

## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

### The Victoria Wilcox Story

Victoria Wilcox was born in California to a pioneer Hollywood film industry family and grew up loving dramatic stories of all kinds, especially those with a sense of history. As a young woman she developed a passion for the stories of royal families found in English historical fiction, and felt certain she was descended from King Arthur himself and destined to discover the historic Camelot. So she began her college career as a Medieval English History major – admittedly a narrow field in American academia – before receiving a degree in English Literature and doing graduate work in Playwriting. In her professional life she has been a teacher of English and composition on the college level and worked as a technical writer and instructional designer for industry and universities.

A move to Atlanta, Georgia inspired a love of all things Southern and introduced her to a project that would fill the next few years of her life: the white-columned Greek Revival home built by the uncle of the legendary Doc Holliday in the last days before the Civil War. Although the Holliday House was one of Georgia's only remaining unrestored antebellum homes it was slated to be torn down and replaced by a parking lot, so Wilcox founded a non-profit organization to save it and turn it into a museum site. It was while researching the history of the house and its former owners that she discovered the untold story that led to *Southern Son: The Saga of Doc Holliday*.

Victoria Wilcox is a member of the Western Writers of America, with her writing on the history of the Old South and the Wild West featured in such publications as *TrueWest Magazine*, *North Georgia Journal*, and the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*. As Founding Director of the Holliday-Dorsey-Fife House Museum she has lectured extensively and been a guest on various television programs. Drawing on her lifelong love of music and theater, she has written songs for Nashville recording artists and authored the musical *Goin' to Zion!* along with numerous smaller theatrical works. To celebrate the upcoming release of the first book of *Southern Son: The Saga of Doc Holliday*, she begins a national speaking tour this fall with a return to Tombstone, Arizona, site of Doc Holliday's legendary gunfight at the OK Corral.