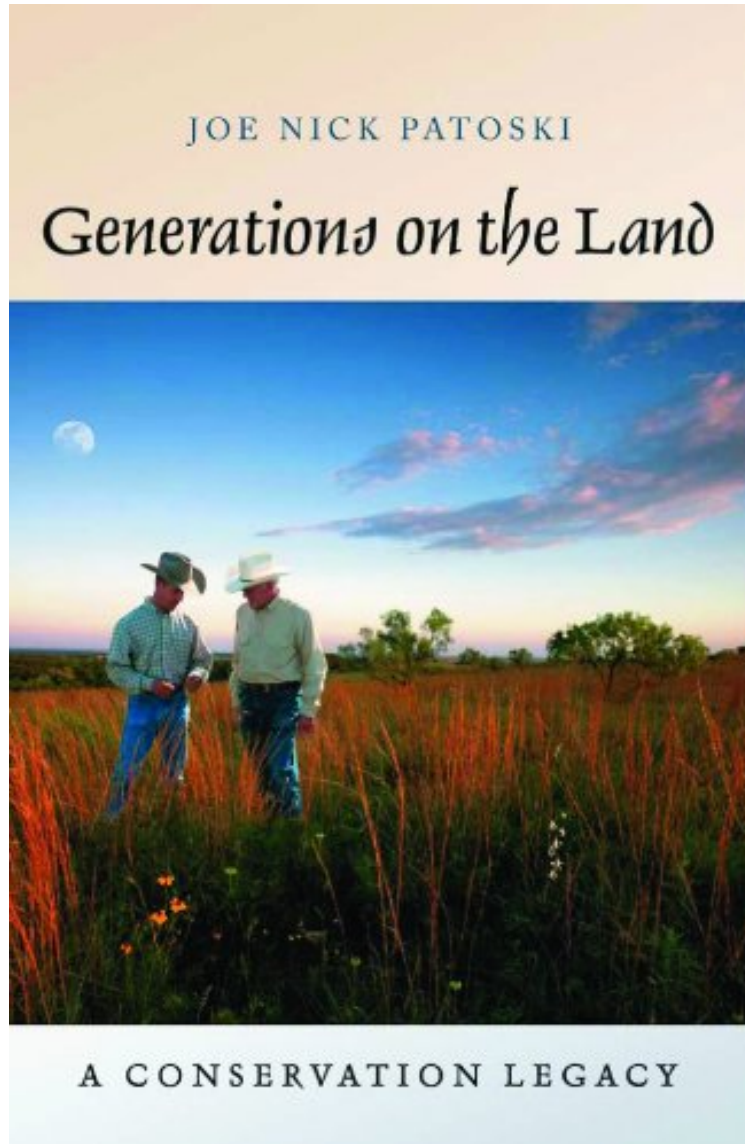


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Joe Nick Patoski : Generations on the Land: A Conservation Legacy before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Generations on the Land: A Conservation Legacy:

The landowners in this book have improved their land and done so by being profitable, generous to their human community, committed to family, and desirous of leaving land better than when it came into their stewardship.mdash;from the introduction by Brent Haglundnbsp;In 2008, the Sand County Foundation and the Texas

AM Department of Ecosystem Science and Management co-hosted a workshop called "Generations on the Land: Working for Land Stewardship." It brought to College Station winners of the foundation's Leopold Conservation Award, who presented their stories and interacted with students and other land managers. The common themes among the award-winning ranchers and farmers were their commitment to progressive and ethical land management practices and their success in keeping their land and business operations in the same family over successive generations. Following the workshop, the Sand County Foundation asked Texas writer Joe Nick Patoski to spend time with seven of the award-winners and profile them in extended essays that now make up this manuscript. The foundation's goals in producing a book were to more widely publicize the voluntary conservation achievements of private landowners across the country, to recognize their roles as conservation leaders outside the agricultural communities where they live, and to reinforce the value of family commitment to land stewardship. The seven landowners profiled by Patoski in the book include five ranchers, a forester, and a vintner who live in California, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Their conservation accomplishments range from providing a habitat corridor for pronghorn antelope to hammering out an endangered species "safe harbor" agreement for grape growers. A short introduction by a fellow conservation or ranching professional precedes each of the personal portraits by Patoski, which are written in an informal, conversational style. Brent Haglund, president of the Sand County Foundation, provides an introduction to the purpose and work of the foundation, and a conclusion summarizes the substantive conservation contributions of the Leopold award-winners. Four to five color photographs accompany each profile (including one family portrait, see excerpt).

"In 1939, Aldo Leopold wrote 'When land does well for its owner, and the owner does well for his land, when both end up better by reason of this partnership, we have conservation.' Generations on the Land demonstrates this simple yet powerful concept through a series of inspirational and instructional essays drawn from hardworking landowners from across the nation. Whether you manage a working landscape yourself, or are one of the urban many seeking insights into how humanity can achieve a sustainable future, you need to study this book."--Richard C. Bartlett, Thinking Like a Mountain Foundation