

'Of Bees and Boys' shows author's sharp sense of humor

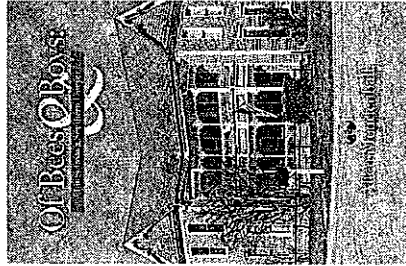
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From the editor of the *Southern Literary Review* comes a treasure trove of short essays for modern readers with an appreciation for days gone by, and a curiosity about those to come.

In Allen Mendenhall's collection "Of Bees and Boys" (Red Dirt Press, 2017), you'll find themes that range the gamut of human feeling, all written with the grit and panache of this unusual writer. His writing is influenced by his unusual experiences, which include living in Japan, surviving cancer in his 20s with a less than 15 percent expectation to live, his work as an attorney and through this, prison education, and of course, the strongest current that runs through this book is his Southern upbringing and sense of identity.

His childhood recollections and modern encounters all play into the book, and a sharp sense of humor shines through so brightly that even his ponderings on death and dying have delightful bits of comedy injected into the prose.

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