



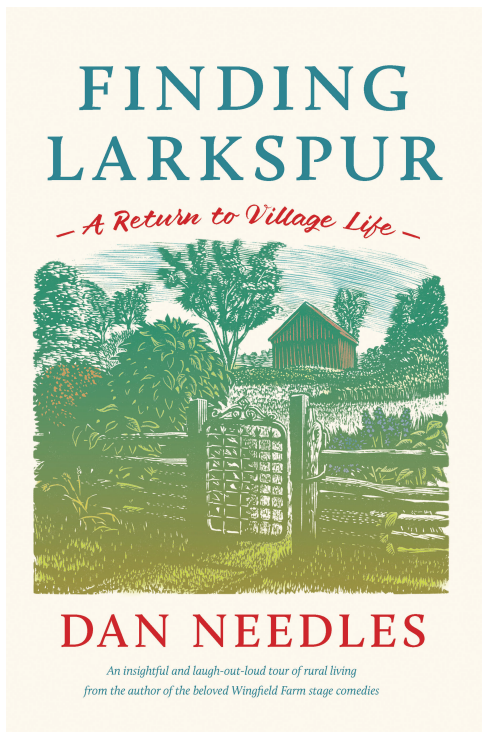
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DAN NEEDLES won the 2003 Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour for *With Axe and Flask* (Macfarlane Walter & Ross, 2002) and his Wingfield Farm stage plays have appeared in theatres across Canada and the United States. His popular magazine columns have been published in *Harrowsmith-Country Life*, *Country Guide*, *Small Farm Canada*, *In the Hills*, *On the Bay*, *Watershed* and other publications. Needles was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 2014 for a body of work that celebrates the people of rural Canada. He lives with his wife at Larkspur Farm near Collingwood, ON.