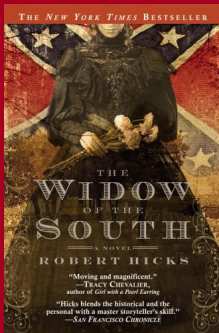




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SPEAKING TOPICS

- THE WIDOW OF THE SOUTH
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THE MAN

Robert Hicks’ twenty-year mission to restore and preserve the McGavock’s Carnton Planation near Franklin, Tennessee initiated his journey into not only the history of the Civil War, but more importantly, the personal lives and stories left behind. Robert’s passion, imagination, and thorough research led to his novel THE WIDOW OF THE SOUTH, the beautiful story of the largest private Confederate cemetery in the country, and the woman who fought through death and personal loss to honor it.

“Hicks’ book is a wonderful read. He blends the historical and the personal with a master storyteller’s skill.”

– San Francisco Chronicle

THE WIDOW

After the Battle of Franklin – frequently referred to as five of the bloodiest hours of the Civil War -- was fought near their Tennessee land, John and Carrie McGavock found their house serving as a field hospital for wounded and dying Confederate soldiers. Carrie McGavock ultimately buried 1,500 Confederate dead and maintained a private cemetery on her grounds until her own death in 1905. Hicks takes the reader inside the mind of the woman who had isolated herself from the world after the death of three of her five children; he introduces us to a woman who, with strength, courage and passion, rouses herself to fight the battle with death that surrounds her home.

Hick’s newest book, A GUITAR AND A PEN, will be published in May 2008. It is a compilation of original short stories written by some of country music’s best known singer song writers. Find more information about A GUITAR AND A PEN here.