



Reflections of a Common Man: A Poetry Collection: A Poetry Collection

By Duard Vinson Gillum

Xlibris Corporation. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 282 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.7in. D. V. GILLUM had a fascinating story of his life that he wanted to record as a part of his family's genealogy to pass along to future descendants. As a child growing up in a coal-mining region of Kentucky during the Great Depression of the late 1920s to the mid 1930s, he experienced poverty and hardships that few people of later generations could even imagine. As a teenager during WW II, he joined the Navy and served as Quartermaster aboard the USS LSM 36. He participated in invasions of Japanese held islands in the Pacific, witnessing the danger and terror of the Japanese Kamikaze suicide planes. Like millions of other young Americans, he returned home to an America where very few jobs were available. Armed with only a 9th grade education, he later became a department executive for Rockwell, and worked on the Apollo Moon Landing Project, and later the Space Shuttle Project. Through his hobbies, he coached Little League Baseball and became a mentor to many young children. He is also a gifted poet. His life's story is so typical of average Americans whom, in...

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