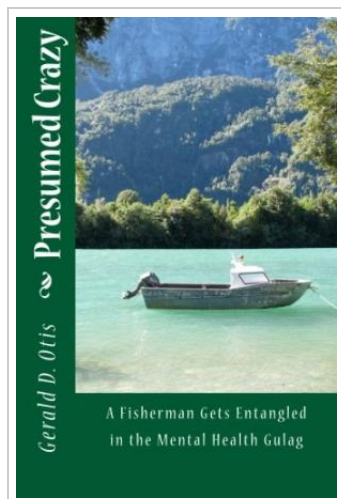




Presumed Crazy: A Fisherman Gets Entangled in the Mental Health Gulag (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Presumed Crazy relates the story of an elderly disabled former fishing guide who was ensnared in his state s civil commitment (court-state hospital - nursing home - guardianship) quagmire, what the author calls the mental health gulag. Because he had stopped taking a drug that was making him ill, he was placed on a 72 hour hold for so-called noncompliance and for using God as a consultant to decide what to do (praying). He was spirited away to a hospital 50 miles away from his home where commitment procedures were improperly carried out. The county probate court dismantled his home, consigned his property, income and bank account to a company acting as a guardian. They forced him into locked confinement in a state hospital where he experienced psychological abuse, assaulted him with a drug that caused him severe adverse side effects, deprived him of therapy that had been effective in maintaining his physical functioning, and squandered an estimated quarter of a million dollars or more in federal funds on ineffective custodial care that wasn t even needed. There was nary so much as...

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