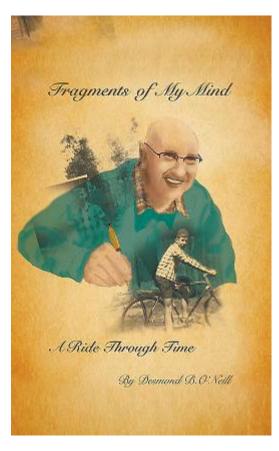
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## **Poetry From the Heart Is Dedicated to Grandchild**

The heartfelt poetry in *Fragments of My Mind: A Ride Through Time* represents a grandfather's thoughts and emotions about his family's struggle to understand the effects of spinal muscular atrophy on his five-year-old granddaughter.

The book began as touching true stories about author Desmond B. O'Neill's grandchild and her parents. He wrote down his feelings about the despair, happiness, fighting spirit, and the love that has brought the family together. His words turned into a book of poems touching on a variety of other subjects.

The author wrote the book for guests celebrating his 60th birthday. After crafting the poems, they touched so many hearts that he was asked to put them in a book. The poems range from funny stories of childhood, to sentimental issues such as dealing with cancer, bullying, and childhood disabilities.

## His friends wrote:

"Oh my gosh, I absolutely love it. I have a small tear. It's so so so sweet." - Faye Wareing

FRAGMENTS OF MY MIND: A RIDE THROUGH TIME (ISBN: 978-1-62516-837-5) is now available for \$10.95 and can be ordered through the publisher's website: http://sbprabooks.com/DesmondBONeill or at www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com.

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