



Yesterday, or Long Ago - Poems by Wiley Clements

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Clock & Rose Press, Harwich Port, 2004. Cloth. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. Campbell, Jeanette Sloan (illustrator). First Edition. First trade edition, preceded by a limited, numbered & signed edition of 125 copies. Cloth binding, 93 pp. James Wiley Clements, although he would deny it, stands as a remnant of a transitory time in the evolution of our consciousness as a people. This is a man who stood with Douglas MacArthur on the bridge of his flagship at Inchon, Korea, when to be an American was to stand for bravery, strength, and compassion- virtues we seem to have lost sight of now. Born in 1928 and raised by his grandmother on a one-mule farm in rural Alabama, the product of a fundamentalist Christian upbringing, he made the transition into a world larger than any he could have envisioned as a child. It is his (and our) gift that he observed the details of this passage so well and for so long. These poems, his first published book, preserve a perspective both wry and gentle that is almost extinct in American letters. These are immensely appealing poems: sometimes caustic, sometimes pensive, always alive with a vivid undercurrent of humor...



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