



## Penelope: The Story of the Half-Scalped Woman--A Narrative Poem

By PENELOPE SCAMBLY SCHOTT

University Press of Florida. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 72 pages. Dimensions: 8.4in. x 5.5in. x 0.3in. The poet's journey into the past and another culture, fired by eponymous inspiration, leads to discoveries, a new appreciation of lost moments. To bridge three centuries and create a verbal portrait though a picture is lacking is quite an achievement. Naturally, this effort will be compared to John Berryman's great poem about Anne Bradstreet, but to no harm. --David Ray In this fascinating sequence Penelope Scambly Schott poignantly re-imagines a devastating story in language that brings together the sensibilities of centuries distant in time but not, at their most intimate, in feeling. She invokes her namesake with urgency and tact, a remarkable combination. --Rosellen Brown This brilliant tour-de-force narrates the life of a woman shipwrecked in the 1640s on the shores of modern-day New Jersey, axed in the belly, half-scalped and left for dead by the Lenape Indians, then nursed back to health by them and taken into the tribe. And that's only the beginning. Penelope Scambly Schott has carefully researched the facts and woven them into a poetic page-turner. She cites her sources, provides a glossary and, best of all, indicates what is fact and...



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