

# 2007 Speaker



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**Carlton Stowers**

**Carlton Stowers**, a narrative writer for the *Abilene Reporter-News*, is one of the nation's preeminent true-crime writers. He's written more than two dozen nonfiction books, and many have been selections of the Book-of-the-Month Club, Literary Guild, Doubleday Book Club, Mystery Book Club, True Crime Book Club, Preferred Choice Book Club, *Playboy* Book Club and *Guideposts* Book Club. Five have been optioned by motion picture and television production companies. *To The Last Breath* and *Careless Whispers* were winners of the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Allen Poe Award as the best fact crime book of the year. *To the Last Breath* was included in *Readers' Digest's* prestigious *Today's Best Non-Fiction* anthology. His books have been translated into German, French, Japanese, Swedish, Dutch, Afrikaans and Spanish. Stowers has also authored a number of books on sports, ranging from *Marcus*, the autobiography of NFL standout Marcus Allen that spent six weeks on the *Los Angeles Times* bestseller list, to *Dallas Cowboys: The First 25 Years*, an article he wrote on football in a small Texas town. His sports writing was selected for the *2004 Best American Sport Writing* anthology and evolved into *Where Dreams Die Hard*, a literary nonfiction book published in 2005. As a collaborator, Stowers has written books with western movie icons Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, *Happy Trails*, Olympic pole-vaulter Billy Olsen, *Reaching Higher*; former FBI Special Agent Larry Wansley, *FBI Undercover*; teacher Trent Jones, *Where the Rainbows Wait*; and private investigator, *William Dear, Please...Don't Kill Me*. The book, *Written These Walls*, written with former Texas prison chaplain the Rev. Carroll Pickett, was the winner of the Texas Writers' League's 2002 Violet Crown Award as the year's best book of Texas nonfiction and a finalist for the PEN Southwest Book Award.

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