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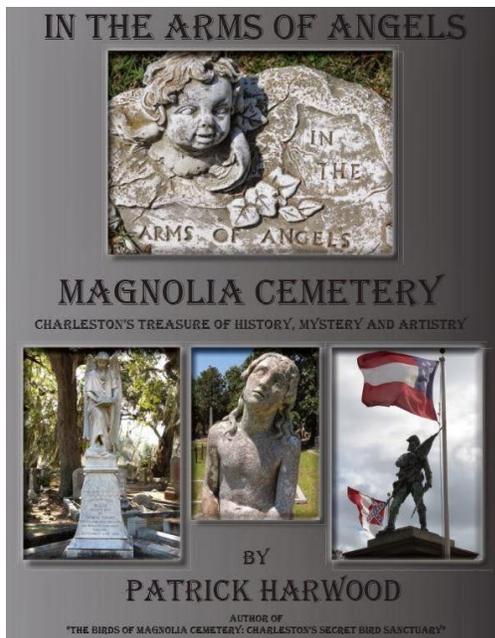
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New Book Explores History and Artistry of Charleston's Magnolia Cemetery Book Signing Set for Saturday, April 12 at Magnolia Cemetery and April 17 at CofC

Charleston's historic [Magnolia Cemetery](#) receives a comprehensive tribute as one of America's premier Victorian Era cemeteries in Patrick Harwood's new book, "In the Arms of Angels: Magnolia Cemetery- Charleston's Treasure of History, Mystery and Artistry."

The hardcover book's 231 pages document Magnolia's rich history; artistic, magnificent monuments; symbolism; spirituality; and landscape design. The pages are filled with stories about cemetery "residents" (a who's who of Charleston/Lowcountry history) and color photographs that capture the 19th century Victorian necropolis' unique style and look. Harwood, a journalist and photographer, teaches communication courses at the College of Charleston.



Harwood will have a book signing on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery, which is located in Charleston off Meeting Street Road at 70 Cunnington Ave. Cost of the book is \$40. Payment will be by cash or check only.

A signing will also be on Thursday, April 17 at CofC's Cougar Mall from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

"Since publishing in 2011 ['The Birds of Magnolia Cemetery: Charleston's Secret Bird Sanctuary.'](#)" Harwood said. "I knew I wanted to write a second book about this interesting, historic place, which continues to be somewhat of a hidden treasure among Charleston's many better known and publicized attractions."

Harwood said he spent nearly two years on the book, researching, writing, photographing, and even designing and laying out the work himself, in Adobe InDesign. "In the Arms of Angels" is published under Harwood's own enterprise, BirdsEyeViews Publications. Printing (in America) was handled by 360 Digital Books located in the Detroit area.

"In the Arms of Angels" has been endorsed by several local historians. Richard W. Hatcher III of the Fort Sumter National Monument calls it "a well-balanced work combining history and beautiful photography of one of the South's most historic cities of the dead." College of Charleston history professor Robert P. Stockton praises the book as "the first work to deal with the art, architecture and landscape design of Magnolia Cemetery in a comprehensive manner." S.C. Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell (recently selected to be the College of Charleston's next president), who is a Civil War expert, describes "In the Arms of Angels" as "a landmark book on one of Charleston's landmarks."

More information on the book can be found at [mybirdseyeviews.blogspot.com](#), by calling 843.224.3112, or emailing birdseyeviewspublications@gmail.com. Harwood, who holds mass communications and journalism degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University and Northwestern University, has worked and taught at the College of Charleston since 1992.

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