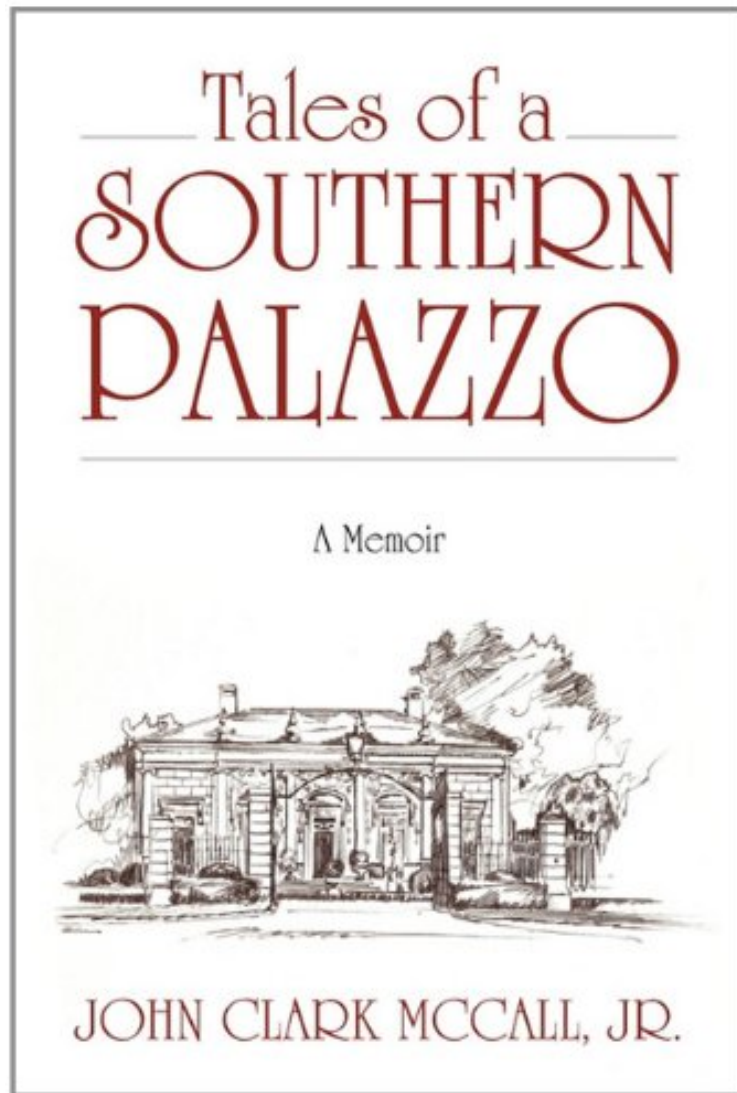


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John Clark McCall Jr : Tales of a Southern Palazzo: A Memoir before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tales of a Southern Palazzo: A Memoir:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Tale of a Southern PallazoBy Bobby ClarkI've known John McCall for over 40 years and I honestly do not think that there is a mean bone in John's body. During all these years I have heard most of these stories related verbally and have had the distinct pleasure of meeting many of the "characters" in the stories-----and knew a great many of them personally and quite well. There is no question that John is a great storyteller although he has been known to embellish it a little bit to make it more interesting. I find the book quite

much fun to read and have shared it with others who also found it fun and entertaining. I am certain that John McCall meant no malice of heart to anyone living or deceased. He relished his youth growing up in a small town and worshipped his family and their friends. He adored his Uncle Frank and anyone who knew Frank would admit that he was an architectural genius and a real "character". As an adult John has maintained his love and affection for these same people and is extremely devoted to them. I personally have never heard John McCall say one unkind word about any of them. Read the book for what it was intended to be and don't get so uptight and get your panties in a wad over any of it. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Thanks, Johnny! By EddyGene For years I've been begging my life-long friend John Clark McCall, Jr. to write down all those stories he's been delighting us with for years. I'm proud as punch that he has brilliantly done so in his memoir "Tales of a Southern Palazzo." The first time I read it, I laughed; I cried. And each time I've re-read those wonderful stories, I've been moved. You see, I, too, grew up in Moultrie, Georgia, and I either knew, or still know, every single character in the book (with one exception - someone who has something to do with rubies -- I don't know). Anyway, I did love Johnny's family like my own, and it thrills me to see them immortalized in print. Thanks, Johnny, for writing this little book. It is a delight and should be in every Southern home where good stories are enjoyed. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An absolutely wonderful read! By Donna Parker I was a guest at the home of friends in North Carolina, and John's book was on the night stand. I picked it up the first evening, and read well into the night each night of my stay. I wasn't finished when it was time to return home, and it was all I could do to wait for my very own copy to arrive! Tales of a Southern Palazzo: A Memoir is thoughtful and entertaining, filled with humor, and written with love and pride. I laughed out loud one minute, and cried the next. I felt as if I was sitting on the veranda listening to John tell the tales himself through easy conversation. Lovely! Get a copy, put your feet up, and just enjoy an absolutely wonderful read. When will part two be available? I can hardly wait!

Tales of a Southern Palazzo reads like fiction although it is a loving memoir of a "complex, twisted, and highly fragrant story" about Moultrie, Georgia that is basically all true! Using a "singularly distinctive mansion that cements all of the Southern waywardness" as a backdrop, this memoir pursues everything from the sordid to the sublime woven from tales that could have only emanated from the Spanish Moss-draped South. Tales recounts the hilarious and oftentimes unbelievable events that have occurred during the tenure of three Southern bachelors within and without its Palladian walls. At the axis of these stories is the author's aunt, Alyce McCall who struggles to keep "her" neighborhood homogenized and free of anything but the norm prescribed by this small town below the Mason-Dixon line. The author includes a "tell it all" treatise on his family and friends and the stories they have lived. From the celebrated Cloister Hotel on Sea Island, Georgia to the dove fields of Colquitt County, Tales of a Southern Palazzo celebrates the uniqueness of tragedy and humor in the deep South, defying the reader to discern which is which! Illustrations and photographs from author McCall's personal collection illuminate these larger-than-life characters. In the tradition of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, this real American drama is both humorous and poignant.