

WHISPERS and SHADOWS



A NATURALIST'S MEMOIR

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JERRY APPS



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Jerry Apps can trace many of his life lessons to his childhood experiences with nature. What lessons from your childhood have you carried with you?

What can a life-long city-dweller learn from this memoir? What about a life-long farmer or outdoors enthusiast?

Jerry centers each of his essays on one topic, such as flowers, being neighborly, life's cycles, etc. If you were to write a personal essay centered on one theme, what would that theme be and why?

Throughout his memoir, Jerry advocates for being more in touch with nature. How effective are his arguments?

Which of the essays was your favorite? Why? Which was your least favorite? Why?



Describe Jerry's writing style in this memoir. How is this style of writing conducive to his overall theme?

Why did the author write *this* memoir?

