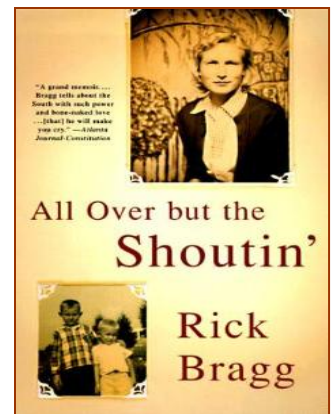


# *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg

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## About the Book



"The biggest reason for writing this story is to set one thing straight from now on. My momma believes that she failed, that her three sons, being all she has ever had, did not get enough of the fine things in life because she was our mother. . . . When I was a man of thirty-six, I won the highest honor our profession bestows. I hope she blames herself for that, too." pp. xix-xx.  
(Photo: Margaret Bragg and son, Rick Bragg)

[From Google Book Search "About this Book."](#) "This haunting, harrowing, and gloriously moving recollection of a life on the American margin is the story of Rick Bragg, who grew up dirt-poor in northeastern Alabama, seemingly destined for either the cotton mills or the state penitentiary. How Bragg instead became a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for *The New York Times* is only one of the stories he tells in *All Over but the Shoutin'*. With artistry, honesty, and compassion, Bragg evokes his father, a man with a murderous temper and a fatal taste for alcohol. And he creates a luminous portrait of his mother, a woman strong enough to drag her son behind her while she picked cotton and fearless enough to kill a copper-head with a hoe. Generous, unrelenting, filled with humor, sorrow, tenderness, and rage, *All Over but the Shoutin'* is an unforgettable testament to the love and suffering that lies at the heart of every family, everywhere." (publisher comments)



**Townes Van Zandt**

The **poem in the front of the book** is an excerpt from the song "Pancho and Lefty" written by Townes Van Zandt. Read the complete lyrics on [Lyricsplayground.com](http://Lyricsplayground.com). Hear Van Zandt [sing the song](#) on TNN's "American Music Shop" in 1993 (video posted on YouTube). (The lyrics in the front of *All Over but the Shoutin'* are slightly different from the lyrics as sung by the composer in this and other videos.)

**From *All Over but the Shoutin'*:**

"Living on the road my friend  
Was gonna keep you free and clean  
Now you wear your skin like iron  
And your breath is hard as kerosene  
You weren't your momma's only boy  
But her favorite one, it seems  
She began to cry when you said goodbye  
Saddled to your dreams."

The last line as sung by Van Zandt is "And sank into your dreams."

[Amazon.com](#). This page contains information written by Bragg about himself and about the book. It also contains professional reviews and an excerpt.

[Audio and Video Special: Charles Frazier and Rick Bragg](#). Bragg and the author of the novel *Cold Mountain* read from and discuss their books. From *The New York Times* Web site. Recorded November 16, 1998. (Free registration required.)

["The Hard Road from Dixie"](#) by Anthony Walton. Review from *The New York Times* Web site, September 14, 1997. (Free registration required.)

[Entertainment Weekly review](#) by Vanessa V. Friedman. September 12, 1997.

["Up from Southern Poverty, Into a Wider World"](#) by Bret Lott. Review from *The New York Times*, September 11, 1997. From ProQuest Historical Newspapers *The New York Times* (1851 - 2005), an AC Library database. AC WebAdvisor login required.

["When Fantasy Meant Survival': Writing, Class, and the Oral Tradition in the Autobiographies of Rick Bragg and Harry Crews."](#) (1999/2000). Abstract: "Focuses on the

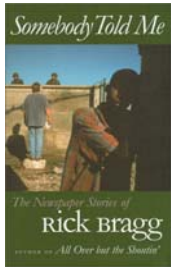
autobiographies of poor whites Rick Bragg and Harry Crews. Demonstration of class anger; Emphasis on Southern poor-white culture; Details on class binarism; Dependence of survival on courage; Concept of place in the memoirs of Bragg and Crews; Importance of words in defining personal and social identity." Published in *Mississippi Quarterly*, a peer-reviewed journal. From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required](#).



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—Selected Reviews of Bragg's Other Books

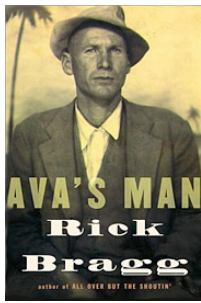
***Somebody Told Me: The Newspaper Stories of Rick Bragg***. This book is available at the AC Lynn Library, 4th floor, 306.0973 B813. Stacks. See reviews below.



[Amazon.com](#) page of professional reviews.

[“Books in Brief: Non-Fiction—Somebody Told Me: The Newspaper Stories of Rick Bragg”](#) by Ruth Bayard Smith. From *The New York Times* Web site, June 25, 2000. ([Free registration required](#).)

***Ava's Man***. This book is available at the AC Lynn Library, 4th floor, 92 B7297av. Stacks. See reviews below.



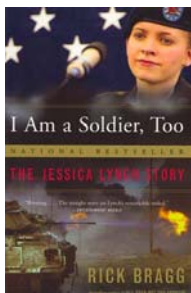
[Amazon.com](#) page of professional reviews. Contains excerpt.

[“Ava's Man”](#) by Pam Kingsbury for *Library Journal* (2001). From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required](#).

[“Down Home”](#) by Robert Morgan. From *The New York Times* Web site, September 2, 2001. ([Free registration required](#).)

[“Hammer-Swinging Roofer, Not a Hillbilly, in Appalachia”](#) by Theodore Rosengarten. From *The New York Times* Web site, September 10, 2001. ([Free registration required](#).)

***I am a Soldier, Too: The Jessica Lynch Story***. This book is available at the AC Lynn Library, 4th floor, 92 L989B. Stacks. See reviews below.



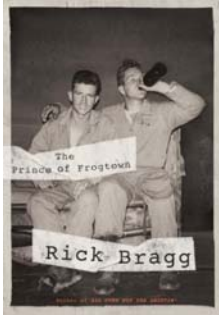
[Amazon.com](#) page of professional reviews. Contains excerpt.

[Entertainment Weekly](#) review by Tina Jordan. November 19, 2003.

[“Left Behind”](#) by David Lipsky. From *The New York Times* Web site, December 14, 2003. ([Free registration required](#).)

[“Soldier’ Tries to Sort Myth from Facts”](#) by Bob Minzesheimer. From the *USA Today* Web site (usatoday.com), November 17, 2003.

**The Prince of Frogtown.** This book is available at the AC Lynn Library, 4th floor, 92 B7297p. Stacks. See reviews below.



[Amazon.com](#) page of professional reviews. Contains excerpt.

**“This One’s for Daddy”** by Christopher Dickey. Review of *The Prince of Frogtown* from *The New York Times* Web site, July 20, 2008. (Free registration required.)

**First Chapter of The Prince of Frogtown.** From *The New York Times* Web site, July 20, 2008. (Free registration required.)

**Listen to Rick Bragg interviewed** about *The Prince of Frogtown* on NPR Radio’s “On Point” program with Tom Ashbrook. (July 31, 2008). Title: “Rick Bragg’s Hard South.”

## About the Author

**Anniston Star brief biography** covers Bragg’s life through November 19, 1997. (Bragg previously worked for *The Anniston Star*.)

**Curriculum Vitae.** Sections are “Honors and Awards,” “Publications,” “Teaching Experience,” and “Related Experience.” (University of Alabama Web site)

**Biography.** Brief entry on Pulitzer organization page. Bragg won the prestigious [Pulitzer Prize](#) for Feature-Biography in 1996. [Click here](#) to find links to the feature stories that led to the awarding of the prize to Bragg.

**Biography Resource Center** entry for Rick Bragg through 2005. BRC is an AC Library database. AC WebAdvisor login required.

**Faculty Page, University of Alabama School of Journalism** with link to curriculum vitae.

**“Rick Bragg: At Home with Words”** by Wanda McKinney. From the SouthernLiving.com Web site. (May 2008 issue).

**“Rick Bragg Quits at New York Times”** by Howard Kurtz from *The Washington Post* Web site (washingtonpost.com). May 29, 2003. Newspapers re-examine stringer and intern policies in the wake of Bragg’s suspension and resignation. [Click here to read the story that led to Bragg’s resignation.](#)

**“Rick Bragg”** by Lynda Cardwell. salon.com. Undated interview mostly about Bragg’s life and his book *Ava’s Man* about his maternal grandfather.

**“The Day I met Rick Bragg”** by Theresa Shadrix for *Longleaf Style* online magazine. January 4, 2008.



Go to [Biography Resource Center](#) (AC Library database) to search for biographies. This database contains biographical essays, articles, and almanac entries. Many biographies are very comprehensive. It is a great source for biographical assignments! AC WebAdvisor login required.

## —Interviews

[“Paternal Instincts: Now a Father, Bragg Comes to Terms with his Difficult Dad.”](#) From Web site entitled “First Person Book Page.” Focuses on the researching and writing of Bragg’s book, *The Prince of Frogtown*, which was published in 2008. (Interview undated.)

[“Rick Bragg.”](#) (2007). From abstract: “Bragg discusses narrative writing, how he became a newspaper writer, and advice for students considering journalism as a career.” From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[“Rick Bragg on the Art of Storytelling.”](#) (2002). Bragg discusses writing in general and writing about one’s family in particular. This article first appeared in a periodical entitled *Writer*. From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[“Rick Bragg’s Southern Grit.”](#) (2001). An insightful article written by Anthony DeCurtis for the periodical entitled *Book*. From the Student Resource Center AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[“Rick Bragg’s Untimely Goodbye.”](#) (2003). Brief article containing Bragg’s responses to questions about his resignation from *The New York Times*. From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[“Still Worth Shoutin About: An Interview with Rick Bragg.”](#) From Web site entitled “Southern Scribe: Our Culture of Storytelling.” Bragg discusses the writing of *Ava’s Man*.

## AC Library Resources



[AC Library Home Page.](#) Contains links to Library catalog, databases, tutorials, guides, library hours, and more.

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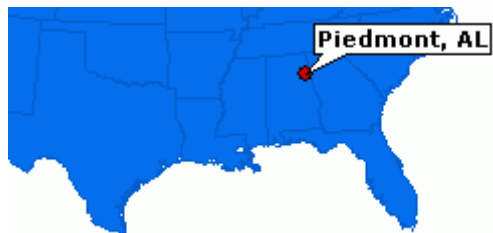
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[MLA Citation Style](#) — printable handout with MLA rules and examples.

[MLA Citation Style Overview: Citing Your Sources](#) — brief tutorial.

## Alabama



Piedmont, AL is  
Bragg’s birthplace.

[Alabama.](#) Comprehensive article from the Student Resource Center AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[Alabama Internet Resources](#). Large collection of links selected by the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

[Alabama Poverty Project](#). Statistics. Paints a bleak picture of poverty in Alabama.

[Alabama Statistics Information](#). From the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

[Appalachian Culture](#). Content from the [Jesse Stuart Foundation](#). Reproduced from Library.Thinkquest.org. The "Values" section is particularly interesting.

[Find government statistics](#) at Fedstats.gov, the U.S. government's gateway to statistics.

[Ku Klux Klan](#). The Klan played a role in Alabama history and is mentioned in *All Over but the Shoutin'*. From the Student Resource Center AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.**

[Map of Alabama Counties](#). Possum Trot and Jacksonville are in Calhoun County. (Map from JustAuctions.org)

["The Tragedy of Appalachia."](#) (1964). The top half of Alabama is considered part of Appalachia. (Note that this article was written when Bragg was about five years old.) From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required. On the article information screen, click the "PDF Full Text" link to open the article.**



[Learn more](#) about finding information about cities and states by exploring the U.S. Census Bureau Web site.



**Jacksonville, AL**, near where Bragg grew up.

## Alcoholism

**Note:** Articles in PDF format will not display until the reader clicks the "PDF full text" link on the article information page.

["Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism: Alcohol Dependence."](#) (2007). Overview from Consumer Health Complete AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.**

["Alcohol and Violence."](#) (1999). From abstract: "Attention is paid to the pharmacological and cognitive effects of alcohol in relation to aggressive behaviour." Contains a summary of risk factors. (This literature review was compiled by an author from the U.K., but many of the studies discussed were conducted in the United States.) From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required. On the article information screen, click the "PDF Full Text" link to open the article.**

## [Alcohol Statistics from the Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse.](#)

### [Alcoholics Anonymous Web site.](#)

[Alcoholism](#) information from the Mayo Clinic Web site. Contains [alcohol use self-assessment](#).

[“The Close Relatives Of Untreated Heavy Drinkers: Perspectives On Heavy Drinking And Its Effects.”](#) (2002). From abstract: “The article focuses on the study of positions adopted by close family members and relatives of untreated heavy drinkers.” From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required. On the article information screen, click the “PDF Full Text” link to open the article.**

[“College Drinking: Changing the Culture.”](#) One of their stated goals is “Provide research-based information about the nature and extent of dangerous drinking to high school and college administrators, students, parents, community leaders, policymakers, researchers, and members of the retail beverage industry. . .” Created by the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

[“Comorbid alcohol addiction increases aggression level in soldiers with combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder.”](#) (2003). From article: “. . . PTSD subjects with alcohol dependence show an increased level of verbal and physically manifest aggression compared with PTSD only subjects. “ (Study conducted in Croatia.) From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required. On the article information screen, click the “PDF Full Text” link to open the article.**

[“Effects of Childhood Exposure to Familial Alcoholism and Family Violence on Adolescent Substance Abuse, Conduct Problems, and Self-Esteem.”](#) (2002). From abstract: “Exposure to familial alcoholism has been associated with many behavioral and emotional difficulties among offspring.” From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required. On the article information screen, click the “PDF Full Text” link to open the article.**

[National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism](#) of the National Institutes of Health. Contains numerous links on various aspects of the topic. Highly credible U.S. government resource.

[“Psychological Characteristics of Children of Alcoholics.”](#) (1997). By Kenneth J. Scher, Ph.D. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism of the National Institutes of Health. From *Alcohol Health & Research World* online.

[“Role of Family in Alcohol and Substance Abuse.”](#) (2006). This article is an international review of the literature on this topic. However, the bibliography reveals that most of the articles mentioned appear to be from the United States. From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required. On the article information screen, click the “PDF Full Text” link to open the article.**



[Learn more](#) about evaluating medical information on the Web from the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science.

# Family Relationships and Family Violence



"He had been a fearsome man, the kind of slim and lethal Southern man who would react with murderous fury when insulted, attacking with a knife or a pine knot or his bare hands. . . But in the end, he was very afraid. The years of drinking more whiskey than water had wrecked him. . ." p. 7. See [related article](#) in *Reader's Digest*.

**Charles Bragg**, Rick Bragg's father



" . . . my momma, a tall, serenely beautiful woman who looked like a 1940s movie star . . ." p. xviii.

" . . . he opened the cupboard and reached for his home brew. "Not all of it?" he asked, and she nodded. [She had poured it out.] My momma did not run, did not hide. She stood there like a statue. Then, slowly she took off her glasses. 'Don't hurt my teeth,' she said." p. 63.

**Margaret Bragg**, Rick Bragg's mother.

["The Development of Abusive Personality: A Trauma Response."](#) (2001). From abstract: "Unfortunately, the effects of family violence are likely to produce long-term intergenerational cycles of abuse if not treated early." From the MasterFILE Premier AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.**

[Domestic violence](#) information from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

[Domestic violence](#) links from MedlinePlus on the National Institutes of Health Web site.

["Domestic Violence Towards Women: Recognize the Patterns and Seek Help."](#) (2007). Describes the patterns involved in domestic violence. Suggests strategies and provides information about help that is available. From Mayo Clinic Web site.

["Effects of Father's Absence on Sex-Typed Behaviors in Male Children: Reason for the Absence and Age of Onset of the Absence."](#) (1977). From abstract: "Rating of boys without fathers present in the home by their teachers as more masculine, aggressive, disobedient, and independent than boys with fathers present." From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required. On the article information screen, click the "PDF Full Text" link to open the article.**

["The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children."](#) From the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence Web site.

["The Identification of Birth Order Personality Attributes."](#) (1995). From abstract: "Studies the significance of birth order positions to personality traits." This article is interesting in light of

the personalities of the three brothers. From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[“The Impact on Subsequent Violence of Returning to an Abusive Partner.”](#) (2003). From article: “Victims who temporarily leave suffer increased violence relative to victims who never leave.” From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#) On the article information screen, click the “PDF Full Text” link to open the article.

[“Prevalence Of Dating Violence And Victimization: Regional And Gender Differences.”](#) (2007). This research demonstrated that dating violence is most prevalent in the South in the United States. From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)



[Learn more](#) about the difference between scholarly journal articles and popular articles by viewing a brief tutorial on the AC Library home page.

Go to the [Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection](#) (AC Library Database) to search for articles about psychology. [WebAdvisor login required.](#)

## Korean War



Korean War Memorial Wall

“For my father in Korea, there were no grand charges, no standup fights over open ground. The fighting was mostly mean, drawn-out, duck-and-shoot battles . . . . In that narrow space of time, his life shifted, tumbled off balance.” pp. 17, 21.

[“And the War Goes On.”](#) (1992). From abstract: “Many patients use drugs and alcohol to reduce PTSD symptoms, which actually impedes the recovery process.” Bragg’s father fought in the Korean War. From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[Brief overview of Korean War from Infoplease.com.](#) Retrieved September 4, 2008, from the Web.

[Brief overview of Korean War from PBS.](#) Retrieved September 4, 2008, from the Web.

[Book excerpt](#) about the severe trauma suffered by Korean War veterans. They suffered more lasting effects than veterans of World War II. The book is ***Psychological Trauma: A Developmental Approach*** by Doris Black. (1997). Retrieved September 4, 2008, from the Web.

[Korean Culture.](#) Collection of articles from the Student Resource Center AC library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[The Korean War, June 1950-July 1953.](#) Overview from the Student Resource Center AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)



**Korean War Memorial**

"The Korean War veterans were more likely to witness or participate in atrocities or abusive violence. In the US survey of veterans, Korean War combat veterans showed significantly poorer social adjustment (e.g., unemployment, divorce, etc.) than their peers who did not participate in combat (Department of Veterans Affairs, 1989, *1987 Survey of Veterans*). From *Psychological Trauma: A Developmental Approach* by Doris Black. (1997).



[Learn about world cultures](#) from the AC Library's Student Resource Center library database. (In the database, scroll down the click the "World Cultures" icon.") **AC WebAdvisor login required.**

## Poverty



**Poor children in Appalachia**

"The only thing poverty does is grind down your nerve endings to a point that you can work harder and stoop lower than most people are willing to do. It chips away a person's dreams to the point that the hopelessness shows through, and the dreamer accepts that hard work and borrowed houses are all this life will ever be." p. 25.

### Statistics

[U.S. Census Bureau poverty statistics.](#) Contains statistics, overview, Census Bureau definition of poverty, links to other poverty-related sites, and frequently asked questions.

### Articles

["Children Develop Social Competence Despite Poverty."](#) (1996). From article: ". . . a significant number of poor families are able to buffer their children from the family's financial distress through positive parenting practices." From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.**

["Coping with Rural Poverty: Economic Survival and Moral Capital in Rural America."](#) (2006). This article proposes that rural poverty is different from urban poverty because the lack of anonymity in a rural setting puts a premium on adherence to accepted social and moral norms. Those with higher "moral capital" have more access to scarce jobs. From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required. On the article information screen, click the "PDF Full Text" link to open the article.**

["The Effects of Poverty on Parenting Young Children."](#) (1996). From abstract: "How parents as individuals are influenced by the context of poverty; How parenting within the context of

poverty influences children's development; How children are directly and indirectly influenced by poverty; Factors that appear to mediate the debilitating effects of poverty.” [AC WebAdvisor login required](#). On the article information screen, click the “PDF Full Text” link to open the article.

[“The Individual, Society, or Both? A Comparison of Black, Latino, and White Beliefs about the Causes of Poverty.”](#) (1996). From abstract: “First, blacks and Latinos are more likely than whites to view both individualistic and structuralist explanations for poverty as important. Second, respondents' self explanations have significant effects on poverty beliefs. Lastly, the patterns of effects of several variables that predict beliefs about poverty differ across race/ethnic groups. Results confirm, contradict, and extend current knowledge of beliefs about poverty.” [AC WebAdvisor login required](#).

[“The Myth of the ‘Culture of Poverty.’”](#) (2008). From abstract: “The article discusses false perceptions and prejudices regarding poor students.” [AC WebAdvisor login required](#).

[“Sick of Poverty.”](#) (2005). From abstract: “The article examines how the stress of being poor affects health. Researchers know that people with low socioeconomic status have dramatically higher disease risks and shorter life spans than people who are wealthier.” From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required](#).

[“Students from Poverty: Helping Them Make it Through College.”](#) (2001). From abstract: “. . . Effect of economic condition of family on education of student.” From the Professional Development Collection AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required](#). On the article information screen, click the “PDF Full Text” link to open the article.

[“Understanding the Culture of Poverty.”](#) (2003). Lists the “cultural rules unique to poverty.” From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required](#).



“. . . of all the lessons my mother tried to teach me, the most important was that every life deserves a certain amount of dignity, no matter how poor or damaged the shell that carries it.” p. xxi.

## Racism



“White people had it hard and black people had it harder, because what are the table scraps of nothing? . . . “ p. 4.

**[“Adjusting To a New Racial Climate: Maintenance of Personal Integrity.”](#)** (2005). The author describes how he adjusted, as a black person, to a move from New York to Alabama when he was 12 years old. For the first time in his life, he was faced with overt racism. From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.** On the article information screen, click the **“PDF Full Text”** link to open the article.

**[“Freedom Rides Protest Segregation, 1961.”](#)** Courageous civil rights activists, both blacks and whites, rode buses into the South to use non-violent tactics to force the government to enforce desegregation laws. Alabama was the site of much violence. From the Student Resource Center AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.**

**[“Government Policy and Civil Rights, 1960s.”](#)** An overview from the Student Resource Center AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.**

**[“Letter from a Birmingham Jail”](#)** by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. from the official Web site (thekingcenter.org). Click [here](#) to view an analysis of the language of the letter from the Student Resource Center AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.**

**[“Modern Racism on Campus: A Survey of Attitudes and Perceptions.”](#)** (2000). Abstract: “Examines race differences in attitudes about and perceptions of racism in the United States. Subtle racial tensions in contemporary society; Causes of modern racial tensions; Strategies to reduce racism on college campuses. From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.**

**[“Perceptions of Racism on Campus.”](#)** (2003). Abstract: “This study examined students' perceptions of racial discrimination in classrooms, on campus, and in contacts with instructors at a Southern university. Survey questionnaires were administered in an 8% proportionate stratified random sample of classes. The ANOVA findings support conclusions from numerous other racism studies that universities are not immune to racism.” From the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.**

**[“Wallace-ism is what Alabama \(White\) Wants.”](#)** (1966). Abstract: “Assesses the power of the African-American vote in line with the victory of Lurleen Wallace in Alabama's Democratic primary in 1966. Impact of the 1965 Voting Rights Act on racism in the southern states in the U.S.; Impact of the African-American vote on the Wallace campaign; Influence of the African-American vote on local-level politics; Status of democracy in the South.” (Keep in mind this article was published in 1966, when Bragg was a child.) From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. **AC WebAdvisor login required.** On the article information screen, click the **“PDF Full Text”** link to open the article.

## The Old South and the New South



**[“Divining Dixie.”](#)** An article written by Jacob Levinson in 2004 for the online *Columbia Journalism Review*, 2004. Subtitle: “Is It Another Country? Or a Place to Stow National Problems? A Yankee Journalist Gets Lost and Found in the South.” Focuses on how the media covers the South.

[\*\*"Legacy of Violence."\*\*](#) (1991). Provides a possible explanation of the belligerent and violent behavior shown by some poor Southern whites such as Rick Bragg's father. From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[\*\*"Picking on the South."\*\*](#) An article written by Bethany Harbison in 2007 for *The Chanticleer Online*, student newspaper of Jacksonville State University in Alabama, near where Bragg grew up. Discussion of stereotypes of Southerners.

[\*\*"Review: The Code of Honor in the Old South."\*\*](#) A lengthy and informative review written by Orlando Patterson about a book written in 1982 by Bertram Wyatt-Brown entitled *Southern Honor: Ethics and Behavior in the Old South*. From the JSTOR AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[\*\*Review: "Scarlett's Sisters: Young Women in the Old South/Southern Sons: Becoming Men in the New Nation."\*\*](#) A lengthy and interesting book review about gender roles in the Old South and how they evolved during the Civil War. Contains an interesting discussion about male autonomy and female resignation that may cast some light on the Bragg marriage. From the Academic Search Complete AC Library database. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

[\*\*"Southern Culture and the 'Peculiar Institution.'"\*\*](#) A 1999 article from the Student Resource Center AC Library database discussing culture and slavery in the Old South. [AC WebAdvisor login required.](#)

## Selected Articles by Rick Bragg

[\*\*"Terror in Oklahoma City: At Ground Zero: In Shock, Loathing, Denial: 'This Doesn't Happen Here.'"\*\*](#) From *The New York Times* Web site, April 20, 1995. One of Bragg's many articles for *The New York Times* on the Oklahoma City bombing. [\(Free registration required.\)](#)

[\*\*"Psychiatrist for Susan Smith's Defense Tells of a Woman Desperate to Be Liked."\*\*](#) From *The New York Times* Web site, July 22, 1995. One of Bragg's many articles for *The New York Times* on the Susan Smith case (the young South Carolina mother who drowned her two young sons in order to pursue a romantic relationship). [\(Free registration required.\)](#)

[\*\*Killings Jolt Fort Bragg Area, Recalling Angry, Ugly Past."\*\*](#) From *The New York Times* Web site, December 11, 1995. *The New York Times* coverage of the murder of black couple by two white supremacist Fort Bragg soldiers. [\(Free registration required.\)](#)

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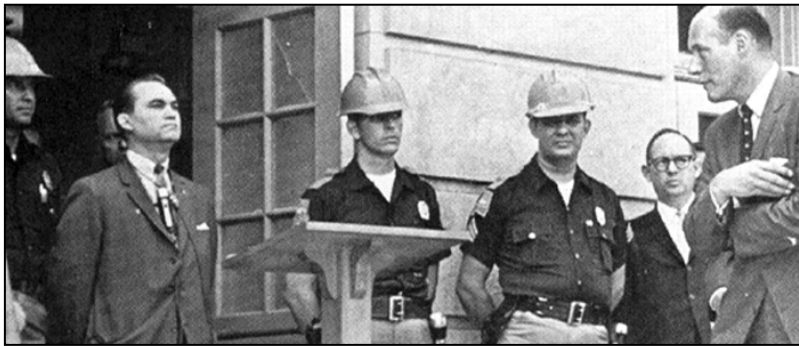
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**Gov. George Wallace at the University of Alabama, 1963**

Alabama Governor George Wallace, mentioned in *All Over but the Shoutin'*, blocked the entrance to the University of Alabama after federal authorities ordered the institution to admit two black students. By 1963, Alabama was the only southern state left that had not integrated its schools. Wallace apologized later in his life for his stance on the integration matter.



**Hank Williams Sr.**

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**House Bragg bought for his mother.**



**Dianne Bragg**  
(Rick Bragg's wife)

"While he teaches aspiring writers, she works on her doctorate. 'She's going to be a teacher,' Bragg says. 'She's concentrating on history in communications -- studying black presses and the post-Civil War era and women reporters in the pre-World War II era and writing these long, serious papers. That kind of study is beyond me, but she's good at it.'" From "More to Bragg About" by Bob Carlton for *The Birmingham News*. May 3, 2008.

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