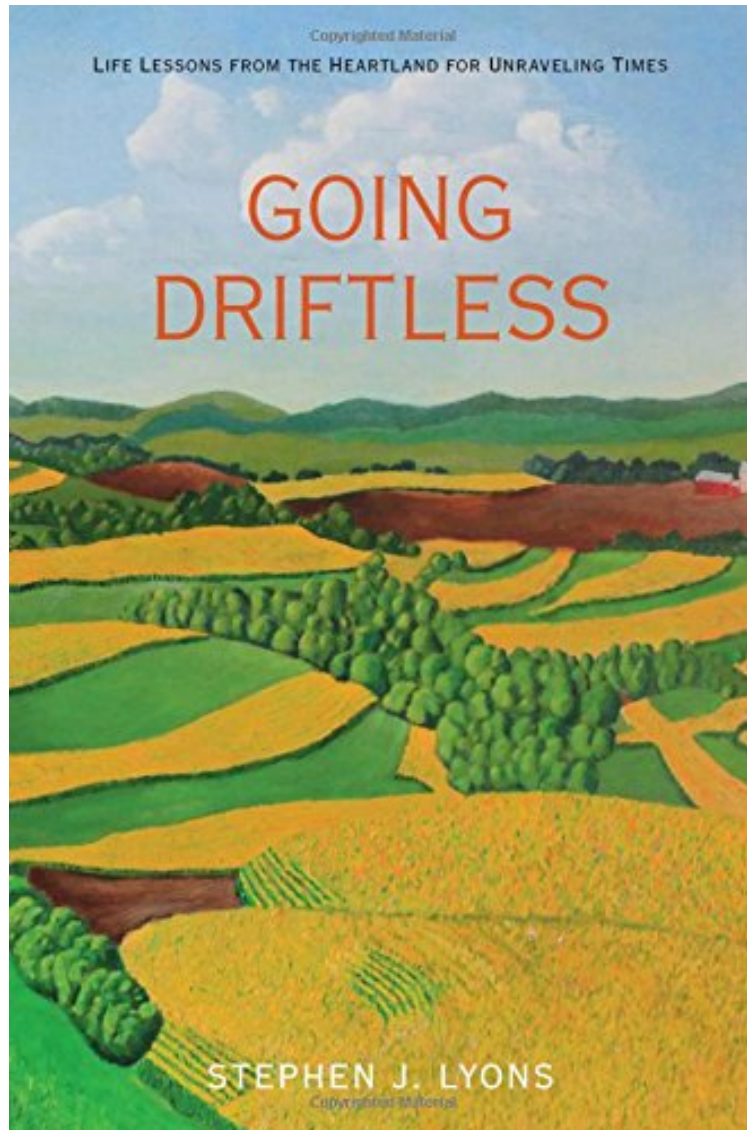


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Something truly fascinating is afoot in a region of the Upper Midwest commonly known as the Driftless that runs counter to many of the trends in the rest of the nation and just might be blueprint for the future of a downsized United States. Covering parts of four states Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota that share a shoreline with the Mississippi River, the Driftless area was spared the glacial activity that leveled the rest of the Midwest landscape. What is left is a common culture of tucked away hills and valleys, where small-scale farming, a respect and love of nature, and close-knit community are a way of life. A seasoned journalist known for his nuanced reporting, Stephen J. Lyons tells the stories of the Driftless through the colorful and unforgettable voices of residents who defy easy characterizations and lazy narratives. Readers will meet seed savers, off-the-gridders, birders, farmers, musicians, artists, and writers, all who share a common bond in a separate nation called the Driftless.

Lyons has written a book of people and their place: of the outsized characters who seek sanctuary in the region's hills. In particular, he's interested in the idealists--with their small-scale farms, co-ops and intentional communities--who have gravitated to the Driftless since the 1970s... "Going Driftless" is anything but driftless. These character profiles anchor the book. It is grounded and earthy, inspired by the way a place nurtures us. (Minneapolis Star-Tribune) Fun read... colorful characters, doing curious work, in interesting places. What fun to listen in on their stories, told by this natural-born storyteller. (Hearts Minds Booknotes) "Find out what life is like in the Upper Midwest region known as the Driftless area," in this Wisconsin Public Radio interview with author Stephen J. Lyons: wpr.org/shows/going-driftless The book isn't a travel guide to the region, but rather a portrait of the people and enterprises that make it a separate world. (MinnPost.com) Journalist Stephen J. Lyons explores the "driftless" zone of the Upper Midwest - including Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois - to find out what binds us all together amid the hills and dales, the family farms and the close-knit communities. (OnMilwaukee.com) About the Author Stephen J. Lyons is the author of *The 1,000-Year Flood*, *A View from the Inland Northwest: Everyday Life in America* and *Landscape of the Heart*. He is two-time recipient of a fellowship in prose writing from the Illinois Arts Council and has published articles, reviews, essays, and poems in numerous anthologies and publications, including *Newsweek*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The Sun*, *Washington Post*, *Salon*, and *High Country News*. He lives in Illinois.