



History sleuth Mary Achor began her collaboration with historian Doug Wead three decades ago, writing books, driving vans full of books to his speaking tours, and editing his periodical, “On Magazine.” One article for “On” was about a young, green intelligence and reconnaissance unit that held off Hitler’s push at the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge until Allied troops could get into some semblance of position.

Interviewing the old soldiers, she was hooked, but narrowly missed out on a contract to write a book about their untold heroism, being advised by the publishers that had she been John Eisenhower she would have gotten the book contract. In *All the Presidents’ Children*, she turned the tables and wrote about John Eisenhower.

Mary Achor and Doug Wead are currently working on the third in a trilogy about America’s presidential families. *All the Presidents’ Children*, was published in 2003, and *The Raising of a President*, about the parents of our presidents, was published in 2005, both by Atria Books. (Please see: “Doug Wead’s Upstairs at the White House” at www.upstairsatthewhitehouse.com.)

The working title of the current book is *Sibling Rivalries*, about brothers and sisters of the presidents. There are heroes and scalawags in the pack, and ferreting them out is more fun than writing. As John Eisenhower would tell you.