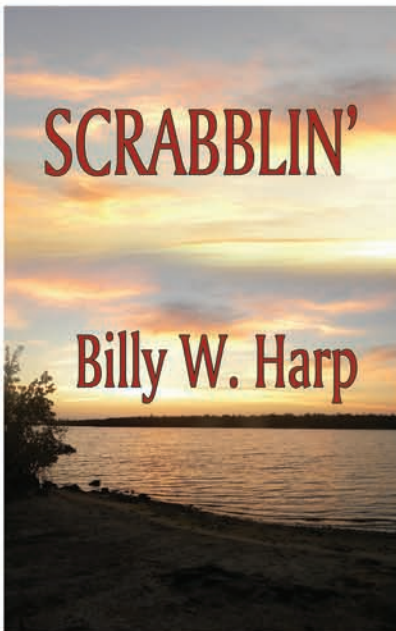


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## Scrabblin' Billy W. Harp



RoseHeart Publishing is pleased to release *Scrabblin'* by Billy W. Harp, the continuation of the family saga introduced in *Lydia*. Faith, family ties and love see them through the hard times they meet along the way.

The age of innocence was fast coming to an end in 1913 along the Indian River. Conglomerate farmers and foreign money investors were buying up every scrap of land they could, including worthless swamp land, for pennies in order to sell it for top dollar to foreign intruders looking for paradise. On top of all this, World War I was ominously lurking in the foreseeable future. Truck farmers were being squeezed out to make way for what they saw as predators of their livelihood.

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Melvin and Lydia's family were one of the few who continued to fight for their way of life. Sometimes their only profit was from the guava orchard. By 1920, after the death of a child and brother, the devastation caused by WWI, and a produce market that had bottomed out, Melvin decided to move the family to Eagle Bay, just south of Okeechobee. Because big farming corporations had not yet infiltrated this part of the state, he hoped to renew their farming business. This required learning new farming methods and planting different crops. After eight years of mediocre or failed crops and enduring the horrors of the '26 hurricane, the '28 hurricane which destroyed their home, was the last straw for Melvin and Lydia. They moved back to Quay which had been re-named Winter Beach.

From the frying pan into the fire, they soon faced more challenges, including bean blight, the stock market crash, and the death of their son. Would the family survive these onslaughts? Would Melvin and Lydia's eternal optimism fail them? Where would they turn when everything seemed to be against them?

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