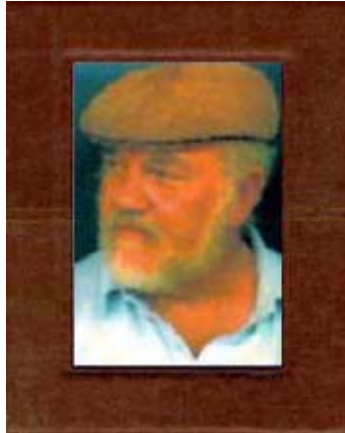


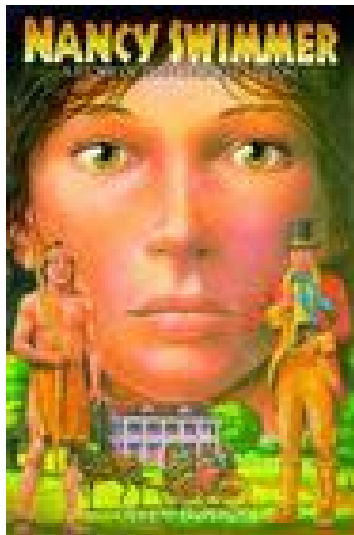
Novelist and Award-Winning Sportswriter

Clyde Bolton to speak at JSU

Latest Novel Has NASCAR Theme



Clyde Bolton will be appearing at the fall 2003 Friends of Houston Cole Library author event, Tuesday October 7 at 7:30 p.m. on the 11th floor. Bolton has been recognized most recently for his novels, *Turn Left on Green* (a novel depicting NASCAR racing), and *Nancy Swimmer: A Story of the Cherokee Nation*. He has a lifetime of achievement as a writer.



Copies of Bolton's most recent novels will be available at the Houston Cole Friends of the Library event on October 7th for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served.

Call the librarian's office for questions, 256-782-5255.

Bolton notes that he has been read more times than any other Alabama writer in history. That includes all writers, not just those who wrote for newspapers.

Bolton penned four columns a week for *The Birmingham News* for 31 years. If each was read by 50,000 persons (a conservative estimate), that's 200,000 readings a week or 10 million readings a year--or 310 million readings for the 31 years.

And that doesn't include the millions of readings of his feature stories, game stories, news stories, magazine articles and books.

Bolton joined *The Birmingham News* sports staff on September 4, 1961, and retired on September 7, 2001, at age 65. When he retired he was the dean of Alabama sports writers. He previously worked for *The Anniston Star*, *The Gadsden Times* and *The Montgomery Advertiser* in Alabama and *The LaGrange Daily News* in Georgia.

In addition to his newspaper writings, Bolton is the author of six novels and 10 non-fiction books. He wrote the first popular histories of Alabama and Auburn football, *The Crimson Tide* and *War Eagle*. His other non-fiction books--all of which have sports themes--are *Unforgettable Days in Southern Football*, *Bolton's Best Stories of Auto Racing*, *They Wore Crimson*, *The Basketball Tide*, *Silver Britches*, *The Alabama Gang*, *Talladega Superspeedway*, and *Remembering Davey*.

His latest novel, *Turn Left on Green*, is about NASCAR racing, but the other five have non-sports themes. *Water Oaks*, *Ivy* and *The Lost Sunshine* are about life in a small Southern town in the 1950s; *And Now I See* is a biblical novel; *Nancy Swimmer*, *A Story of the Cherokee Nation*, is about an Indian woman before, during and after the Trail of Tears.

Bolton has won numerous state and national awards for his newspaper writing. In 1995 he became the first winner of the most prestigious prize in auto racing writing, The American Motorsports Award of Excellence, which is given for the best story on Winston Cup racing in the nation. In 1966 he won the Permatex Award for the best story on short track racing in the nation.

The All-American Football Foundation presented Bolton its Lifetime Achievement in Sports Writing Award in 1996. In 2001 he was inducted into the Alabama Sports Writers Hall of Fame.

Bolton, who lived in Wellington as a boy, is a graduate of Alexandria High School. He briefly attended Jacksonville State. He and his wife Sandra live in Trussville. They are the parents of three grown sons.

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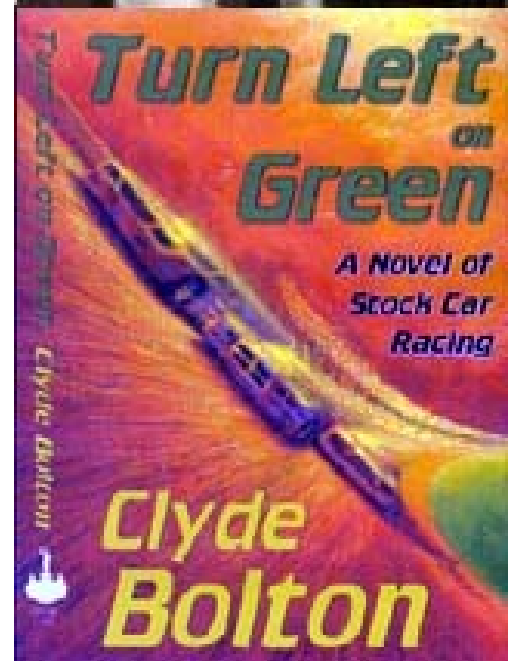
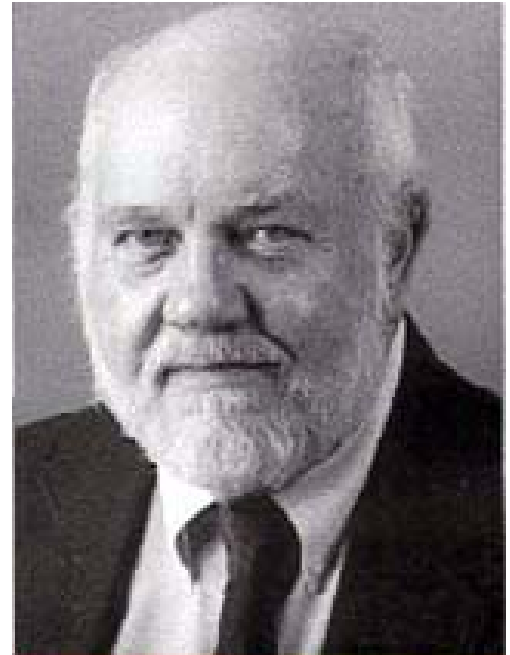
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