly gives insight into life on one of the first CSA's.
I want Scott Chaskey to be my mentor:)

Colleen says

The opposite of "Harvest", a really beautiful look at organic farming. The author talks wistfully about his time farming in Cornwall, England, and shares his poetry (and the poetry of others). Embraced the beauty of nature and how everything in our world works together to support each other. Loved learned and reading about his farming experiences. Wonderful descriptions that created a lovely image of his farms in my mind.

Samantha says

This book is written by Scott Chaskey, who started one of the first CSA's in the US in upstate New York. He is also a poet. Each chapter is on it's own, just sweet stories of their first few years, interspersed with his lovely poetry.

Alexa Hamilton says

This book caught my eye because it was about organic farming, something that I know nothing about but have a desperate desire to do, in a small way, in a container on my back porch. This book was more about being outside in nature, feeding people off the land, planting garlic but since the author is more often a poet, it had quite the poetic feel.

Ecka says

A short, sweet and well-crafted work. I feel that it's a great read, especially for anyone interested in local/community agriculture.

Odoublegood says

I enjoyed this book, but don't know that everyone would; discusses community-supported agriculture & standards for organic farming; author thinks Green Arrow peas are the sweetest (mentions Lincoln, but not, I think, Wando and Telephone)

Andi says

I made it 3/4 through the book and couldn't read anymore. It is well-written, but I was not in the essay mood anymore. Beautiful descriptions of everything I did read, though.

Jennifer says

If you are a person with a poetic mind and like Henry David Thoreau's Walden or Annie Dillard's Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, you will probably like this book.

I am not that person.

mona says

So there I was, shopping for cough drops and all-fruit popsicles, when I saw the stand of books near the check-out at QFC. What better way to beat the sick-at-home, stuck-on-the-couch blues than by curling up with a new book? And, possessing a new dream of living on a farm someday, I saw fit to make that new book This Common Ground. I'll let you know how it goes...

Rae says

I thought this was a lovely book. It combines the love of gardening (on a CSA scale) with poetry and birdwatching. A pleasant way to spend the afternoon.

Sim Hanscamp says

Epic book. I bought two copies.

I love the story and life of this farmer. I liked his poetry and prose too.
Really great to see someone living a good story. The book itself is no masterpiece, but the man's life is simply good.

Tatiana says

Reading this book is like sitting on a grassy hill on a sunny summer day and biting into a freshly picked, organic cucumber.

Valerie says

a year in the life of an organic farmer,

Wendy Knight says

Informative, as well as insightful and beautiful. A must read for the gardener/poet types and anyone interested in organic farming and CSAs.

Hillary says

I like Chaskey's style. It never surprises me when farmers are also articulate. I wish I fell into the same group.

I even learned a few things about planting garlic. I liked that chapter in particular.
