



The GI Generation: A Memoir

By Frank F. Mathias

The University Press of Kentucky. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 240 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 5.9in. x 0.9in. Winner of the 2000 Ohioana Book Award for nonfiction Frank Mathias was born in Maysville, Kentucky, (pop. 7000) in 1925 and grew up in nearby Carlisle (pop. 1500), where life in his small town was much like that in towns and villages all across America. He came of age in an era of total security; his parents never even had a key to their front door. Daily living was infused with gossip; no one had a secret, and everyone knew everyone else's business. Outdoor life was a vital part of growing up, and teachers and mentors instilled a sense of right and wrong in young people. Raised during the Great Depression, Mathias became a member of a fighting force the likes of which the world had never known, a legion now called The Greatest Generation. The GI Generation tells Mathias's story of growing up with the sweet whistle of the L and N train and the summer-kitchen smells of hot salt-rising bread and blackberry cobbler, which could instantly halt even the most rousing game of cowboys and Indians. Much of community life...



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