

SPAM® CANS, RICE BALLS AND PEARLS

About Bruce Muench

Author, *SPAM® Cans, Rice Balls and Pearls*

Bruce Muench's service in the U.S. Navy between 1944 and 1946 was the inspiration for his book, *SPAM® Cans, Rice Balls and Pearls*. "I heard on TV that over half the veterans of World War II were gone," says Muench, ". . .and that we should record our experiences for our progeny. I thought it was a legitimate observation, and started writing this book."

Muench began his service in the war in 1944 as an Aviation Radioman. In 1945, he was briefly attached to a CVE-85 escort carrier. From 1945 to 1946, he was stationed in Marshall/Gilbert Islands for nine months.

Once his military service ended, he attended Michigan State University and received his B.S. in Zoology and Botany. He went on to receive his M.S. at Southern Illinois University in Zoology. He is now a professional aquatic biologist and has worked for such prestigious institutions as the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Nalco Environmental Sciences and Lake Management Service, which he owns.

Muench has been granted many awards in his lifetime including the National Conservationist of the Year, Quad Cities Senior Olympics, the Silver Award for poetry and the '98 Year of the Barn award for Photography. He is a member of the Rockford Writers Guild and the National Writers Association.

Muench's previous writing credits include *Stick Your Head Under the Surface, A Place to Look and See Yourself* and numerous articles in newspapers and magazines. He currently resides in Roscoe, IL and is married with four children and eight grandchildren.

SPAM CANS, RICE BALLS AND PEARLS

Rave Reviews for SPAM[®] Cans, Rice Balls and Pearls

By Bruce Muench (Turnkey Press, November 2002)

- ✓ **"Eloquent, probing and human, it touched me in helpful ways."**
- *Joseph Sprague, Bishop of the United Methodist Church, Chicago*
- ✓ **"It is a really good read. Once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down."**
- *Ellen Kort, Poet Laureate of Wisconsin*
- ✓ **"Three different people within our building heard the (radio) interview too, and they have all lined up for a chance to read your book when I'm done...."**
- *Riley O'Neil, WROK host, Rockford, Illinois*
- ✓ **"Your book is great.....You did a good job putting your vignettes together.....It is wonderful how such a chance meeting turned into a meaningful relationship..."**
- *Dorothy Jerse, author, Terre Haute, Indiana*
- ✓ **"Just finished reading your book and found it very interesting - couldn't put it down. It brought back memories for me as I served in the South Pacific too."**
- *Al Lopinot (W.W.II veteran), Litchfield, Illinois*
- ✓ **"I have re-read much of it and I liked it just as much the second time. It brought to my memory many things that were long forgotten..... I liked the part involving Akio as well."**
- *Deane Glen (W.W.II veteran), Des Moines, Iowa*