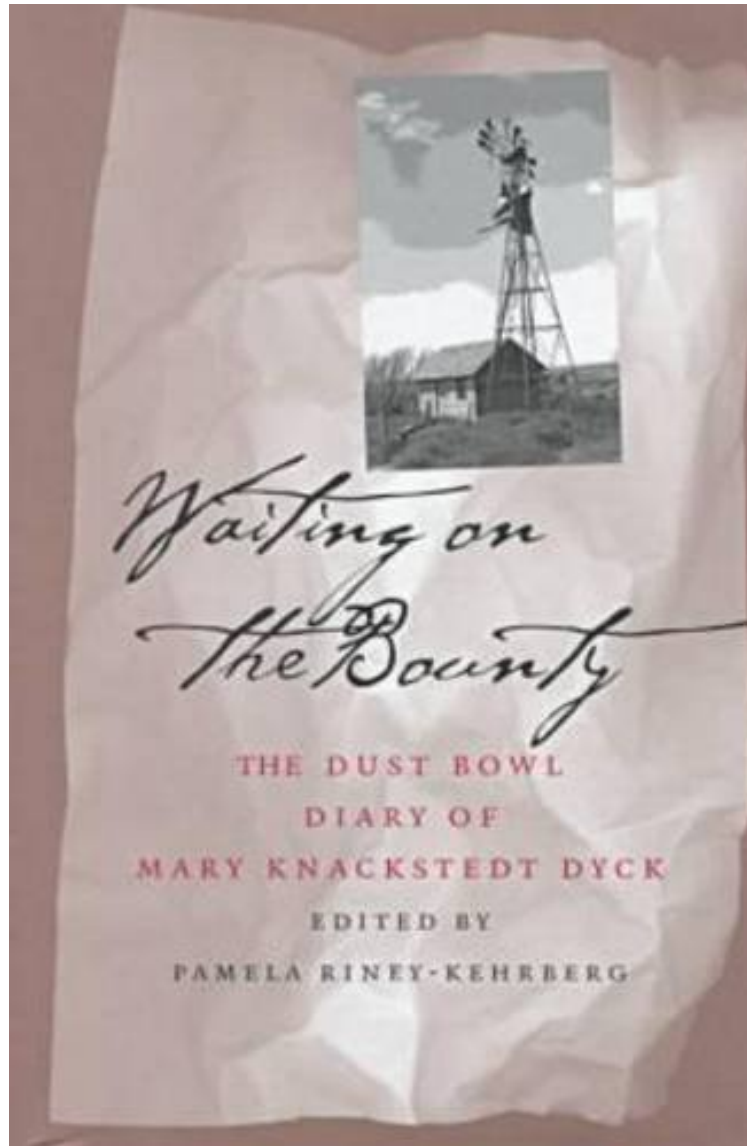


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Mary Knackstedt Dyck was a farmer's wife in Kansas for over 30 years, during that time she kept a diary written in pencil on notebook paper. This volume contains her entries for the years 1936-1941, the years of the dustbowl, which

drove many farmers from their farms.

From Library Journal Dyck (1884-1955) and her husband began farming in southwestern Kansas in 1905. By the 1930s, they were established farmers who managed to keep their farm throughout the Dust Bowl years. In the portion of her diary included here (1936-41), the reader feels her loneliness and frustration with the never-ending dust and chores. But as the text reveals, Dyck also had her pleasures, like listening to the radio. In editing this work, Riney-Kehrberg (*Rooted in Dust*) has shortened entries and added footnotes but kept the language and spelling of the original. This enhances the picture one gets of Dyck (who spoke German as a child and had a very limited education) but makes it harder to read the diary. Still, this is a valuable record for researchers in the areas of history and women's studies, especially since there is so little information available about women's lives in rural America. Recommended for academic libraries. ALinda L. McEwan, Elgin Community Coll., IL Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. "A powerful document . . . that provides true insight not only into rural life in Kansas but also into the innermost thoughts and concerns of a farm woman. At the same time, the diary gives an incredibly realistic view of the physical hardships on the Great Plains during the dust storms." -- Dorothy Schwieder, author of *Iowa: The Middle Land*About the AuthorAssociate professor of history at Illinois State University, Pamela Riney-Kehrberg is the author of *Rooted in Dust: Surviving Drought and Depression in Southwestern Kansas*.