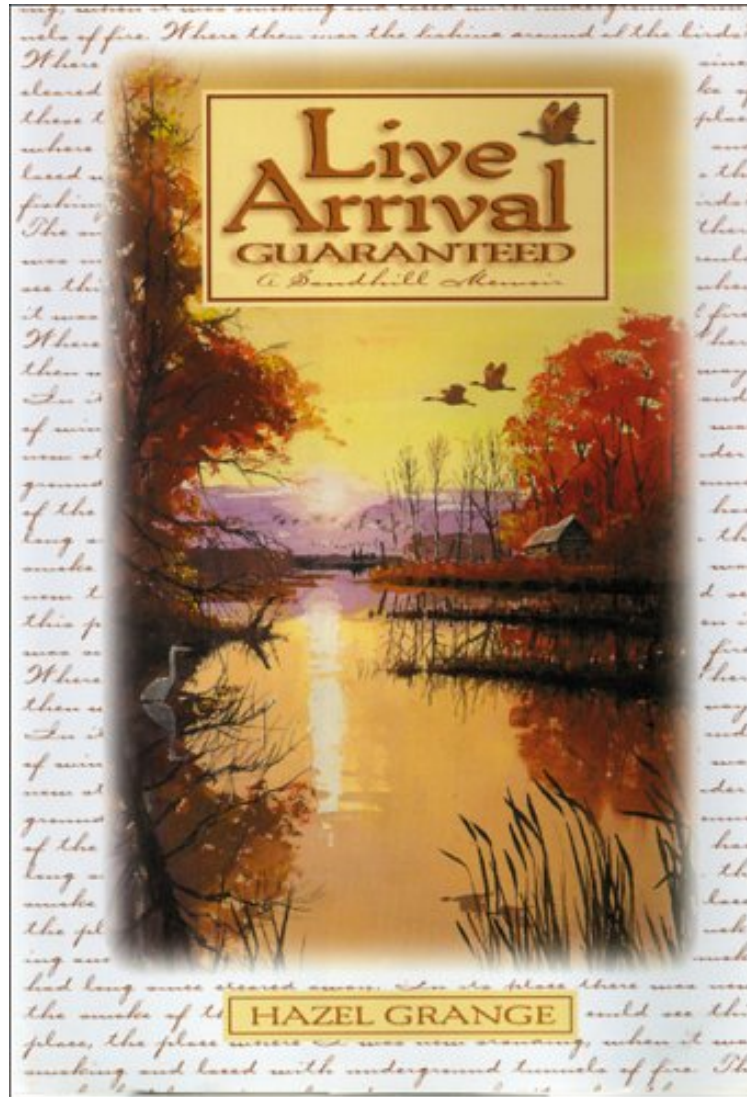


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful portrayal of rural WI life in the early 1900's. By Dinky Hazel Grange tells a good story of life in the early 1900's. She and her husband left a great impression on the state of Wisconsin and it's wildlife. There are many people who would enjoy this book! The title of the book has a valid name as it applies to the snowshoe hare and the struggle to keep it alive. The wildlife area the couple preserved is still known today. I am a Wisconsin resident and I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. 2 of 2 people found the

following review helpful. it is wonderful. We are really able to see her and ...By Deanne Dunnigan20 years ago I worked in the nursing home where Hazel lived the last years of her life. She was 93 when I met her. She was exactly as in her book, witty and spunky. In 1996 the printers came to the nursing home and brought the first printing of the book. There was a celebration and I had her sign my copy. Hazel died shortly after that but I will never forget her. Before the printing she showed me the draft that she wrote in the 50's but had not yet gotten printed. Neat Pencil writing on "Big Chief" tablet paper. Recently I wanted another one for a gift and found one on .As for the book, it is wonderful. We are really able to see her and her husband's lives as if we were there. They gave up city life to realize Wallace's dream: to have a wild game Farm. The part about them trying to save snowshoe rabbits in one state and ship them to another was so wonderfu, yet sad. She worked so hard and gave up the life she loved for the man she loved. She stuck by him and worked tirelessly to help him realize his dream. This is a story of a couple's lives, not a boring wildlife book. It takes place during the depression and they had so many hardships that it will sometimes make you cry but they never gave up. You will also laugh quite a bit throughout the book at her funny renditions of their lives and those of other's around them. This is truly one of the best books I've ever read and I read a lot. You will not be sorry if you read it too!

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From Publishers WeeklyIn 1932, Wallace Grange left a secure government job in Washington, D.C., to set up a commercial game farm in rural Wisconsin. Ambivalent about the project at first, his wife, Hazel, eventually became a full partner in the work. Her account of the period 1932-1946 is an engrossing story of the pursuit of a dream and a penetrating glimpse of rural life during the Depression. They were dirt-poor, struggling just to survive. On the first farm, in Door County, they raised pheasants and ducks to sell to state conservation departments and hunting clubs. To augment their meager income, they trapped, sold and shipped snowshoe hares by the thousands. The second farm, in Woods County, was in an isolated, marshy area; there they raised deer and wildfowl. Wallace was a pioneer in game management, a friend of Adolph and Olaus Murie, Aldo Leopold and Sigurd Olsen. This is a rewarding story for readers interested in wildlife and the environment. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From BooklistWallace Grange was a wildlife management professional before it became a profession. In 1932, he gave up his job with the U.S. Biological Survey in Washington, D.C., to operate a game farm in Door County, Wisconsin. His wife, Hazel, was an invaluable accomplice and helpmate as he established a career in the captive breeding and live trapping of native animals. Her memoir recounts the financial, social, physical, and professional tribulations of restoring and managing wildlife during and after the Depression (1932-46) in Door and Wood Counties, Wisconsin. The Granges guaranteed "live arrival" of species such as snowshoe rabbit, ruffed grouse, and white-tailed deer to wildlife sanctuaries. In 1961, Sandhill Game Farm became a crane and waterfowl sanctuary that would forever memorialize Wallace Grange's pioneering efforts in the new science of environmentalism. His wife's memoir is a witty, loving tribute to a husband who could read animals' heads as readily as she could read their hearts. Patricia Hassler

From Kirkus sThe hardworking and long-suffering wife of an early Wisconsin ecologist delivers an impressive if occasionally long-winded account of economic survival and ecological commitment during the Depression. Both an autobiography and a paean to her husband, Grange's narrative is filled with unrelentingly hard labor, tragic reversals, and, ultimately, vindication. In the teeth of the Depression, Wallace Grange left a federal post in Washington, D.C., dragging a loyal, generally uncomplaining Hazel to northern Wisconsin to raise pheasants. Never profitable, the venture was marred by two house fires, an ambitious but financially unsuccessful rabbit trapping and shipping operation (hence the title), and a continual struggle with bad roads and harsh weather. Moving farther west into central Wisconsin, the Granges purchased some 15 square miles of marshy farmland where they slowly began to restore the ecosystem to its presettlement condition, and establish a viable game farm with natural habitat for deer, grouse, prairie chickens, and muskrats, among other species. Along the way, Wallace Grange, a contemporary and friend of the naturalist Aldo Leopold, authored several landmark studies arising from his work with wildlife and ecosystems. Grange, however, concentrates not on her husband's science but on their struggles and victories, played out against the backdrop of a time when modern technology had made few inroads and the science of ecology was as yet poorly understood. Written for publication in the '50s but not issued until now, Grange's musings are quaintly styled, with a number of creaky, outdated allusions and clichés; a blow-by-blow report of her husband's longstanding, finally triumphant battle against the Wisconsin Conservation Commission's attempt to unfairly revoke the couple's game farm license is tiresome, as are some running observations about inquisitive tourists. Still, there is plenty to be learned about a time when hard work did have its rewards and when couples stayed together through hardships and disagreements; and animal lovers, especially, will find delight in Grange's memoirs. -- Copyright 1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.