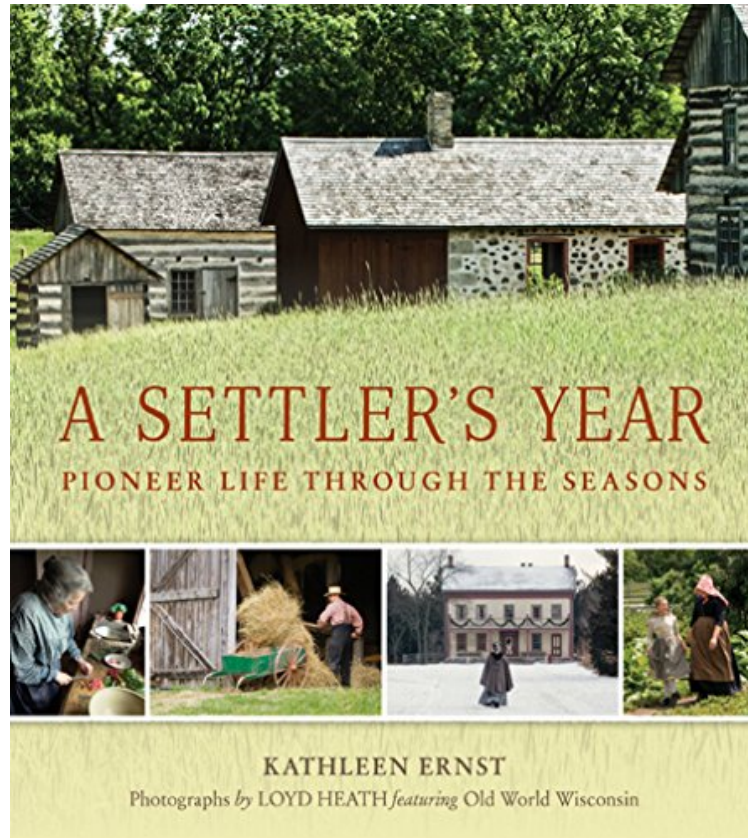


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Early Wisconsin In Words And Pictures Von James Gallen A Settlers Year blends the words of letters, diaries and periodical articles with pictures of living history to introduce its readers to the rhythm of life in early Wisconsin. Author Kathleen Ernst has extensively researched the writings of early settlers and has quoted their literary gems that speak of the sights and sounds, hopes and fears and joys and disappointments of their lives. Photographer Loyd Heath has captured the interpreters who recreate rural life of the late nineteenth century at Old World Wisconsin, a facility of the Wisconsin Historical Society. The book starts with an introduction that identifies the people who made Wisconsin their home. They were Yankees, Scandinavians, Belgians, Germans, Swiss and other nationalities. They were drawn to a new country where the soil was not worn out, the land could be bought at low prices or, thanks to the Homestead Act, earned by occupation and improvement. Their stories are told in their own words and depicted in their own black and white pictures. Readers are next led through the seasons of the first year, spring through summer, autumn, winter and spring again with its challenges and work. Each seasons chapter begins with a quote from a settler at the head of a four page narrative. Ernst then turns the chapter over to Heath and his color photos of the changing seasons at Old World

Wisconsin. We can almost imagine the aching muscles that cleared a forest, the cold that chilled bones and froze water in makeshift dwellings and experience the satisfaction that came with a successful harvest, survival of winter and the transformation of a clearing and shack into a farm and a home. This book fills a niche in our historical literature. It is popular history, focusing not great events but the daily lives of its subjects. Whereas much historical writing emphasizes contributions of those of British descent, the characters of this work are immigrants from continental Europe whose tales are rarely told. I enjoyed this book. I learned things from the narrative, such as that school was held during the summer when the crops that the students had helped to plant in the spring and would harvest in the fall were nurtured by the sun and rain. Its pictures depict a life in ways no words can. Although *A Settler's Year* will be of particular interest to those whose ancestors brought civilization to the Wisconsin wilderness its appeal is not limited to those. Its lessons are common to settlers across much of the fruited plain. I will peruse this many times and will encourage my wife to find inspiration for her Pioneer Month at her school. I have seen notices for Old World Wisconsin but never knew much about it, but now I want to visit. I will have to work on that. I did receive a copy of this book to read and review.

Kurzbeschreibung "This is a book with great meaning for those of us who grew up on farms, and a book to be shared with young people eager to know more about pioneer life." --Jerry Apps, author of "Old Farm: A History" and "Whispers and Shadows: A Naturalist's Memoir" "A Settler's Year" provides a rare glimpse into the lives of early immigrants to the upper Midwest. Evocative photographs taken at Old World Wisconsin, the country's largest outdoor museum of rural life, lushly illustrate stories woven by historian, novelist, and poet Kathleen Ernst and compelling firsthand accounts left by the settlers themselves. In this beautiful book, readers will discover the challenges and triumphs found in the seasonal rhythms of rural life in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. As they turn the pages--traveling from sprawling farm to tidy crossroads village, and from cramped and smoky cabins to gracious, well-furnished homes--they'll experience the back-straining chores, cherished folk traditions, annual celebrations, and indomitable spirit that comprised pioneer life. At its heart "A Settler's Year" is about people dreaming of, searching for, and creating new homes in a new land. This moving book transports us back to the pioneer era and inspires us to explore the stories found on our own family trees.