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David Garnes : From My Life: Travels and Adventures before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised From My Life: Travels and Adventures:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Well Traveled LifeBy J. F. LusaDavid Garnes has given us a collection of glimpses into a rich and well-traveled life. Writing with style and sophistication, he introduces us to the menagerie of people whose paths crossed his as he journeyed the world. David's keen appreciation of literature and poetry show through in each of these stories, whether napping under a tree in Keats' back yard, visiting the tomb of Oscar Wilde, or caretaking the house of Emily Dickinson. He brings a strong sense of realism in the telling of each

tale; I could feel the frisson he felt leaving Teotihuacan, the stifling mid-day heat of Key West in August. In some stories, a seemingly insignificant event blossoms in prosaic splendor: a chance meeting with Eleanor Roosevelt, if only for a moment, becomes an ode to one of the most extraordinary persons of her time. In others, David himself rides the tide of history, as when he visited Moscow during the height of the Cold War. These stories will move you.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Stunning Collection of Engrossing Essays By Marialivia I purchased this book immediately upon finishing Mr. Garnes's superb novel *Waitin' for the Train to Come In*, which had enthralled and delighted me to the point where I didn't want it to end. In *From My Life . . .* I found the same clarity, immediacy, and great heart. The 22 essays (each one complete in and of itself) comprise a veritable treasure trove of engrossing experiences, whether it be the horrifying visit to Dachau, the heart-thumping, harrowing auto accident, the hilarious day-to-day happenings in a first job, or the daring parasailing adventure. My personal favorite is "Time Travel," wherein Mr. Garnes recounts fulfilling a childhood promise by taking his 81-year-old grandmother on a visit to Scotland, the homeland she had left 57 years before. If I could award 10 stars to this engaging, inspiring book, I would surely do so.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A unique memoir By Jason Mark Alster M.Sc I had David Garnes on my show *Meet The Author WCTV14* where he talked about and read segments of his book *From My Life ; Travels and Adventures*. It is more a memoir of interesting segments of life that David captures so well and then writes about than something like a travel guide. Almost like something out of a *New York Magazine* article. David actually went to Columbia University. Now the reason I liked this book so much is because many of his adventures paralleled my own experiences visiting over 18 different countries myself when I would visit between Israel and the USA. I myself wrote a memoir about my travels and life in Israel " *Leaving Home Going Home Returning Home*" and as we had been to many of the same places I could identify with what he was trying to do. That is share his life adventures and what he has learned from his travels. Almost like a coaching book on what you might expect from traveling to different places afar . Since David has visited dozens of places on his trips , there is so much to share and we learn that the world, although getting smaller, has of course, its own uniqueness everywhere you might end up. *Leaving Home, Going Home, Returning Home: A Hebrew American's Sojourn in the Land of Israel*

Walk with author David Garnes as he climbs the Pyramid of the Sun in Mexico, explores the ruins on the Greek island of Delos, strolls the streets of 1970s Moscow, and experiences first-hand the magic that is Haiti. Feel the spell of London, New York, Paris, Rome, Hollywood, and Key West through the words of a wide-eyed and observant globetrotter as he recreates moments that all travelers (actual and armchair) will appreciate. From the memory of a boy encountering his unexpected hero to the recollections of a man living through the tumultuous decade of the 1960s in Manhattan, the author recreates a life of discovery, wonder, and reflection.

About the Author David Garnes is the author of *After The War Was Over: Poems Of An American Childhood* and the forthcoming novel, *Waitin' For The Train To Come In*. His essays have appeared in many books, including *The Isherwood Century*, *Telling Tales Out Of School*, *Latin Lovers*, *Stories From The Other Side*, and *Chicken Soup For The Volunteer's Soul*. A former English teacher and academic librarian, he resides in Connecticut.