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Greta Pratt returns to the county fairs of her childhood to present a vision of Midwest communities largely unfamiliar to millions of American urban dwellers. For three summers she traveled the Midwest chronicling the life of the regionparades of civic pride, displays of exemplary harvests, and prizewinning heifers, beauty pageants, old-timer reunions, and annual storefront festivals. In her essay renowned cultural historian Karal Ann Marling provides fascinating insights into Pratts photos of county fair rituals and the regional cultures that inspire these gatherings. Together Pratt and Marling transport the reader to a place where prize-winning hogs, tap-dancing children, flag waving, and mouth-watering apple pie are once again the national pastimes.