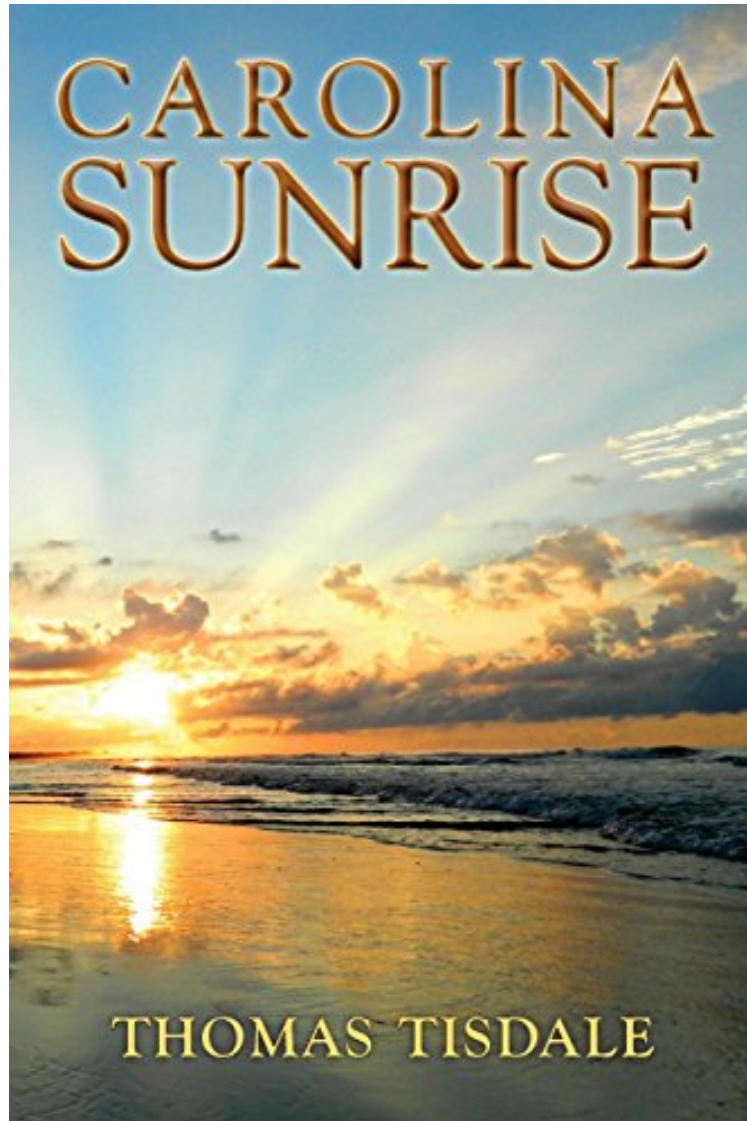


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segment sets the stage for the action, so to speak. Each of the following three features one group of early settlers to the Carolina Lowcountry: The English, the Africans and the French. He illustrates how the arrival of colonists from Europe and Africa and their impact is still felt today; their imprint upon this new land was indelible. Mr. Tisdale uses easily personal stories to demonstrate this influence several hundred years later - as seen in customs, cuisine, architecture and religion. There is a wealth of information about the land itself: the ocean, the rivers, the soil, and the plantings. Even the cover photographs feature the rising sun illuminating the beach, as if welcoming visitors into this land touched by the tide of people who have come for over 300 years. The reader is led to understand how the natural landscape shaped the lives of those people who settled the early days in a virgin land. Again, the author uses societal customs of today to bring the reader to the realization that Carolina is a blend of those who brought the best of their homeland to their new home and jettisoned other practices. Mr. Tisdale makes his point as well that economic struggles brought practices employed during those early days, some of which were extreme, harsh and difficult to handle. But just as economic conditions today dictate how commerce proceeds, so it was then, as the immigrant settlers tried to forge a life and a living under the economy that met them. If one thinks history is dull, then Carolina Sunrise will prove that theory wrong. The author injects humorous and fascinating stories of colorful characters who make up the fabric of this place called South Carolina. If the reader enjoys history of both a land and its inhabitants, then Carolina Sunrise will not disappoint. If he is drawn to the local flavor of the Carolina Lowcountry, then stories of the colorful people who have called the area "home" for generations will delight. And if he enjoys reading a well-turned phrase, then he will read Carolina Sunrise quite possibly more than once. There is a depth that draws the reader in over and over - much like the natural beauty of the land. Coupled with the charm of the inhabitants, this combination holds the reader throughout the book. Carolina Sunrise is a "must read" for lovers of the South Carolina Lowcountry. Reviewed and Written by: Lady N. Hodges Edgefield, SC Carolina Sunrise

This book is a collection of stories told against a backdrop of the history of the early European and African migration to the South Carolina Lowcountry. While the history of how the land was settled is important as a foundation for the appreciation of the essence of the Lowcountry, the truth of human existence emerges only when the lives of the people who have inhabited it mature with the landscape. That combination defines the ever-emerging character of the place. Put another way, the raw history of the settlement of the English colony of Carolina has long been read by the world in sanitized versions. But the truth often springs from human life. These stories some old and some new reveal the character and soul of the Carolina Lowcountry in ways that standard history books cannot.

About the Author Thomas Tisdale is a lawyer, writer, and playwright. A former president of the South Carolina Historical Society and the South Carolina Bar, he has served on a number of boards, including that of the University of the South and Spoleto Festival, USA. This is Tisdale's second book. He and his wife live in Charleston.