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**Lifelong Virginian Gives Homage To Virginia in New Collection**

**of Odes, Poems and Ballads**

 Belle Isle Books, an imprint of Brandylane Publishers, Inc. of Richmond, Virginia, is excited to announce the release of *Virginia Leaf*, a collection of poetry that celebrates author Edward Wright Haile’s connection to the state of Virginia.

 “Another title could be ‘The Neighborhood’,” is how lifelong local Haile begins his exploration of Virginia. The stories, legends, and natural wonders of the state of Virginia are presented in verse, and the spirit of the Old Dominion is captured in this collection of ballads, odes, lyrics, stanzas and lines. The collection is divided in three books: *groundhogs, chinquapin,* and *leaves.*

 Edward Wright Haile is a poet, historian, cartographer, translator, musician (flute), carpenter, sailor, and land surveyor. As author and editor he has produced *Jamestown Narratives,* the definitive collection of firsthand accounts of England’s colony in the first decade, as well as two historical maps: *Virginia Discovered and Discribed* and *England in America*; and three books of poetry, the latest being the Jamestown “epic” *Where None Before Hath Stood.* His translation of the *Oresteia* of Aeschylus was pronounced “a work of energy and genius” by Ladislaus Bolchazy of *The Classical Bulletin.* A native Virginian born in Washington, D.C. in 1943, Ed earned a bachelor of music from The Catholic University in 1975. He lives with his wife, Bess, in Essex County, Virginia, and has two sons.

 Brandylane Publishers, Inc. is an independent press located in Richmond, Virginia, that has published books since 1985.

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 *Virginia Leaf* (paperback, 238 pages, $16.95 retail) is available for pre-ordering from the publisher at [belleislebooks.com](http://www.belleislebooks.com/). It will be available this summer from [amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/Whats-Under-That-Rock-Papa/dp/1939930669/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1455642893&sr=8-1&keywords=what%27s+under+that+rock+papa), [bn.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/whats-under-that-rock-papa-dave-bauer/1123303021?ean=9781939930668), and from fine booksellers.

**Requests for review copies should be made to the publisher. The author is available for interviews.**