



THE AGRO REBEL

by Bertram Verhaag



SYNOPSIS

In the southernmost tip of Salzburg – Austria's "Siberia" – farmer and forester Sepp Holzer has undertaken a radical agricultural experiment on his mountainous land. Going against all the conventional rules – and despite annual average temperatures of 4.5 °C and an altitude of between 900m and 1400m – Holzer has created an edible paradise. He's caused quite a stir in the process. In forty years of observing nature, unrelentingly joyful experimentation and battles with government agencies, he has succeeded in winning over his opponents. Holzer's way of farming involves working with the laws of nature rather than trying to overcome them. He uses no pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers. Instead, his golden rule for successful farming is the basic principle of permaculture: "Cooperate with nature instead of fighting it." As Holzer himself says, "[We need] variety instead of uniformity, because all plants and animals have a meaningful function". In...

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