

(PRLEAP.COM) July 2, 2014 - "Oil: The Road to Caripito," a new book by Melinda O. Cummins, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

In the early 1900s, Americans embarked on an unprecedented expedition to Venezuela with the hopes of finding oil and the promise of a better America. "Oil, The Road to Caripito" tells the story of Gerard Browne, a geologist who ventured to South America in 1938 and discovered much more than oil on his journey. Browne's journal entries recall sunburned days, restless nights, backbreaking work, intense romance, and the many dangers of living and working in the Venezuelan wilderness.

Citing the successes of these men in times gone by, "Oil: The Road to Caripito" builds a case for returning the United States to its place as the top economic power through the abilities of the oil industry and American-founded resources. Share in Browne's unique experiences of a forgotten period in America's history and you will come to understand the passion for the oil industry these brave men had during uncertain times not unlike the uncertain economic times Americans face today.

About the Author: Melinda O. Cummins is the daughter-in-law of Gerard Browne. Born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida, Cummins earned her bachelor's degree in Classical Civilizations from UCLA.

Upon discovering her father-in-law's diary of his time in Venezuela, she set out to tell his story and connect readers to Browne's enthusiasm for oil as an invaluable American resource. Cummins currently works as a teacher and lives in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida with her husband, Jerry.

"Oil: The Road to Caripito" is a 68-page paperback with a retail price of \$19.00. The ISBN is 978-1-4809-0927-4. It was published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information, or to request a review copy, please go to our virtual pressroom at www.dorrancepressroom.com or our online bookstore at www.dorrancebookstore.com