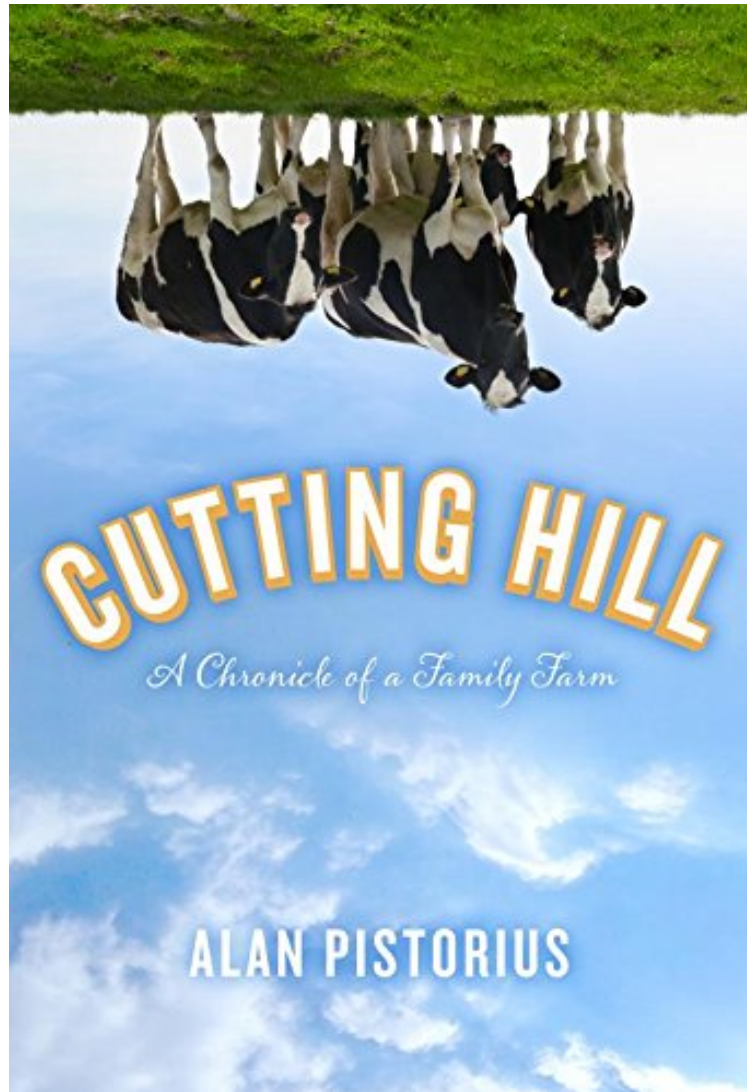


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This is the true story of how you get your milk. And because this is the story of a family dairy farm in Vermont it is

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