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Upcoming Events

August 23, Acworth, GA

Saturday, August 23, Acworth Cultural Arts hosting Ink & Echo: Writing the Stories Speaking the

Truth. 2025 Book & Storytelling Festival, Roberts School, Acworth, GA. Book signing. Mike is interviewing guest author, Bren McClain.



August 30, Milledgeville, GA

Saturday, August 30, Barnes & Noble Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, GA. Noon to 3 PM

September 13, Valdosta, GA

Saturday, September 13, 10 AM to 4 PM, Annette Turner Center of the Arts Literary Fair. Mike will be a featured author that afternoon.

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Well Hush My Mouth!

An Unforgettable Road Trip

If you've been following my posts and newsletters, you know a little about my new novel that is getting its final polish before the pitching & querying phase begins. Fingers crossed.

An Unforgettable Road Trip (its working title) is my fifth novel and offers a heartfelt, emotionally resonant road trip. Twelve travelers board a vintage metro bus in California for a ten-day road trip to Georgia—but the real distance they cross lies between hearts, not highways.



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ALA SHOUT OUT

INGRAM SPARK featured *The* Last Laird of Sapelo during the American Library Association's Annual ALA Convention in Philadelphia.



Getting a foot in the door with libraries across the country is huge. Every month new doors open for the story of Randolph Spalding and his family's legacy on Sapelo Island in Georgia.



Sadly, the instigators behind the real road trip, Bill & Kay Wallace have both passed away. Bill (aka Fred to me) passed months before my third book, Purgatory; A Progeny's Quest came out. It was Fred's armored limousine that inspired the drama in that story. Before he passed in 2019, he had showed me his newest addition to his prized automobile collection, a 1960s GMC Metro Coach. But then last summer, I learned about their "Griswold-like" bus trip back in 2014. Kay and her family told me story after story and then Kay handed me her hand-written journal that chronicled their trip. The die was cast and their trip inspired my upcoming Shiloh novel—a stand alone story with familiar and new characters.

Sadly, I had hoped to deliver to Kay my manuscript, but she passed away earlier in July. However, I will share a copy with Bill & Kay's two sons and their family members when I visit for Kay's memorial service in Pennsylvania next week. In the story, William Wallace is a featured character and he laments for his wife, Katherine—my heartfelt tribute to Bill & Kay.

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