

## **My Family Treasure:**

My family treasures are two books written by my great-grandfather with drawings done by my great-grandmother.

These books were written in 1942 in the midst of the Second World War. Belgium was occupied by the Germans. There was poverty in Flanders, and a shortage of food. To help out the hungry people the Belgian government gave small parcels of land to every family living in cities so that they could grow their own vegetables. However townsfolk didn't know how to cultivate the land. My great-grandfather was a teacher and headmaster and he knew a lot about agriculture. On Sundays he gave talks on instructing the people how to grow vegetables and many came to listen. He also wrote these two books called "Terug naar het land" which means "Back To The Land". One book talks about growing vegetables. It explains how, when and where to sow the seeds, which manure to use, how to harvest and how to store the vegetables. It also describes the different diseases plants can have and how to treat them. The other book explains how to raise farm animals. These books used to belong to my grandma who passed them down to my mom. They now belong to my mom who is a biologist. They are so special to me because they show the drawings that my great-grandmother did before she passed away at a relatively young age. My family is proud of these books. They are important to me because they show me who my great-grandfather was and what he did.

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# TERUG NAAR HET LAND



## II<sup>e</sup> DEEL LEERBOEK VOOR DIERENTEELT

TEN GEBEVE DER LEERBOEKEN VAN ALTERNIE  
LEELINGEN DER LANDBOUWNIJVERINGEN EN  
HOOGERE KLASSEN DER LAATSE VOORBEREIDING

DOOR  
WILLEM HAYEN

VERLAG  
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1922

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## III<sup>e</sup> DEEL KUNSTBOUW GROENTETEELT OF DE BOERDERIJ

TEN GEBEVE DER VERBODENDE LEERBOEKEN  
EN VERBODENDE VAN DE VERBODENDE  
EN VERBODENDE VAN DE VERBODENDE

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