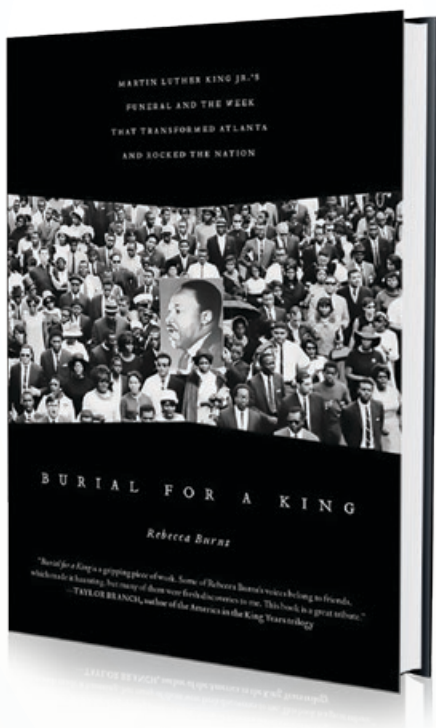


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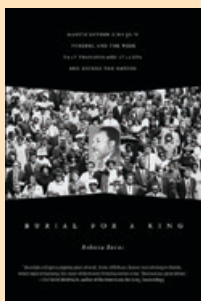
Burial for a King by Rebecca Burns

2018 BOOK SELECTION
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THE BOOK

Burial for a King

In the aftermath of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, riots broke out in 110 cities across the country. For five days, Atlanta braced for chaos while preparing to host King's funeral. An unlikely alliance of former student radicals, the middle-aged patrician mayor, the no-nonsense police chief, black ministers, white churchgoers, Atlanta's business leaders, King's grieving family members, and his stunned SCLC colleagues worked to keep Atlanta safe, honor a murdered hero, and host the tens of thousands who came to pay tribute. On April 9, 1968, nearly 150,000 mourners took part in the largest funeral ever staged for a private U.S. citizen. The ceremonies took place against a national backdrop of war protests and presidential politics and in a still-segregationist South where Georgia's governor surrounded the state capitol with troops.



BURIAL FOR A KING is a day-by-day, hour-by-hour account of this landmark week. It encapsulates King's legacy, America's shifting attitude toward race, and the emergence of Atlanta as a new kind of Southern city.

BURIAL FOR A KING is available for checkout in print, eBook and audio book formats at the Roswell and East Roswell Libraries and on Overdrive through the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, website: www.afpls.org. Books are for sale at the Friends of the Roswell Library Bookstore and will be on sale at the Literary Luncheon where the author will sign them.

THE AUTHOR

Rebecca Burns

Rebecca Burns has two primary interests: exploring new forms of nonfiction storytelling, and examining how cities are shaped by their histories. She has merged those interests over the past two decades as a city-magazine writer, editor, and digital strategist—along with work as an author and journalism instructor.



Burns served as editor-in-chief of *Atlanta* magazine from 2002-2009 and under her direction the magazine received dozens of local, regional, and national awards for its journalism and design excellence. She then spent several years as director of digital strategy for Emmis Publishing, working with editors and publishers on websites, blogs, and mobile applications for the company's family of city and regional magazines, including *Atlanta*, *Los Angeles*, and *Texas Monthly*.

In 2011, she co-curated the Atlanta History Center exhibit "*Atlanta Magazine, 1961-2011: 50 Years of the Changing City*" and produced the accompanying digital media project, which won

the 2012 national City and Regional Magazine Association award for excellence in multi-platform storytelling. In fall 2012, she returned to *Atlanta* magazine to serve as deputy editor and digital strategist, working on special projects such as the award-winning Groundbreakers community service awards.

Her own writing and reporting projects focus on Southern history, civil rights, urban planning, and social and economic justice. Burns is the author of two other books on Atlanta history: *Rage in the Gate City* (2009) and *Atlanta: Yesterday & Today* (2010). She is working on another book called *Second Burning of Atlanta: The Story of the Great Fire of 1917* (working title).

Burns presently serves as publisher of *The Red & Black*, the independent student media organization serving the University of Georgia. She also teaches part-time at UGA. She frequently speaks to school, civic, and corporate groups. She is a past instructor at Emory University.

For more information, visit <http://rebecca-burns.com>.

BOOK CLUBS

Roswell Reads encourages area book clubs to read and discuss the Roswell Reads book selection during January, February or March. Book discussion questions and resources will be available at www.roswellreads.com. If you don't belong to a book club, but would like to discuss the book with a group, you are welcome to join Noonday Nosh.

Noonday Nosh Book Club

Tuesday, February 20, 2018, Noon

Roswell Library

115 Norcross Street, Roswell

WRITING WORKSHOP

“Exploring New Forms of Nonfiction Storytelling”

with Rebecca Burns

Friday, March 16, 2018, 10 a.m. to Noon

Roswell City Hall, Room 220

38 Hill Street, Roswell

In this workshop, Rebecca Burns will focus on the way she looks for details and specifics in writing history to make it come “alive,” in both fiction and nonfiction writing. Participants will enjoy hearing about how the author draws vivid detail from her sources, including photographs, news footage, popular music of the era, and vintage finds ranging from gossip columns to tourist souvenirs. She will talk about the craftsmanship behind reporting, writing and storytelling and the importance of providing deep context.

There is no charge for the workshop, but registration is required as seating is limited. RSVP online to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), Search Word “Roswell Reads.”

To register, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/writing-workshop-with-rebecca-burns-author-of-burial-for-a-king-tickets-39172897190>.

CHILDREN'S BOOK SELECTION & FAMILY PROGRAM

Child of the Civil Rights Movement

By Paula Young Shelton and Raul Colón

In this Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Book of the Year, author Paula Young Shelton takes readers on a vivid trip back to her childhood in an extraordinary family—the family of the American civil rights movement. Paula, a first-grade teacher and the daughter of civil rights leader, former Atlanta Mayor and U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, grew up in the Deep South, in a world where whites had legal rights and blacks did not. With an activist father and a community of leaders surrounding her, including Uncle Martin (Martin Luther King Jr.), Paula watched and listened to the struggles, eventually joining with her family and thousands of others in the historic march from Selma to Montgomery.



Illustrated by Raul Colón, acclaimed illustrator of numerous children's books, this poignant, moving, and hopeful book provides an intimate look at the birth of the Civil Rights Movement from the perspective of young girl.

Family Program: Stand Up For Justice, Friendship, Harmony and Respect

For children, parents and the entire family

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Roswell Library

115 Norcross Street, Roswell

The commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination offers an opportunity for children to explore the importance of standing up for what they believe in, listening to the voices of others, and making new friends. This fun and interactive hands-on family program will include multiple learning stations: *Friendship Photo Booth*, where they can meet and talk with other children, and take pictures with new friends; *Read and Discuss*, featuring the children's book selection *Child of the Civil Rights Movement*; *Sounds of the Civil Rights Movement*, with songs and speeches from the era; and a *Poster Making* station. Come join in sharing the messages of justice, friendship, harmony and respect.

*To Register: There is no charge to attend the event, but for planning purposes, we ask that you register by going to **Eventbrite.com** and entering **Roswell Reads**. Here is the direct link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-program-standing-up-for-civil-rights-tickets-39239102211>.*

COMMUNITY PROGRAM

TOUR OF ATLANTA'S CIVIL RIGHTS MONUMENTS

MLK50 Bus Trip and Walking Tour

Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Roswell Adult Recreation Center

830 Grimes Bridge Road, Roswell 30075

For more information, contact 770-641-3950

In honor of the upcoming 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Roswell Reads, Roswell Ramblers and Roswell Roots have joined together to give people from Roswell the opportunity to trace Martin Luther King Jr.'s footsteps and the genesis of the civil rights movement in Atlanta. The **MLK50 Bus Trip and**



Walking Tour will start at the Roswell Adult Recreation Center, 830 Grimes Bridge Road, Roswell, at 10 a.m. Participants will be transported to the **Sweet Auburn District of Atlanta** for a **two-hour walking tour** led by D-Tours. First stop will be on Auburn Avenue at the two-story Victorian home that is **Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birth Home**. Next will be a visit to the **Tombs** of Dr. King and his wife, Coretta Scott King. Nearby, at the corner of Auburn Avenue and Jackson Street, guests will visit the **Ebenezer Baptist Church** where Dr. King's father was pastor for four decades. As co-pastor, Dr. King delivered some of his most powerful sermons here. The oldest standing fire station in Atlanta, **Fire Station No. 6**, was one of seven built in the 1890s and houses one of Atlanta's earliest fire engines, built in 1927. It played an important role in the community and Dr. King's youth. The final stop on the tour will be **The Martin Luther King Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change**, where there are oral history interviews, educational exhibits and a collection of historic papers associated with the civil rights movement. Upon completion of the tour, guests will meet the bus and be transported to the **Sweet Auburn Curb Market** for lunch on their own. At the appointed time, guests will board the bus there to return to the Roswell Adult Recreation Center.

Fee: \$20; NO REFUNDS.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018.*

To register, go to **Eventbrite.com** and enter "**Roswell Reads.**"

To register for the Wednesday, March 7, 2018, event, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tour-of-atlantas-civil-right-monuments-030718-tickets-39757118612>.

To register for the Saturday, March 10, 2018, event, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tour-of-atlantas-civil-right-monuments-031018-tickets-39757136666>.

*Seating is limited to 30 people per tour, so please register early.

13TH ANNUAL ROSWELL READS LITERARY LUNCHEON

Featuring **Rebecca Burns**, author of *Burial for a King*

Saturday, March 17, 2018, 11 a.m.

Roswell Adult Recreation Center
830 Grimes Bridge Road, Roswell
770-641-3950

The Roswell Reads Steering Committee is proud to present Rebecca Burns, the author of our 2018 book selection, who will discuss how Atlanta came together to stage the Martin Luther King Jr. funeral and the legacy of that effort over the past 50 years.

Reservations

Luncheon tickets are \$20 each and will be sold online only at **Eventbrite.com**, search word **“Roswell Reads.”**

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/roswell-reads-literary-luncheon-2018-tickets-37982614021>.

Space is limited: Please register in advance. NO REFUNDS.

We will do our best to seat book club members together but there are no reserved seating guarantees. When registering, please have all members include the name of the book club. The deadline for reservations is midnight, March 10, 2018. If you cannot make reservations online, or if you miss the deadline, please contact us at RoswellReads@gmail.com or call Debbie Weiss at 770-992-6368.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: SOCIAL JUSTICE = FOOD JUSTICE

In keeping with Dr. King's initiative to ensure access to nutritious food for every human being, representatives from North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) will be at the Literary Luncheon to provide information about their food bank.

NFCC is dedicated to building self-sufficiency and preventing homelessness and hunger for residents living north of the Chattahoochee River in Fulton County (Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park and Roswell). NFCC assists families with basic needs such as food, rent and utilities, clothing, and adult education classes during short-term emergencies. They offer tours for anyone interested.

To learn more, visit www.nfcchelp.org.

PREVIOUS SELECTIONS

2017

The Underdogs

By Melissa Fay Greene

2016

What Stands In A Storm

By Kim Cross

2015

The Distance Between Us

By Reyna Grande

2014

Someone Else's Love Story

By Joshilyn Jackson

2013

Sweeping Up Glass

By Carolyn Wall

2012

Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter

By Tom Franklin

2011

My Name Is Mary Sutter

By Robin Oliveira

2010

**Outcasts United:
A Refugee Soccer Team,
An American Town**

By Warren St. John

2009

Them

By Nathan McCall

2008

The Memory Keeper's Daughter

By Kim Edwards

2007

The Valley of Light

By Terry Kay

2006

Rocket Boys

By Homer Hickam



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Mission Statement

Roswell Reads promotes the value of reading, literacy, and lifelong learning through the shared community-wide experience of reading and discussing a common book. Readers are able to collectively examine relevant issues, establish bonds, and forge a better understanding of their community and society.

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