

About the Author



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John E. Miller is a small-town boy who grew up in six different towns in the Midwest, plus one rapidly growing suburb of Chicago. He took a history degree from the University of Missouri and obtained his graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin, where he wrote his master's thesis and Ph.D. dissertation on Depression era politics in Wisconsin. He continued his interest in political history during a three-decade career at the University of Tulsa and South Dakota State University, but gradually shifted his focus to social and cultural history, state and local history, and especially the small-town history of the Middle West (no surprise, considering his background). His seven books include three on Laura Ingalls Wilder and a fourth-grade history primer, *South Dakota: A Journey Through Time*, which is used in more than half of the schools in the state. Since 2003, he has been a full-time writer and historian. He is currently working on a book about "small-town boys" from the Midwest, ranging from Johnny Carson, Lawrence Welk, and James Dean to Ernie Pyle, Sam Walton, and Ronald Reagan.

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