



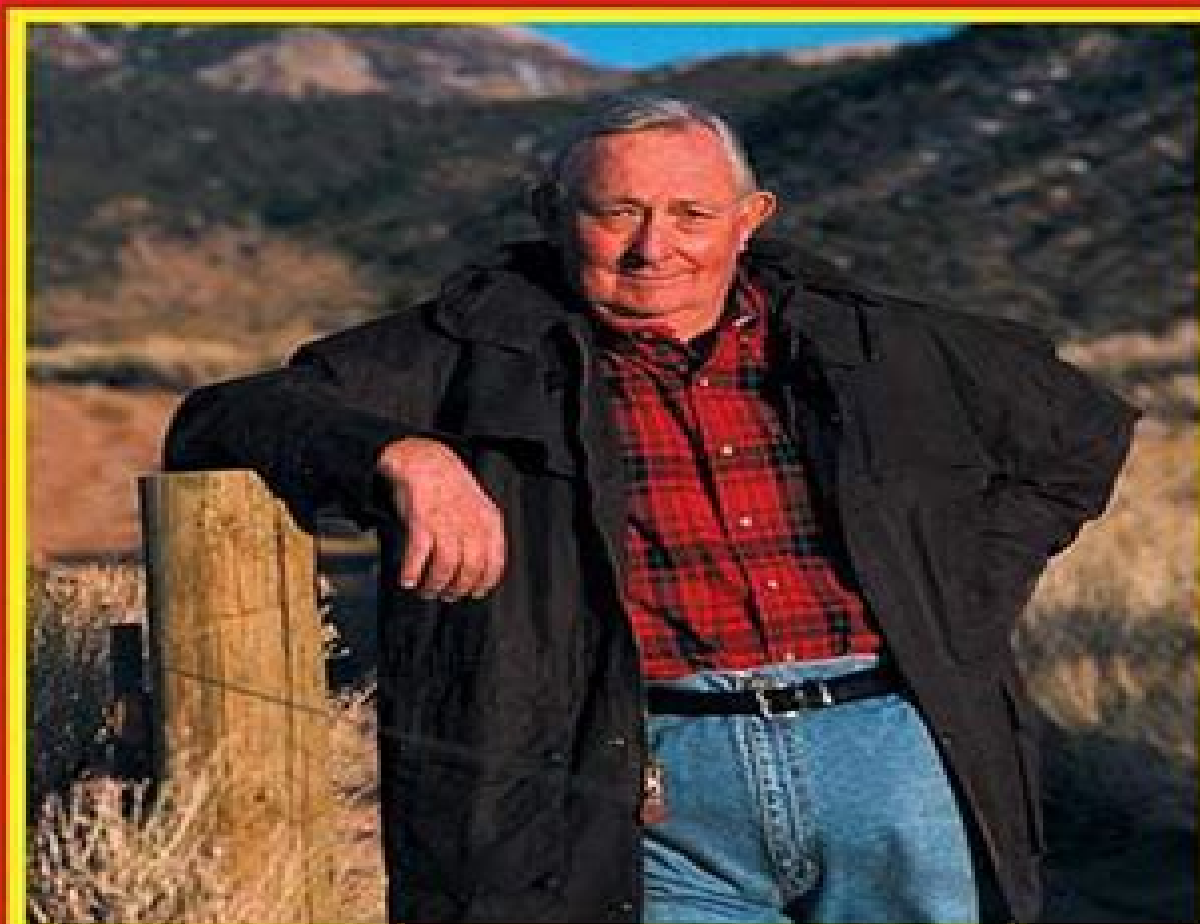
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## **Seldom Disappointed A Memoir:**

Seldom Disappointed Tony Hillerman, 2013-05-21 When Tony Hillerman looks back at seventy six years spent getting from hard times farm boy to bestselling author he sees lots of evidence that Providence was poking him along For example when an absentminded Army clerk left him off the hospital ship taking the wounded home from France the mishap put him on a collision course with a curing ceremony held for two Navajo Marines thereby providing the grist for a writing career that now sees his books published in sixteen languages around the world and often on bestseller lists Or for example when his agent told him his first novel was so bad that it would hurt both of their reputations he nonetheless sent it to an editor and that editor happened to like the Navajo stuff In this wry and whimsical memoir Hillerman offers frequent backward glances at where he found ideas for plots of his books and the characters that inhabit them He takes us with him to death row where he interviews a man about to die in the gas chamber and details how this murderer became Colton Wolf in one of his novels He relates how flushing a solitary heron from a sandbar caused him to convert Joe Leaphorn from husband to widower and how his self confessed bias against the social elite solved the key plot problem in *A Thief of Time* No child abuse stories here The worst Hillerman can recall is being sent off to first grade in a boarding school for Indian girls clad in cute blue coveralls instead of the manly overalls his farm boy peers all wore Instead we get a good natured trip through hard times in college an infantry career in which he rose twice to Private First Class and also won a Silver Star Bronze Star and Purple Heart and afterward work as a truck driver chain dragger journalist professor and doer of undignified deeds for two university presidents All this is colored by a love affair now in its fifty fourth year with Marie which involved raising six children most of them adopted Using the gifts of a talented novelist and reporter seventy six year old Tony Hillerman draws a brilliant portrait not just of his life but of the world around him *Seldom Disappointed* Tony Hillerman, 2001 This is a splendid memoir an affectionate and unvarnished recollection of the life of one of America's best loved writers today Beginning with his upbringing in Depression era New Mexico it spans his tour of duty in France in World War II his newspaper career and his now legendary entry into publishing Had he listened to his original agent who was against his writing fiction we might never have known the world of Leaphorn and Chee Tony also talks about the poverty of his early life and his adoption with wife Marie of 5 children in addition to their daughter Anne Using the gifts of a talented novelist and reporter the seventy five year old Tony Hillerman draws a brilliant portrait not just of his life but the world around him By relating his life story with generous intelligence appealing gritty honesty and above all a lack of sentimentality he has written about an era rich in context and anecdote **Seldom Disappointed** Tony Hillerman, 2001 In this affectionate and unvarnished recollection of his past Tony Hillerman looks at seventy six years spent getting from hard times farm boy to bestselling author Using the gifts of a talented novelist and reporter Hillerman draws brilliant portrait not just of his life but of the world around him *Seldom Disappointed* Tony Hillerman, 1919-06 *Seldom Disappointed* [large Print] Tony

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*Robert Hall, of Bristol, England* Olinthus Gregory,1833      **Elderberry Wine Vintage 2010** Deborah Guyol,2011-04-13  
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