

Contents

- Preface 3
1. The Ancestors 9
 2. Discoveries: The Intellect 24
 3. Harvard, Part One 37
 4. Correspondence Course in Rebellion: Ezra Pound by Sea-Post 49
 5. "The Charismatic Pyramid": Gertrude Stein 60
 6. The Ezuversity 70
 7. New Directions: From Poet to Publisher 87
 8. Amateur Publisher, Amateur Ski Impresario 104
 9. Enter Kenneth Rexroth and Delmore Schwartz 113
 10. Death, Marriage, and Love Considered and Reconsidered 124
 11. The World at War 145
 12. Worlds Apart: Books at Cambridge, Ski Lifts at Alta 162
 13. Real Butterflies and Metaphorical Chess: Vladimir Nabokov 181
 14. Tennessee Williams Triumphs 202
 15. Norfolk: The Eastern Seaboard Reclaims J 211
 16. The Prodigal Returns: Ezra in the Dock 219
 17. San Francisco, Alta, and Ezra (Again) 225
 18. Guide to the Godhead: Tom Merton 234
 19. Troubles in Europe, Public and Private 241
 20. Bollingen Affair Rocks Library of Congress 252
 21. Crises at New Directions 263
 22. Crisis at Home 272
 23. Public Service: Intercultural Publications and Other Efforts 280
 24. "Le Chevalier sans peur et sans reproche" 291
 25. Missing a Few Beats 303

| | |
|---|-----|
| 26. Trumped in the Marriage Game | 313 |
| 27. Fade-Out in Burma, New Directions Revisited | 321 |
| 28. New Directions Twenty-Five Years On | 331 |
| 29. Tennessee, Henry, and Tom | 351 |
| 30. Publishing and Writing: They Never Get Easier | 358 |
| 31. Confessor to a Monk | 373 |
| 32. This Obdurate World: The Sword Falls | 383 |
| 33. One Troubadour Revives, Another Departs | 390 |
| 34. Dropping the Pilot | 401 |
| 35. On the Road: Performer and Poet | 406 |
| 36. Lured by the <i>Apsaras</i> | 418 |
| 37. "Il Catullo americano" | 429 |
| 38. Revision of Things Past | 438 |
| 39. Witness to Mortality | 450 |
| 40. The Somnambulist | 456 |
| 41. Race Toward Self-Knowledge | 469 |
| 42. <i>Nunc dimittis servum tuum</i> | 478 |
| Epilogue | 489 |
| Appendix: Authors Published by New Directions | 491 |
| Notes | 495 |
| Acknowledgments | 557 |
| Index | 561 |