



On Turning Sixty-Five: Notes from the Field

By John Jerome

Random House. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 272 pages. Dimensions: 9.2in. x 6.1in. x 0.7in. Personally, I've got a lot invested in reaching my stunning current age, and I'm damned if I'm going to hang on to that youthful crap. (I liked the idea of being a sixty-year-old so much I started claiming that age before I turned fifty-nine.) Parts of it, I don't like--the loss of energy that seems its inevitable accompaniment, for example--but when I consider how I used to boil that energy away as a younger man, and the things I boiled it away on, I am happy to accept a shorter tether and a more reflective way of going at things. John Jerome, author of such beloved books as *Truck* and *Stone Work*, entered his sixty-fifth year with a number of goals in mind: to battle the debilities of age, to master them through understanding when he could not physically defeat them, and to keep a journal of these efforts. As he puts it, It was time to start planning an endgame. The result is a warm, compassionate, and honest look at the twelve months that led him to the gateway of old age--a survey of...



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