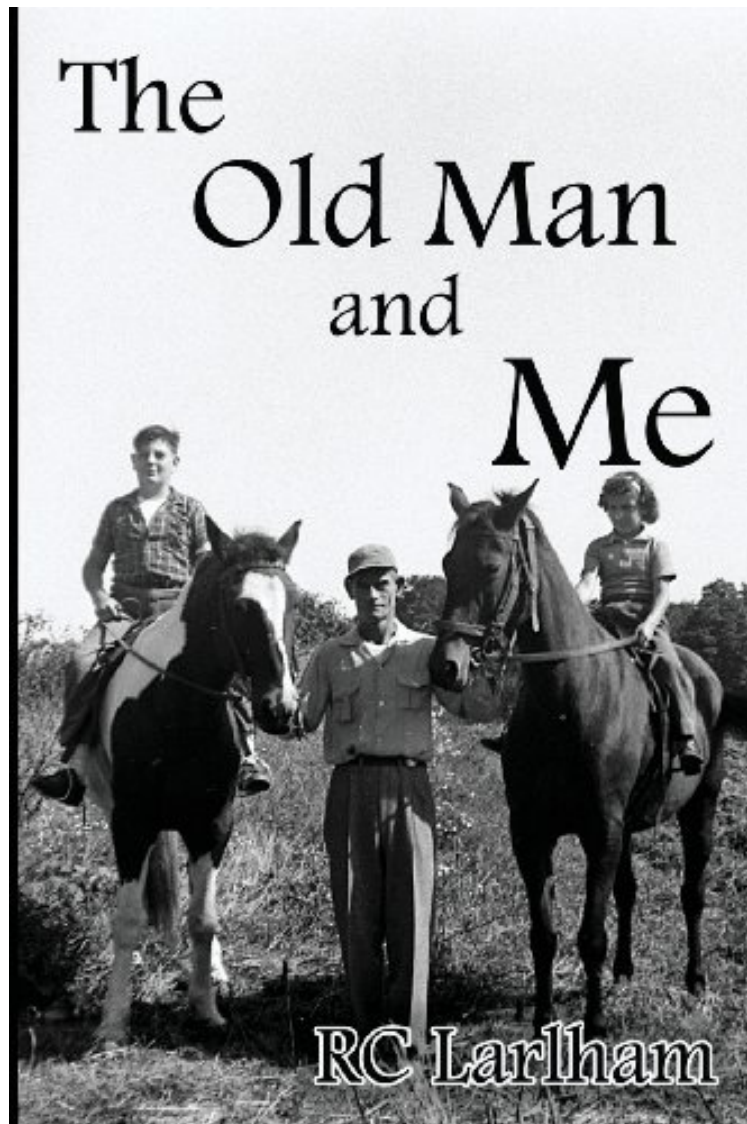


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and I were reading my own diary (even though my life was far different than this). The cadence of the talk, the world I never knew myself, a family dynamic painted with exquisite detail, all felt like I was there, even though it was not my life. It was personal and vivid, without being cloying or maudlin. Charming. Well worth the time to read and get to know. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *Brings Back Memories* By Wayne A. Rugenstein This book is fascinating! It so reminds me of growing up in rural and semi-rural areas where there were many fascinating things to explore. It also brings to mind stories related to me by my father who was raised during the Depression in a small Midwest town. Mr. Larlham's insights and reactions to life events while growing up are delightful. Makes me think that as I move into retirement that chronicling my own childhood memories for my family and grandchildren would be in labor of love. Well done. With respect to his writing, I find Mr. Larlham's writing style refreshing. He easily spins life experiences and tales with equal charm. This book tells true stories of we early "baby boomers" growing up in post World War II America as children of Tom Brokaw's "Finest Generation." I hope the author has even more snippets of growing up in middle America. Thank you, Mr. Larlham for those memories. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *Reliving Memories in Mantua* By Pete I enjoyed reading this book because Chuck is a classmate from Mantua and Crestwood High School. I grew up in Mantua and could relate to many of the sights mentioned in the book. I married my high school sweetheart in 1965 and in 1966 bought the old red farm house on Infirmary road, Shalersville that Charles lived in at one time. It has since then been completely renovated. I see in one of the photos as it once was. I enjoyed the stories told in this area and felt I was with him as I read. Thank you Chuck for this book and the history of the area. Thank you for being part of The Hattie Larlham Foundation.

The Old Man and Me is a collection of true stories that describe with humor and love the best of the friendship that grows between a father and his son. The stories begin with vignettes from toddlerhood, and cover all the ages from then to high school graduation (and a little bit beyond). *The Old Man and Me* taken as a whole is a story of love and joy and growing up in a time before television became an all evening affair. There is the joy of discovering that the farm the family just bought comes with a pony, and the sorrow of the loss of a beloved pet. The stories include the best birthday a twelve-year-old boy ever had (even if it was his last one for a dozen years), and a family Christmas the reader will never forget. There is the story of a car with murder on its mind, and of a township-wide pet show that was the talk of the school. In the days of the book, boys made swords and shields, and girls played with dolls and buggies. Boys and girls explored woods and fields, and work whether chores or paid, was an escape from boredom. Hunting with the Old Man was a sport, a bonding time and a necessary supplement to what we raised and grew. He was inventive at both work and play. The stories describe the author's young life, but also stand in for thousands of father-son relationships that are never told.

"R.C. "Chuck" Larlham, has written a memoir of life with his loving, strong-willed parents... In a terrifically funny scene, a Thanksgiving turkey dinner is almost ruined, though not by a pack of hounds. His blowtorch method of painting the house aside, Dick Larlham was a man of surpassing capability, and a chapter in which he, with Chuck's help, repairs a well pump in freezing weather is mind-blowing." *The Akron Beacon Journal*.