



Hibiscus Strong

MEDIA KIT

They were supposed to stay home cooking and cleaning while wearing pearls. They got it half right; they did wear pearls...

Molly: All alone she protected her land and children from treasure seekers, holding them off only with her courage and a shotgun.

Mary: She came with her husband as he drove the first train into Miami in 1896, when the Magic City was nothing more than a collection of wooden shacks and mud streets.

Helen: A flapper, she knew what she wanted and went out and found it.

Agnes: Miami wasn't the adventure she expected, but she found both love and heartbreak in her new home.

The Rogers women were like the hibiscus that thrives in tropical heat and comes in vibrant shades of orange, yellow, red, and hot pink. They were sassy, strong, self-reliant, and with an extra dose of the Florida quirkiness that comes from knowing every time you take your garbage out—whether it is real or metaphorical—you just might encounter an alligator in your backyard.

SPEAKING TOPICS

- ✓ The Art of Writing a Memoir
- ✓ The First Train to Miami
- ✓ Telling Your Family's Story
- ✓ Researching Your Family History
- ✓ Early Miami and the People Who Built It

REVIEWS

"...These keen-eyed observations, combined with relatable memories... contribute to the story's distinctive atmosphere. ...the book provides an intimate look at days gone by. A candid, revealing portrait of a family and the place they call home.

-Kirkus Reviews

"This book was a cross between *Steel Magnolias* and *Fried Green Tomatoes*. So many of the stories were memorable and kept me up, turning the pages late into the night. One that is etched in my memory was the treasure hunters, and the woman who had to defend her family against them. It was frightening, entertaining, and funny all at the same time. Without giving too much away, I found myself gasping in fear, holding my breath until the danger had passed for me and my heroine. While the book was entertaining and made a great vacation read, my favorite part was that at the heart of each story is a strong southern woman who I would love to have known."

-Nicole Loughan, author, All Saints Mystery Series



"I really enjoyed this book that took me on a journey through old Florida culture and history. These personal stories and rich characters brought to life places and names I pass everyday here in Florida. I totally recommend *Hibiscus Strong*."

-Nick Thomas

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

"I've spent half my life in the tropics, and the other half trying to get back there," says Karen Hodges Miller, a proud third-generation Miamian.

She planned to only leave Miami long enough to see snow, so she chose Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA, for her college education. What was supposed to be a quick four years away from Miami turned out to be a lifetime of living around the country in several states and in Puerto Rico.

Family brought her to the Raleigh, NC, area, where she currently lives with her husband, Sam, her two cats, Felix and Olive, and is very close to her son and daughter-in-law.

In addition to writing her own fiction and nonfiction, Karen is a publishing consultant who helps authors navigate the world of self-publishing. While *Hibiscus Strong* is her seventh book, it is her first about Miami's history. You can find more information about her at: HibiscusStrong.com, OpenDoorPublications.com, and on LinkedIn and Instagram.



Please feel free to reach out for any questions.

ABOUT HIBISCUS STRONG

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Part family memoir, part
historical fiction, the book
details the Southern
matriarchs that kept one
family glued together in
good times and bad.

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