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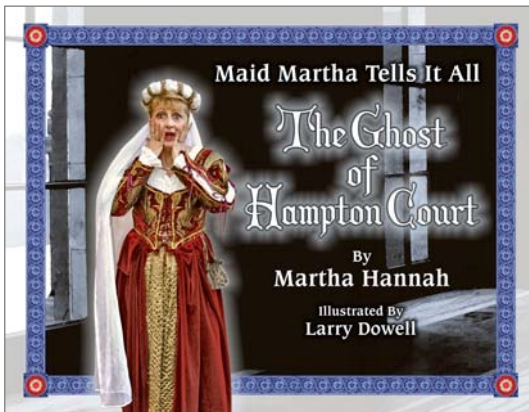
A King, a Teen-Aged Queen and a Haunted Palace

WHO was Catharine Howard and WHY does her tormented ghost haunt Hampton Court Palace?

These and more chilling facts fill **THE GHOST OF HAMPTON COURT**, the first in the *Maid Martha Tells It All* series of illustrated historical fiction books for children from Martha Hannah, author, comedienne and stand-up historian. Her character, Maid Martha, the time traveling teller of tales, speaks to you from the pages of the book, bringing the story alive with her on-the-spot narrative.

As young readers turn the pages of history they follow the gossipy Maid Martha along the twists and turns of 16th Century English social structure, along the cobblestone London streets and tapestry draped palaces of King Henry VIII. Along the way, the hilarious Maid Martha informs the readers just how mean Henry VIII was. They learn how a teenager named Catharine Howard became Queen Catharine, why she pleaded, "No, Henry, No! You know I'm innocent! and why her grieving spirit will forever be locked within the Long Gallery of Hampton Court Palace.

The gorgeously illustrated **THE GHOST OF HAMPTON COURT** speaks to history buffs of all ages. It brings to life, through lush illustrations and Maid Martha's dark humor, the beauty and horror of one of history's most haunting stories which ends in a rather ghostly surprise!



THE GHOST OF HAMPTON COURT

By Martha Hannah

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About the Maid Martha Tells It All Book Series

THE GHOST OF HAMPTON COURT is the first book in the *Maid Martha Tells It All* series, a series geared to making history not only intriguing – but fun and entertaining as well. Each book in the series brings to life a pivotal event in history and features, as your tour guide, Maid Martha, the time traveling teller of tales.

Upcoming Books in the Maid Martha Tells It All Series

Bloody, Bloody Mary

Elizabeth, the Queen of Pirates

The Green Ghost of Comlongon Castle

From Rats to Riches

About the Author and Illustrator:

Martha Hannah, a nationally acclaimed performing artist, author, educator and arts-in-education advocate, has delighted students and adults with performances as Maid Martha for well over twenty years. By creating her character, the hilarious Maid Martha, she's brought the Middle Ages and Renaissance to life and has shared her story 'The Ghost of Hampton Court' with countless enthusiastic audiences.

Larry Dowell has designed and produced award-winning national and international projects in print, graphic design, illustration, multi-media and web design. His richly detailed European paintings have won awards in multi-state juried competitions. He has been ranked with "the best of the best working landscape painters." His book of poetry, *The Orchard Wall*, was called "a brilliantly written and exquisitely produced reflection on life's sensual cycle."

This creative husband wife team lives in Austin, Texas with their talented lab mix, Goldie, who knows well how to do a 'one-eyed wink'.

About CicadaSun™

CicadaSun is a publishing house and creative services company in Austin, Texas. They publish the *Maid Martha Tells It All* series of children's books.

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