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**New Clotworthy Book Focuses on First Ladies of the United States—Book to be Launched  
at National First Ladies' Library in Canton, Ohio**

*The First Lady is one of our most cherished institutions. We're a deeply traditional people, and maybe out of some residual nostalgia for the monarchy that we fought so hard to shed, we really set up the White House and the presidency as sort of semi-monarchical. – Author Kati Marton*

*Homes of the First Ladies: A Guide to Publicly Accessible Homes, Museums, and Related Sites* by William G. Clotworthy is his fourth book published by McDonald and Woodward Publishing. This new book is an excellent companion to his popular *Homes and Libraries of the Presidents*, now available in its Third Edition, revised. *Homes of the First Ladies* includes 58 publicly accessible sites which interpret the lives of First Ladies of the United States, including the National First Ladies' Library in Canton, OH, where the official book launch will be held on Saturday, October 30, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

In typical Clotworthy style, readers will get a glimpse into the women's lives before they became wives of presidents, from Martha Washington's days as a young widow and plantation owner to Michelle Obama's career as an attorney and administrator. Clotworthy also describes those who acted as substitute hostesses in the White House for the presidents who did not have a wife at the time of his presidency. Each biographical sketch is followed by a brief description of how the woman is interpreted at publicly accessible site(s) for each First Lady. Sites may include a former home and/or museum dedicated to the First Lady or her husband. Information about each site contains the name, location, contact information, dates and hours of operation, driving directions, maps, and photographs. Other reading materials are also referenced to enhance the overall interpretive experience. A special full-color insert is included which contains additional photographs of various sites found in the book.

Another section specifically describes living in the White House. Clotworthy identifies each First Lady's experience and/or contribution to the First Family's home. Examples include using the East Room to hang laundry to dry by Abigail Adams, to giving birth there by Frances Cleveland, or to Jackie Kennedy's project of turning the White House into a museum of American art and history.

Burial sites for thirty-eight First Ladies complete the book, along with end notes, a bibliography, and an index.

For more information about this book and author, please visit the publisher's website: [www.mwpubco.com/titles/firstladies.htm](http://www.mwpubco.com/titles/firstladies.htm). *Homes of the First Ladies* is also available from book retailers nationwide, including Amazon.com.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

After spending 42 years in the advertising end of the television broadcasting industry, where he worked with such television icons as Groucho Marx, Johnny Carson, and Milton Berle, and spending twelve years as censor for "Saturday Night Live"—William Clotworthy retired and began to travel, to lecture, and to write. Mr. Clotworthy has taught college courses on the history of the First Ladies, and is a recognized authority on presidential sites, authoring three other books on the American presidential heritage. *Presidential Sites: A Directory of Places Associated with Presidents of the United States; In the Footsteps of George Washington: A Guide to Places Commemorating the First President*; and the first, second, and third editions of *Homes and Libraries of the Presidents* have all been published by McDonald & Woodward, as part of their Guides to the American Landscape series.

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