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***On a Ruffling Day*** is a collection of poems and photography for those who indulge in the tranquil beauty of nature as well as the darker curiosities of the supernatural and natural phenomena. Humor, folk art, Indian sculptures, shipwrecks, folklore, and many other interesting offerings can be experienced at the turn of every page.

Author and photographer Ken Gomez has lived half his life in northwest Michigan and the other half in coastal Maine. He sees shared similarities in their landscapes, shorelines, vast water views, and nautical histories. The plainspoken poems and unique photographs capture and combine these two inspirational places.

The folk art contributions were crafted by Gomez and his relative, the late Theodore Anderson. Some of the photos feature Indian village sculptures built by a talented unknown artist in a roadside field in rural Maine. Collectors and nature lovers will appreciate the beauty and history within.

**Ken Gomez has written a fun book of poetry, illustrated with his own beautiful photographs. This book should appeal to a wide audience of those interested in nature and an eclectic range of poetic topics. I strongly recommend it.**

Dr. Alan E. Kehew

Professor emeritus, Western Michigan University, and author of *Invisible Danger*, *Glen Canyon*, and several geological engineering textbooks

**Ken and Lisa Gomez have compiled Ken's wonderful poems and unique photos into this beautiful book. A real adventure; I love it!**

Sarah Sparks

Author of *Coastal Memories*

Kenneth Gomez grew up in an island community on the coast of Maine, a direct descendant of Francisco Gomez DePonte, who immigrated from the Portuguese Azores Islands. Ken is the grandson of renowned boat builder Charlie Gomes, who for many years was included in an exhibit in the Maine Maritime Historical Museum. Many of Ken's relatives were New England commercial fishermen who, like Ken, played musical instruments. Thus, his poetry evolved into song lyric writing that accompanied his original musical compositions. He has signed multiple song publishing contracts. Ken was also an entrepreneur, having owned and operated a construction company and, along with his wife, Lisa, a property management and vacation rental business. Residing in Leelanau County, Ken and Lisa enjoy gardening and hiking.