

MEMORIES OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION:

A Time Forgotten

The Story of an America that no longer exists. What was it like to live in America 90 years ago? Have you ever needed to use an outhouse at two in the morning? Bathed in a corrugated metal tub with water heated on a wood-burning stove? Read at night by kerosine lamp? Got on your knees in early morning and prayed that your father might find job that day? Has your mother darned socks and made clothes for you from flour sacks? Have you ever subsisted for days on a diet of oatmeal? The memoirs collected in this book tell of an America where families and neighbors came together to help each other survive America's longest and deepest economic depression. These are memories of ordinary Americans of a time nearly forgotten. Today we have electricity, central heating, air conditioning, indoor plumbing, television and computers. As you read this book, you should find yourself asking, "are these the things that really matter?"

**Being a former U.S. History teacher, ... I don't remember a text describing living during the Depression as well as your stories do.
-Tom Sunderbruch, 40-year Educator**

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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What moved you to write this book?
2. Why should anyone read your book?
3. Who are people whose stories appear in the book?
4. For whom (children? adults? seniors?) did you write your book?
5. How did you gather the materials for your book?