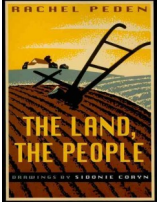


Rachel Peden and Her Life on Maple Grove Road



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[The Friends of the Library](#) held a "Coffee with Friends" event at the Ellettsville Branch for the first time on Sunday, April 22nd. In keeping with Earth Day, area resident Rachel Peden McCarty talked about her grandmother, Rachel Peden, and her life on Maple Grove Road. For more than 20 years, Mrs. Peden wrote a column for the Indianapolis Star called "Mrs. R.F.D." that shared vignettes and observations about what it was like to live on a small Hoosier farm. She also penned three books: [The Land, the People](#); [Rural Free](#); and [Speak to the Earth](#) that have been recently reprinted by the I.U. Press. It's amazing how these books written forty or more years ago are still fresh, relevant, and inspirational!

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