# **School Or Pappy**

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# School or Pappy?

This book is based on life in Nettleton, 1949. The time has come for six-year-old Leon to start first grade. Until now, Leon has always been with his Pappy during the day while his mom worked. How will he find time help Pappy in the fields and play with his friends and his dog, Shep, if he has to spend all day in school? Join Leon as he struggles to balance starting school and spending time with his Pappy and friends.

## Further from the Middle

Borrowing from the ancient rabbinic use of midrash as a means of opening Scripture to students, James Lowry has chosen six texts from among those in which he believes Mark deliberately left silences. The author is convinced Mark hoped his readers would be encouraged to raise a variety of possibilities as to what the evangelist left unsaid. Beginning with Mark choosing not to name the temptations of Jesus (Mark 1:12-13) and concluding with Mark choosing to conclude his narrative with the women leaving the tomb of Jesus in stunned silence (Mark 16:8), Lowry spins short stories that suggest several alternative ideas as to how the biblical narrative might have played. In half of the tales, Lowry enters the text and adds fictitious material to Mark's narrative. In the other half, his stories are set in the small textile town of Great Falls, South Carolina, where the author grew up in the 1950s. The hope is these stories will encourage readers of Mark and groups of his readers to raise other possibilities.

# Pappy's Story

It's 1928 in Odessa, Texas, and eleven-year-old James is struggling to find his purpose in life and to uncover a family secret. With his father struck dead by lightning and his mother in jail, he is taken in by his grandparents. Treated as a pariah at school, James is taunted as being cursed by his family's bad luck. But he finds a friend in Paul, a Russian immigrant, who is also treated as an outcast, and together, they battle the school bully. But James's life is turned upside-down yet again when he uncovers a family

secret involving his beloved grandmother. His discovery leads him to find the sense of purpose he's been seeking.

The Long Road Home and Other Short Stories from the Silences in the Gospel of Mark

Located in the Lehigh Valley along the Lehigh River, Bethlehem was founded by Moravian settlers in 1741. In 1845, the traffic on the Lehigh Canal convinced the Moravians to open the town to outsiders who could purchase their land and buildings. The former Moravian farmlands south of the river were soon developed into railroad lines, industrial mills, homes, and Lehigh University. One of the mills evolved into Bethlehem Steel, once the second-largest steelmaker in the United States.

# Assembly

One of the finest war memoirs ever written. During World War II, Canada trained tens of thousands of airmen under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Those selected for Bomber Command operations went on to rain devastation upon the Third Reich in the great air battles over Europe, but their losses were high. German fighters and anti-aircraft guns took a terrifying toll. The chances of surviving a tour of duty as a bomber crew were almost nil. Murray Peden's story of his training in Canada and England, and his crew's operations on Stirlings and Flying Fortresses with 214 Squadron, has been hailed as a classic of war literature. It is a fine blend of the excitement, humour, and tragedy of that eventful era.

## When Lightnin' Struck

This book is written for the Millennial Generation to educate them about what school desegregation was actually about—the struggle over white domination in the United States. The textbooks they read as high school students describe the heroic efforts of African Americans to achieve civil rights but do not describe who was denying them these rights—white Americans. The oral histories in this book reveal how individuals navigated efforts to achieve educational equity amidst efforts to reassert white domination. These accounts counter the textbook history the Millennial Generation read which omits the massive white resistance to school desegregation, the various ways whites used subterfuge to slow down and redirect school desegregation in what would more benefit whites, and the concerted white political backlash that has been ensconced in educational policy and reform beginning with A Nation at Risk and continuing in No Child Left Behind. That is, educational policy as we know it is all about asserting white domination and not about educating children, and thus the Millennial Generation is faced with undoing what their parents and grandparents have done.

#### Bethlehem

"True stories of six teens overcoming difficult life circumstances"--

#### A Thousand Shall Fall

"Broman's true tales of putting his life on the line recruiting and running spies in a dozen countries are the stuff of action movies." —Peter Arnett, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Live from the Battlefield Joining the CIA after fighting in Vietnam as a Marine, Barry Broman's first posting was war-torn Cambodia. He was present at the fall of Phnom Penh in 1975, escaping just before the Khmer Rouge took power. During his career, he was twice chief of station, once a deputy chief of station, and he supervised an international paramilitary project in support of the Cambodian resistance to Vietnamese invaders. He was actively involved in several assignments in counter-narcotics operations in Southeast Asia including a major bust that yielded 551 kilograms of high-grade heroin from a major drug trafficker. His favorite agent against a variety of hard targets was a fellow whose only demand was that his assignments be "life threatening." (He survived them all.) As amazing as the characters Broman has met are the places he's been, with visits to little-known and rarely seen places like the Naga Hills on the India-Burma border, the world-famous but off-limits jade and ruby mines of Burma, and the isolated Banda Islands of Indonesia, the home of nutmeg. Broman's engaging tone is complemented by photographs taken throughout his career, many of them his own, made using the skills he learned as a teenager working for the Associated Press in Southeast Asia—including Marines in action in Vietnam, the ravages of war in Cambodia, and opium buyers forcing growers to sell in Burma. "[A] remarkable life story." —Booklist

## School Desegregation

This sharply written and richly illustrated biography of Abraham Lincoln cover's the man's life, from his youth in Kentucky, through his political career, and his tragic death.

# Pappy's War

Senator Robert F. "Bobby" Kennedy had just lost the 1968 presidential primary election in Oregon to Senator Eugene McCarthy when Elvin Bell, Fresno, California's Mayor Pro Tem, hosted him for a breakfast meeting. As an exhausted Kennedy approached the podium to speak, Bell watched in amazement as Kennedy transformed from a frail man into a powerful speaker. Moments later as Bell rose to his feet with other audience members in a rousing standing ovation, he had no idea that he would never see his friend Bobby again. Bobby was shot the next day in Los Angeles and died within hours. Bell, a retired public official and USAF colonel, shares a compelling compilation of anecdotes that highlight the iconic personalities he has known and worked with during his assignments in the White House and the Pentagon, as well as during official foreign travels and various activities throughout America. In addition to the everyday characters and scoundrels he has encountered in his lifetime, he features nearly eighty personalities that include Gregory Peck, John Wayne, John Lennon, Eleanor Roosevelt, General Alexander Haig, Frank Sinatra, and Presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Ronald Reagan. In this fascinating memoir, a former political figure takes a look back at the true-life characters he has encountered and how they made a difference in his life and the world.

#### Be the One

lan tries his best to be strong for the family, but he doesn't want to leave his old house or his old room. Most of all he doesn't want to leave his friends. He's most scared about starting third grade. In an effort to make the transition easier, lan's parents let him pick how he wants his room decorated. After some deliberation, he decides upon a jungle theme so his stuffed animals will have a place to live, especially Kory. His mom transforms his new room into a very special jungle! Little does she know how special it will be... When the time comes to go to school, he reluctantly concedes, only to be met head-on by the class bully, Doug. Find out how lan learns to deal with Doug, the class bully, by escaping to his secret jungle! Will lan unlock all the secrets of strength in Kory's Jungle?

# Risk Taker, Spy Maker

As a teenage Mennonite girl, Amanda lives with her close-knit family in south central Pennsylvania. Life revolves around hard work, faith, and commitment to the family. She doesnt question the daily routine; its the only life shes known. Her father talks about buying a farm out west with a lot of land in one block. Not only will the family farm there together, but the parents hope to begin a new Mennonite community. To a fifteen-year-old girl, this move begins as an exciting adventure. In If You leave this Farm, Amanda shares the story of her familys relocation to Minnesota and the subsequent challenges they face as farmers, a family, and Mennonites. She tells how the first crop year was a huge failure and her father alone makes the decision to expand the new dairy in an attempt to recoup the losses. This memoir chronicles the years of struggle as Amanda and her younger brother Joseph seek to escape their fathers suffocating and controlling behavior. Intermingled with the struggle on the farm is the effort to become an accepted member of the Minnesota Mennonite community. The change in Amandas fathers behavior and attitude during the first years in Minnesota alienates him and his family from others of the same faith. She shares a mix of emotions as she wrestles with the shame of her familys standing with the Mennonites and the crushing weight of constant submission to her fathers misguided use of his God-given authority.

#### Abraham Lincoln

The Road takes you on Lacey's journey and leaves you wanting a deeper understanding of the significance of each character to Lacey, why some love her unconditionally while others hate her innocence. The Road for Lacey Rutledge begins with her first memory at two years old and maps the path she travels within a small town in Western North Carolina. Raised by her parents, grandparents and extended family, as was common in the 30s, her story is filled with colorful characters who unknowingly help establish the woman she becomes. Her Pappy is a man deeply devoted to the things of God and captures Lacey's complete affection, thus causing her to search for her own spiritual destiny. However,

having that pure heart of a child, but faced with a world of prejudiced views, Lacey finds herself being singled out by a town full of preconceived ideas and religious bigotry, fighting for what is right and against those things that are wrong in the eyes of God.

### Friends, Patriots, and Scoundrels

This book is intended for persons living in Antigua in general but more particularly for those living in All Saints at present and to give some historical background of the All Saints I knew growing up there during the nineteen forties to the late sixties. The vast developments which have taken place on all sides since then have changed the features of the village altogether. It should not be regarded as a complete history of All Saints of the Forties and Sixties, but recollections only, of this Author. I trust that it will trigger some interest, arouse curiosity to the extent that it will encourage someone to do some research and pick up from where I have left off.

## Kory's Jungle

A unique book about a unique life chronicles a persistent journey from an isolated Appalachian area mired in deep poverty. Illegal bootleggers and nasty mountain villains haunt the young man's family. A fundamentalist preacher condemns the young man to hell. As a four-year-old first-grader, he perseveres to academic excellence. Numerous episodes in his misspent youth ring outrageous with an abundance of original sin. The young man frantically struggles to find acceptance and eventually receives a surprise calling. Driven to find meaning in life, he battles against a social anxiety disorder and eventually speaks to audiences of thousands. He is the founder of a first-of-its kind publication for clergy and a clergy conference that renowned theologian Walter Brueggemann calls "a major piece of work that will stand when the history of the U.S. church is written. It must be providential that you were led from your start to that great work." Experience the epic travels from hillbilly obscurity to encounters with fame and the sacred. Paths cross with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, civil rights activists, U.S. senators, and world-famous musicians.

#### If You Leave This Farm

This book is in response to a daughter's statement, "Daddy, I know nothing of your army career." LTC (Ret) James Tucker provides his daughter at least one story from each of his army assignments. LTC (Ret) John Gross was a captain Ranger instructor while Tucker was the commander of the Florida Phase of Ranger School. He provides stories about Tucker as a commander, mentor, and friend.

#### The Road

The Bible says in Proverbs 18:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." The young boy we meet in this book, Timmy, is consumed with the words that his parents speak to him on a constant basis. Finally he finds hope through the understanding his granddad and great-granddad give him about why his dad says the things he says. Not only does Timmy get set free from his fear, his entire family comes to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Parents, grandparents, this is a book you should read to young kids who have not started to read on their own yet. It is a great bed-time story, and it was written so you would read it one chapter a day. It will give the child time to meditate on what is taught in each chapter. Kids will anticipate getting back to the story each night and discussing with you what they are learning. For those kids who do read, just let them read it on their own. It will teach every child some of God's principles and give them an understanding of how God's word applies to all of our lives.

### **Gurney Married**

It's Danny's summer before he begins high school and his grandpa, Allen Dailey, (Pappy) insists on taking Danny coast to coast across America for the summer. Pappy is going so far as to call it Danny's rite of passage. Reluctantly, Danny goes and the trip starts out with Pappy telling story after story. Slowly though, Danny discovers there may be more truth in Pappy's stories than fiction. As the lines begin to blur between reality and fantasy Danny is introduced to a world he did not know existed. Real adventure ensues, giving new meaning to Danny's rite of passage. The question is, will the two of them survive it?

### Gurney Married, etc

Nonfiction recounting the experience of growing up in the Deep South

#### The American Dance Circle

One of the most celebrated contemporary fiction writers of Malayalam, Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai is well known for his captivating short stories. This selection of fourteen stories reflects his many faceted genius. Sensitive yet presented in a simple style of prose, these tales, when first published, evoked a new social awareness in the society.

# Growing up in All Saints Village, Antigua

Written by an engineering consultant with over 48 years of experience in the field, this Second Edition provides a reader-friendly and thorough discussion of the fundamental principles and science of cryogenic engineering including the properties of fluids and solids, refrigeration and liquefaction, insulation, instrumentation, natural gas processi

## Tethered to an Appalachian Curse

In Halfway Home, a beautifully written memoir, Ronan Tynan, a member of the enormously popular Irish Tenors, shares his remarkable story of overcoming adversity and attaining worldwide success in several different areas. Diagnosed with a lower limb disability at birth, Ronan Tynan had his legs amputated below the knee when he was twenty years old. Eight weeks later, he was climbing the stairs of his college dorm, and within a year, he was winning races in the Paralympic Games, amassing eighteen gold medals and fourteen world records. After becoming the first disabled person ever admitted to the National College of Physical Education, he served a short stint in the prosthetics industry and began a new career in medicine. He continued his studies at Trinity College, where he specialized in orthopedic sports injuries. After earning his medical degree, Ronan chose music for the next act in his life. Less than one year after he began studying voice, he won both the John McCormick Cup for Tenor Voice and the BBC talent show Go for It. He went on to win the prestigious International Operatic Singing Competition in France, and in 1998 his debut Sony album, My Life Belongs to You, became a top-five hit in England within just two weeks and eventually went platinum. Later that year, he was invited to join The Irish Tenors, furthering a journey that started in a small Irish village and has brought him to the world's grandest stages. In Halfway Home, Tynan movingly describes his life story, which Barbara Walters called "so amazing you may find it hard to believe."

# An Infantryman's Stories For His Daughter

High school physics teacher, Pappy Butler, feels he has a handle on a telepathy-type force that transcends distance and time, which he calls "Zero Time Theory," and has tried for years to get his paper on this theory published. Meanwhile, he's having marital problems as well as issues at his high school, where he has crossed the principal and superintendent and is falsely accused of negligence and unprofessional behavior for threatening the school librarian, creating the legal definition of a hostile work environment. But it isn't until Pappy is given a "molecule machine" by another scientist that his troubles really start. Both the government and a rival scientist also want this machine, and they don't care who they hurt to get it...

## The New Monthly Magazine and Universal Register

Everyone will thoroughly enjoy this book. It is an exciting recollection of stories, incidents and interactions from the past, an unforgettable experience growing up in St. Kitts-Nevis. The descriptive accounts resonate with those who grew up in the Caribbean, on an island, encountered similar characters whether in a village, school or community, or had similar experiences. It is guaranteed to make you laugh and reminisce as it recalls a cherished past. The younger generation will marvel at life back in the day, how parents and elders enjoyed their past time and will have a window onto an unimaginable life of their elders. It is a fantastic read with universal appeal and anyone is guaranteed to enjoy it. You will savor the nostalgia as it recaptures the early socialization and many cultural themes of the fifties, sixties and early seventies when life was different. If you grew up in this era, it is reminiscent of the good old days. Fort those who have been away too long, who have forgotten or are too young to know or remember, this is a great resource. It has something for everyone. Every chapter is a walk down memory lane savoring the days of a youthful innocence. It is a must read and you will need a comfortable seat.

The Manly Art is another collection of writer Keith G. Laufenberg's short stories, only this time with the defining factor being that they all involve the sport of boxing. Having been in the sport himself, beginning at age 17, when he entered Marine Corps boot camp, and ending after seven years, fought as a professional, he is afforded a closer more intimate look into the boxers lives. In "Sonny Liston's Eyes," the reader is taken into the Underworld of the sport when a writer interviews an ex-mobster-who is dying of lung cancer-and claims to have killed Sonny Liston, as well as JFK and Martin Luthur King Jr. He tells an incredible story but backs it up by saying he has absolutely verifiable evidence that he will produce for the writer. In "Frankenstein" we see why a young amateur boxer should have picked boxing over football. He has little say in the matter though as his father and uncle have trained him his entire life for football and it, along with the other stories, will keep you glued to the page.

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