



I Never Learned to Dance

by Larry Eley

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I Never Learned to Dance, by Larry Eley, takes place in rural America in the early sixties. Larry Eley spins an early 1960's tale of a *young boy to young man*, painting a watercolor-to-charcoal story of innocence of youth clashing with hardships of life, and a humorous reading of teenage years of misadventures and friendships.

Larry Eley's personal story is a mixture of country-American life, trying to catch up to modern times, while fearing lost naiveté that is fleeting as youthfulness and once lost can never be regained.

I Never Learned to Dance brought to mind visions and stories like *Huckleberry Finn*... quiet flowing springs with childhood friends drifting on patched inner tubes... Oak wood campfires... stars blazing horizon to horizon... party-line phones, country living... *Little Rascals*... Darla ... *Goonies*... *Home Alone*... school bullies... Godzilla-wedges... tom boys... skinny-dipping... broken families ... snowboard sliding, dysfunctional step-dad... alcoholism gone mad... pretty girls and tongue-tied speechlessness... Junior High and High School... first love... sports... geeks, nerds, brainiacs... school-jocks... and the Vietnam War looming just over the horizon.

I wholeheartedly recommend *I Never Learned to Dance*, by Larry Eley. A nostalgic story of the last of America's formative years, when everything was possible and successes assured. Although we may never regain our innocence, knowing that *once upon a time* those days of Camelot and Mayberry were real, we are the better for it.

You will feel better having read, *I Never Learned to Dance*—it is a book to remember.



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