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THE SCOPE OF LIFE

A Review of Dr. Shyamkant Kulkarni's **THE WAR AND WANDERINGS**

by *Dr. Leroy Thomas*

Dr. Kulkarni has a new address (2501 Hunter's Hill Drive, Apt. 822; Enid, OK73703), and he has completed a new poetry collection (**THE WAR AND WANDERINGS**).

The book, a good purchase, may be ordered directly from Dr. Kulkarni from his home address for a total of \$7.00 (includes tax and mailing).

THE WAR AND WANDERINGS, dedicated to "Peter Arnett and other war journalists who endangered their lives to follow the truth," is very current in its treatment of the Gulf War. Dr. Kulkarni says in his preface, "Television cameras brought the Gulf War to the living room of every American household and took everybody's sleep. You could watch war going on as if from the window of your living room." And his poetry collection brings the war to a personal level in such poems as "Keep Them Marching," "War and a Coin," "Hungry, Thirsty, Homeless," and "The Great Victory."

Kulkarni's collection has the scope of life. Throughout we see the poet's desire to express himself in writing. The range is from war to love to freedom or desire for freedom. Part of the charm of his poetry lies in his use of the idiom.▲