

## **Anne Newton Walther—a revolutionary novelist**

I'm frequently asked where my love for history came from. The simple answer is that I inherited it from my father. It rode in on my DNA. The potential was there and, depending on the teachers I met along the way, I might or might not have caught the history bug. My passion for history had nothing to do with my formal education. It arrived full-blown when I was ten years old during the time I was laid up in a full body cast following a back surgery that fused three discs in my lower back. I was a very physical child and the pounding my body took sped up a condition that would have happened sooner or later. For me, it was sooner. I had always been a rapacious reader. My immobility simply ratcheted up my book consumption. I consumed my parents' library, which for the most part consisted of histories, biographies and English literature classics. Intellectually, I was way beyond my years in grasping the content of these wonderful books. Emotionally, I was a ten year old with a vivid imagination. ("Macbeth" terrified me. I had nightmares for months.) And so my passion for history began. I wish everyone could share that love, which is why I write historical fiction. I can take you, my readers, into the past and to places, which you cannot visit any other way. At the very least I hope I will entertain you and maybe, just maybe spark your own passion for history.

Anne Newton Walther is a published author and lecturer who coined the phrase "divorce hangover" and brought it into the lexicon of divorce. Her book, "Divorce Hangover," deals successfully with the emotional aftereffects of divorce. It was published by Pocket Books in hard cover in 1991 and soft cover in 1992 and distributed throughout the U.K. It is considered one of the definitive texts on divorce and has received broad acceptance by professionals and individuals alike.

Walther's frequent appearances on "Oprah Winfrey," CNN's "Sonja Live," Cable Network's "Attitudes," NBC's "Jenny Jones" and countless other local television and radio interview shows in the U.S. and Canada have further established her as a recognized authority on the subject.

Walther has a background in history and psychology and heads a divorce and career counseling firm. She was raised in Virginia and now lives in San Francisco where she and her husband raised their five children.