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A Local Kid (Does Only O.K.): Growing Up in Rogers, Arkansas 1945-1960

By Ben L Bassham

iUniverse, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.A Local Kid (Does Only O.K.) is a witty and affectionate account of one boy's growing up in Rogers, Arkansas in the late forties and the fifties in the days before malls, credit cards, and big-box stores when people shopped and found entertainment in what is now the historic town center. A 1960 graduate of Rogers High School, Bassham recalls his checkered employment history as a soda jerk, dishwasher, fry cook, carpenter, and sports reporter (at age 17) for the old Rogers Daily News. Begun as a family history for his two daughters, this remembrance of his home town in the years after World War II grew into something more: a collection of lessons learned at the Presbyterian church; of triumphs and (mostly) disappointments on the gridiron and the basketball court; his brief career as a clarinetist under the spell of local musical prodigy Maxie Gundlach; Ben's love of the cars that graced dealers showrooms; his devotion to fifties television shows, and the many hours spent watching movies at the old Victory Theater. A cast of...



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