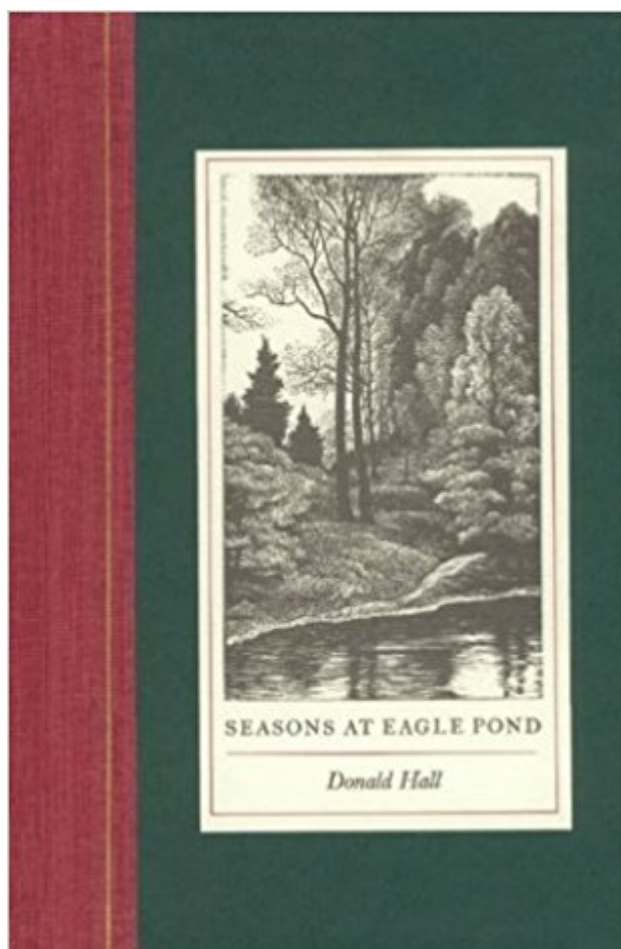


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Seasons At Eagle Pond



Synopsis

A heartfelt celebration of the New England seasons in a charmingly illustrated, slipcased gift edition by New England's pre-eminent poet. Lyrical, comic and elegiac, it sings of a land and culture that is disappearing under the assault of change.

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In celebration of New England and the seasons, the poet laureate of New Hampshire records his love of place. The place is a 180-year-old farmland, Eagle Pond, the home of Hall's grandparents and now his home. "There's no reason to live here except for love," writes Hall as he describes the sight of huge Holsteins frolicking or, when impatient for the arrival of spring, he suggests pushing winter "off to a condominium in the keys of Antarctica." This collection of four essays by a close observer of the natural world is a blend of reminiscences, anecdotes and vignettes that capture continuity of family and the quiet delights of rural life in each season. Hall is the author of *String Too Short to Be Saved* and *Fathers Playing Catch With Sons*. (November Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.)

Hall gives us an intimate sketch of his beloved New Hampshire, where he summered with his grandparents at their homestead on Eagle Pond in Danbury: "By the time I was sixteen I daydreamed of living here as a writer; in my twenties I learned that this was impractical; in my forties I did it." All four essays lucidly entwine Hall's past and present lives. Unfortunately, they are

self-consciously nostalgic and therefore somewhat oppressive; perhaps because this was the season of Hall's childhood, "Summer" is the best realized. Still, this provides yet another backdrop against which we may examine Hall's poetry, his fiction, and his plays. Taryn Schaeneman, Kingsborough Community Coll., Brooklyn, N.Y. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Tales of life in the country by poet laureate Donald Hall. It's a good read and a cozy re-read. I give it as a gift to country-loving friends. It's a particularly nice edition.

I've heard so much about Donald Hall and am thrilled to finally have this book. I'll look forward to others.

Wonderful book by one of my favorite authors, Donald Hall. I have followed his writings for many years and love them all.

It is a wonderful book about our New England Rural heritage. I will have to read other essays by Donald Hall.

If you tend to wake up in the middle of the night to worry, this book will soothe your mind. Donald Hall writes beautifully about his life in New Hampshire in a house and a town he clearly loves. He will remind you of beauties in your own life -the sound of a snow plow clearing the roads at night, remembering your grandparents' house, gazing at a pond with mist rising from it. This may sound like the book is too sentimental - but actually it is just peaceful. The woodcut illustrations are also a pleasure.

Every word of this work of prose is chiseled to perfection by Donald Hall, one of America's most gifted poets. This slight volume is among the most treasured in my personal library.

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