**Carlton Stowers**

Author/journalist Carlton Stowers' books include bestsellers *TO THE LAST BREATH* and *CARELESS WHISPERS*, both winners of the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Allen Poe Award as the Best Fact Crime Book of the Year, *INNOCENCE LOST*, which was nominated for a Pulitzer, and his autobiographical *SINS OF THE SON*.

Stowers' books have been selections of the Literary Guild, Mystery Guild, Doubleday Book Club, True Crime Book Club, Preferred Choice Book Club, Playboy Book Club and Guideposts Book Club, and five have been optioned by motion picture production companies. *CARELESS WHISPERS* inspired the CBS Movie of the Week, *Sworn to Vengeance*, and *OPEN SECRETS* was the basis for the ABC mini-series, Telling *Secrets*. *TO THE LAST BREATH* was included in Readers' Digest’s prestigious Today's Best Non-Fiction collection. His writings have been translated into German, French, Spanish, Dutch, Japanese and Russian.

Additionally, he has authored a number of books on sports, ranging from *MARCUS*, the autobiography of NFL great Marcus Allen which spent six weeks on the Los Angeles Times bestseller list, to *DALLAS COWBOYS: THE FIRST 25 YEARS*, a coffee table-sized history of the high profile organization, which climbed to No. 1 on the *Dallas Morning News* bestseller list.

As a collaborator, he has worked with western movie icons Roy Rogers and Dale Evans on their *HAPPY TRAILS*, Olympic pole vaulter Billy Olson on his *REACHING HIGHER*, former FBI Special Agent Larry Wansley on his *FBI UNDERCOVER* and private investigator William Dear on his *PLEASE... DON'T KILL ME*.

His *PARTNERS IN BLUE*, a 100-year history of the Dallas Police Department, received a citation from the Dallas Police Association. He has written two non-fiction children’s books, *A HERO NAMED GEORGE* and *HARD LESSONS*, which are used by numerous elementary schools as part of their anti-drug and anti-gang programs.

A former Dallas Morning News reporter, Stowers has written articles for numerous publications, among them *Sports Illustrated, Time, People, Good Housekeeping, TV Guide, Money***,** and *Paris Match*.

Recently the 57-year-old author has focused much of his attention on books that examine the cause and effect of crime in America. *The Houston Press* has called Stowers "the dean of Texas true crime writers," and famed novelist Jonathan Kellerman notes that "when the dust clears, a handful of writers will be recognized as masters of the true crime book. And Carlton Stowers will be at the head of that class."

Stowers has received a variety of national and state awards for his work. A 12-time finalist in the Dallas Press Club competition, he has won seven Katie Awards and four Stephen Philben Awards from the Dallas Bar Association. His *CARELESS WHISPERS* received the Oppie Award from the Southwestern Booksellers Association in the Reporting category. He was named Dallas' Best Writer by the Dallas Observer and in 1997 was honored as Author of the Year by the Friends of the Duncanville Library. Most recently he received a National Community Network Media Award for Exceptional Merit for an article he wrote on the deadly use of heroin by teens in Plano, TX.