



The Drought, the Flood: A Glimpse of a Bygone World

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.An octogenarian looks back at a world that no longer exists. His autobiographical essays show us a child growing up on a farm during the Great Depression. They take us through the tense days of World War II, when a letter from home might evoke either joy or anxiety. A teenaged seaman rides out a typhoon in the western Pacific and confronts inquisitive cattle ashore. A senatorial candidate barnstorms Texas in a helicopter; and impoverished recluses befriend squirrels and pet hens. A reluctant soldier dodges enemy fire in Korea and witnesses tragedy when friendly artillery falls short. After uncooperative reality shatters fond dreams, another tragedy forces a decision that opens the way to a new world. While the physical world is painted in vivid hues, the people crossing its stage comprise an ever changing kaleidoscope of even brighter color: A captivating Indian maiden, a septuagenarian tippler, a trio of abandoned children, a Hollywood stunt man, a sad-eyed teenaged prostitute, Chinese paper boys, and more. Toddler to antiquity, birdbrained to brilliant, they spring from many countries and even more...

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