

They Passed Along Our Road consists of short stories, poems and vignettes based on the real-life experiences of North Kerry native, Gerald Byrne. It is written with a humorous slant and an undying affection and respect for the many wonderful characters, living and dead, that he has been privileged to meet in his lifetime. Most of the stories are based on true incidents and, in some cases, the author has taken the liberty of embellishing the endings with his fertile imagination in the interest of achieving his main objective, which is to entertain the readers of the book.



Gerald Byrne is from Garrynagore, Crotta, Lixnaw, in North Kerry, where, apart from two spells of emigration to London in the 1960s and 1970s, he has lived all his life. He has worked as an accounts clerk, book-keeper, meter reader, and also in the garage and building trades. He is not allowed to retire, because he 'never really started'. His pastimes include listening to music, playing golf, watercolour painting, watching Crotta hurling, coursing and going to the bog. He likes meeting people and a quiet, sociable drink now and then in his local pubs, in good company. Gerald has been writing 'about something' all his life, and is currently working on a second volume of short stories. *They Passed Along Our Road* is his first book.

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