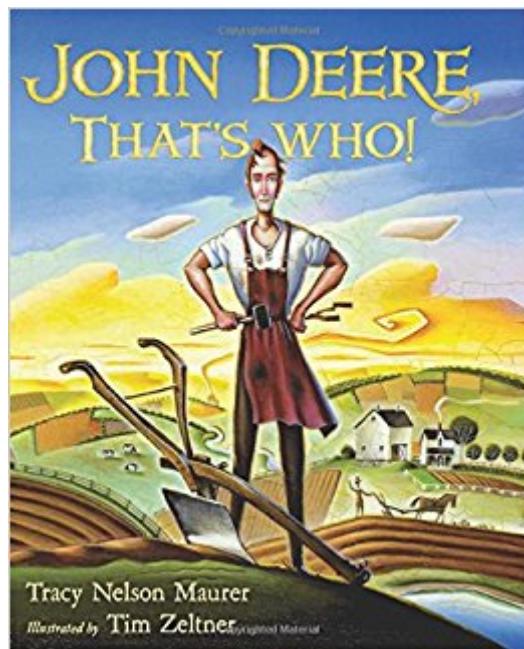


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# John Deere, That's Who!



## Synopsis

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"The text is smoothly conversational and.... The illustrations are gorgeous." —Kirkus

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John Deere, That's Who by Tracy Nelson Maurer is a book about John Deere and how he enhanced the plow over time. The book starts out explaining who John Deere was, a young blacksmith from Vermont. We learn about John Deere's journey west to Illinois without his family and how settled back into work. As farmers had issues with their plows, John set his mind to creating the perfect plow that would cut through the soil like butter. This plow became known as the "singing plow." The book offers a glimpse of what real farming used to be like before we had the huge tractors and machinery we use today. The illustrations are interesting and detailed. I liked that a glossary, additional facts, and bibliography was included at the end. The author's notes were also informative. 4\*\*\*\*

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