

## Rosenberg Library Announces Museum Book Club Summer 2018 Selection

Rosenberg Library is pleased to announce its selection for the Summer 2018 Museum Book Club series: *The Downfall of Galveston's May Walker Burleson* by T. Felder Dorn.

The Summer Museum Book Club meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 27 from 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. in the McCullough Room on the library's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Light refreshments will be provided.

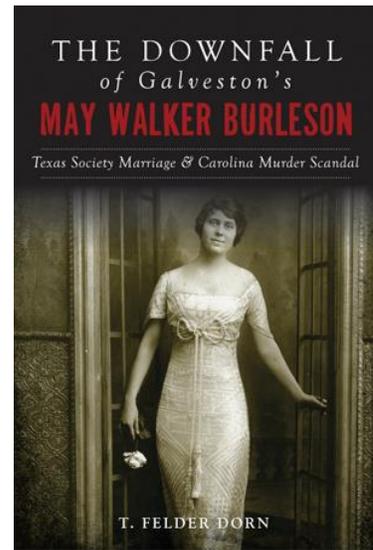
### About The Book

*The Downfall of Galveston's May Walker Burleson* provides a detailed account of the life of May Walker Burleson, beginning with her birth in Galveston in 1888 and ending with her imprisonment for murder in South Carolina in 1940.

As a young woman, Burleson was envied for having everything a woman of her time could want—a privileged upbringing, dazzling good looks, and a dashing war hero husband. She was admired for demonstrating that a woman could want more, from the front of the 1913 Woman Suffrage Procession to the bottom of a Mesoamerican archaeological dig. However, Burleson's life began a downward spiral during the 1930s as her marriage fell apart. Following a bitter divorce and ongoing struggles with mental health, Burleson shot and killed her former husband's second wife in a crowded South Carolina hotel café in the spring of 1940. Author T. Felder Dorn explores the rise and fall of this socialite turned shooter in this true crime tale.

### About the Author

T. Felder Dorn graduated from Duke University in 1954 with a BS in chemistry and was awarded a PhD in that discipline in 1958 by the University of Washington. He was a member of the chemistry faculty at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, in 1958–69 and then served four years on the program staff of the College Board in New



**Cover image of *The Downfall of Galveston's May Walker Burleson* by T. Felder Dorn.**

York. From 1973 to 1991, he held administrative positions at Kean University in Union, New Jersey, serving as associate dean, dean and vice-president for academic affairs. His last ten years at Kean were spent as professor of chemistry. He retired in 2001.

Dorn has previously published four books: *Challenges on the Emmaus Road: Episcopal Bishops Confront Slavery, Civil War, and Emancipation* (University of South Carolina Press, 2013); *Death of a Policeman, Birth of a Baby: A Crime and Its Aftermath* (Xlibris, 2012); *The Guns of Meeting Street: A Southern Tragedy* (University of South Carolina Press, 2001); and *The Tompkins School, 1925–1953: A Community Institution* (Attic Press, 1994).

### **From the Permanent Collection**

Rosenberg Library staff will share historic artifacts and photographs related to the Walker family of Galveston.

### **About the Museum Book Club**

Rosenberg Library's Museum Book Club offers participants the chance to experience art and literature in a more interactive way. Members have the opportunity to view rarely exhibited art and historical artifacts from the library's permanent collection as they discuss related books.

Registration is required for all Museum Book Club meetings. Established book clubs are encouraged to participate. Groups of over 10 people are asked to call the Reference Desk in advance to arrange accommodations.

Print copies of *The Downfall of Galveston's May Walker Burtleson* are available for [check-out](#) at Rosenberg Library.

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