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Ace Collins Personal Profile

In the past two decades, Ace Collins has written more than 60 books, but his favorite works are the compelling stories he has discovered behind popular Christmas songs and traditions. In his latest book, “Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas” (Zondervan), Collins describes the fascinating history behind caroling, mistletoe, Christmas lights, stockings, and Santa Clause.

“There is something about Christmas that touches every emotion, brings to life so many memories and puts into perspective the elements of life that really matter,” says Collins.

His popular book “Stories Behind the Best-Loved Songs of Christmas” quickly sold out its first printing in 2001 after Collins was interviewed on the Today Show. Six printings later, the book reached #3 on Amazon.com and sold out of every major bookstore in New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Atlanta and Chicago.

Collins is also the author of books such as “Stories Behind the Hymns That Inspire America,” “Songs Sung Red, White and Blue,” “Lassie a Dog’s Life,” “The Cathedrals,” “I Saw Him in Your Eyes,” and “Evel Knievel—An American Hero.” He has written biographies of Bette Midler, Lorrie Morgan, Pam Tillis, the Dixie Chicks, and Sigourney Weaver. Zondervan also released Collins’ book “Turn Your Radio On” which tells the story behind history’s 65 greatest gospel songs and has been hailed as one of the best books on gospel music ever written.

In 1994, Collins expanded the scope and direction of his writing by co-scripting Louise Mandrell’s award-winning show “Love My Country.” Today he makes regular appearances at Louise’s live show in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Collins has appeared on scores of television shows including Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, The NBC Nightly News, CNN, Entertainment Tonight, Fox and Friends, CNN Headline News, and the Today Show. He also has been a guest lecturer at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Collins has been married for 28 years to teacher Kathy Chapman Collins, and they reside in Hillsboro, Texas. The couple has two children and one granddaughter.

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Editor’s Note: For more information about “Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas” or to set up an interview with Ace Collins, contact Melanie Dobson at (719) 282-3822 or melanie@dobsonmedia.com.