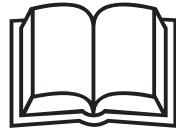


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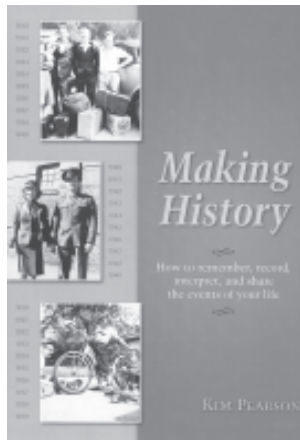
how to remember, record, interpret and share the events of your life

by Kim Pearson

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As storytellers, many of us want to develop personal stories. Some of us have a considerable number of years and experiences to draw upon. Comes the dilemma—"I can't remember." Kim Pearson has provided us with a wealth of story starters and techniques for mining the nuggets of story ideas just waiting to be brought to light.



Detailed historic timelines from 1930 through 1989 lead us back to discover our place in history. It's not accomplished with mere dates and numbers. Politics, lifestyle, social aspects are but a few of the categories that trigger memories of 'back then'. Extensive topic suggestions geared to what WE experienced during these times help to bring forth the memories.

The book grew out of Kim's classes on exploring the times of your life against the backdrop of historic events. Stories from students are found through-out giving first hand examples of what is possible to remember and share.

This is not a book to be read straight through from beginning to end. This is a volume to keep by the bedside—to pick up and browse. What a resource for personal story ideas.

Kim teaches workshops based on "Making History". During one presented at the Seattle Genealogical Society, I remembered aspects of my first job—long forgotten. Will it develop into a story? Maybe—but if not, the memory took me back in time and allowed me to look around—and remember.