



Down Home Missouri: When Girls Were Scary and Basketball Was King (Hardback)

By Joel Vance

University of Missouri Press, United States, 2000. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. When I was thirteen, we moved to Dalton, Missouri, a flyspeck on the road map, so my father could supervise the 960-acre farm he and his two partners had bought several years before. It was a return to his roots. Our new home in Dalton was infinitely more primitive than our South Side Chicago apartment and even more primitive than my aunt and uncle's hill-country house on the other side of the county. It was a hotel, one that hadn't entertained guests for decades. It was a nightmare the likes of which my father never had. Not only did the hotel lack an indoor toilet and potable water, it also had no bathing facility. In this warmly witty account, Joel Vance re-creates what it was like for a city kid to have his life changed almost entirely when he is transplanted from his Chicago birthplace to his father's home country in rural Missouri--where basketball was the major social event and a night out might be a trip to the burger joint in town. While Vance writes about his relatives and their...

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