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# LYDIA

# Billy W. Harp



RoseHeart Publishing is pleased to release the first novel *Lydia*, an historical depiction of his grandmother's life, amid the tumultuous times of the early twentieth century on the east coast of Florida by Billy W. Harp. He recounts the story of the Hamilton/Mathis family, their heartbreak and triumphs.

*Lydia* Hamilton and her family travel by wagon on a thirty-day journey to the small town of Hardscrabble, Florida where everyone does their best to eke out a living while battling the elements, the insects and the land. There she meets Melvin Mathis, a Baptist preacher farmer and widower. Eventually the two marry and begin a life together. Battling

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Battling hordes of mosquitoes, alligators, and hurricanes, Lydia and Melvin scabble out their existence in a small tent with Melvin's three young sons by his previous marriage.

With the grueling everyday life of early hours and hard work, their journey gets underway. Learning new ways and raising crops to sustain themselves, they carry on undaunted to see what each new day will bring. The family is blessed with several children and each one is received with joy. Their faith, however, is tested with the death of one of their children.

With the release of *Lydia*, Billy W. Harp gives opens a window into the past and shares the hopes, dreams and indomitable spirit of his beloved family.

Billy W. Harp's moving depiction encapsulates the heart and soul of the early Twentieth Century infused in ethnicity and a way of life that will long be remembered.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Billy W. Harp is a retired elementary school teacher. Billy became an adjunct professor of ESL students at Indian River State College, Mueller Center in Vero Beach. In the past ten years, his time has been spent rearranging music he's written and researching and writing his novel based on the life of his grandmother. He lives with his wife of twenty-eight years, Kathy. They enjoy fishing, camping, and boating on the Treasure Coast of Florida about two miles away from the setting of his book.

#### LYDIA

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