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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

The Perfect Pocket Guide to Ford Tractors!

When you're "out in the field" looking for Ford tractors, don't forget to take along this first-ever guidebook to Ford tractors!

This convenient, easy-to-use guide puts a wealth of information right into your hands. You'll find brief histories, model runs, specification details, and eye-catching color photographs of over 90 models of Ford tractors, from the first Ford Auto-Plow to the Fiat-Ford New Holland models of today.

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Foreword

This is my 25th tractor book, and most likely, my last. When I retired from my engineering job in the aircraft industry 18 years ago, I knew that I would need a remunerative activity to supplement my retirement benefits, at least until social security kicked in. I cast about for various business ventures that did not require too much capital, and one that would not tie me down to a regular work schedule (after all, I had just given up a job like that). I had already started harvesting maple syrup on land I'd inherited, so expanding it was an idea. I had also acquired a 1946 Ford-Ferguson 2N along the way to help with the syrup operation.

The acquisition of the Ford tractor was the fulfillment of a boyhood dream, and it soon came to me that it was a very interesting and historically significant piece of machinery. I decided to do some research and try my hand at writing a book about the tractor. I turned the rough manuscript in to Motorbooks and they were interested. They teamed me with famed automotive photographer Andrew Morland and the result was Ford Tractors--1914 to 1954, which was published in 1990.

In the late 1980s, very few people considered N-Series Ford tractors to be collector items. Almost all were still working on small farms, airports, and golf courses. Girard Rinaldi was publishing his 9N-2N-8N Newsletter and doing his best to get the little gray tractors some respect. Girard put me in touch with Palmer Fossum, one of the first big Ford collectors. Andrew and I visited Palmer and took many of the photos for the first book. I also learned more Ford tractor lore from Palmer than I had acquired in months of research.

What makes the Ford tractor so interesting? First and foremost, the three-point hitch set the tractor apart for about the first 10 years of its existence. After the patent restrictions had been opened to competition, all surviving tractor makers adopted the concept. Secondly, I found the little tractor to be remarkably tough, serviceable, and handy, more so than newer, larger types from other manufacturers. The N-Series Fords were virtually alone in their class until the advent of the small Japanese diesel tractors, which cost three times as much.

The boyhood dream aspect began in about 1946 when I was 14 years old. The father of my boyhood chum, Earl, got a new Ford-Ferguson and implements for his 80-acre farm. Earl's dad also had an off-farm job so much of the routine field work was left for Earl. How lucky could a kid get? My envy wasn't satisfied until at age 50, I was able to get my own 1946, 2N. Earl and I are still buddies and now I have a Ford-Ferguson and he doesn't. Somehow, and I can't understand it, Earl does not seem to be as envious of me now as I was of him then.

Of the 25 books I have written, almost all have been with the collaboration of photographer Andrew Morland and with the editorial direction of publisher Michael Dregni. Of the 25, eight titles were about Ford and Fordson tractors. This last one and its immediate predecessor and companion, The Big Book of Ford Tractors, purport to cover all Ford and Fordson tractors from prototype and experimental models beginning in 1906 to the end of the end of the Ford name on tractors in 1995; from a single production model, the Fordson, to 43 distinct models produced in 1995.

My special thanks to the Rinaldis and their newsletter; the managers and experts of the Ford/Fordson Collector's Association; Andrew Morland, photographer; Michael Dregni and Amy Glaser of Voyageur Press; and to the owners of the outstanding Ford tractors we photographed for this book.

Good luck and God bless you all! Hope to see you at the various tractor shows around the country. I will have my 1946 Ford-Ferguson 2N in tow.

--Robert N. Pripps

Springstead, Wisconsin

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