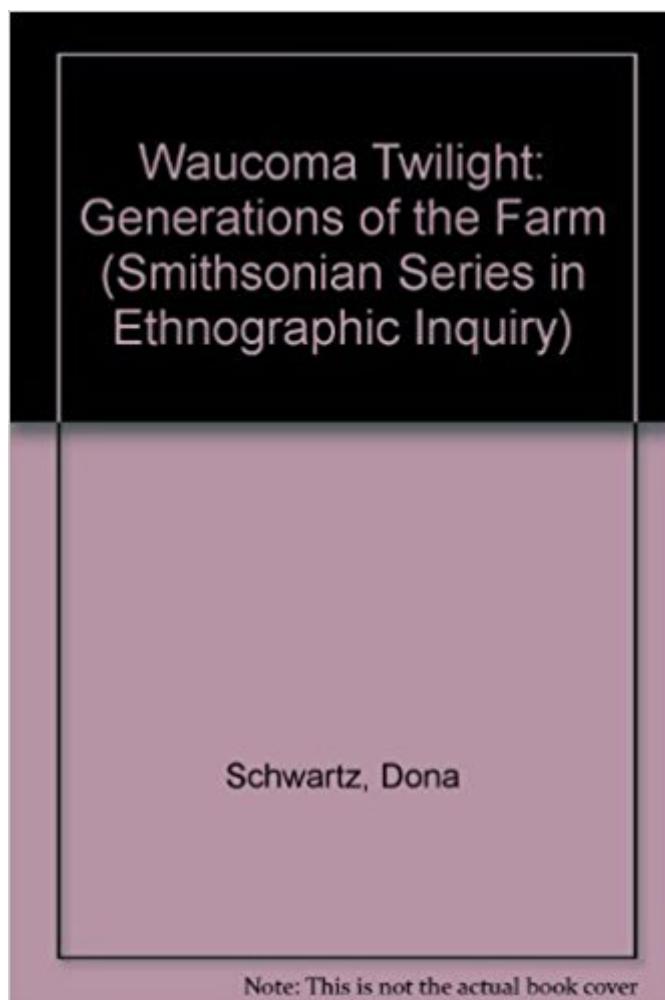


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The author in the 1980s took her camera and tape recorder to Waucoma, in Fayette County, Iowa. and interviewed older and younger farmers in the area of Waucoma. Portraying vividly the changes which have descended on Iowa farmers, one sees the somewhat dire outlook of younger farmers--this was during the farm crisis of the 1980s--and the changes which have come over farmers' lives. While the farmers have all the modern conveniences they also have economic struggles concomitant to the dependence which farmers have contrasted to the much greater self-sufficiency which farmers enjoyed in an earlier age. I found the book poignant, as I recalled my own youth on an Iowa farm. There are numerous photographs of farm and town scenes, though the quality of the photographs in the book leaves something to be desired. Anyone interested in the Iowa farm scene over the past 100 years will find much to ponder over in reading this book.

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