

Immortalized by the writing of its most famous resident, Samuel Clemens, Hannibal is known around the world as much for its history as for the characters it birthed. Enjoy a guided walk through that history in America's Hometown. You might take the opportunity to trace the paths of the childhood adventures that Mark Twain shared through the stories of Tom and Huck. Or use *Hannibal: A Walk through History* to carve out your own adventure!

Catch the excitement of the steamboat era that lives on today as barges move goods from

St. Paul to New Orleans while paddlewheel-like cruise vessels carry tourists along the Mighty Mississippi. Enjoy photos of Hannibal then and now as you see what's changed and what's stayed the same. Visit during National Tom Sawyer Days and see 8th graders paint fences and recite scenes from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*—there's even a frog-jumping contest!

Local author and tour director Dea Hoover deftly guides you around her birthplace like an old friend. Her carefully planned walks will inspire you to explore life along the Mississippi and create memories that will last a lifetime.

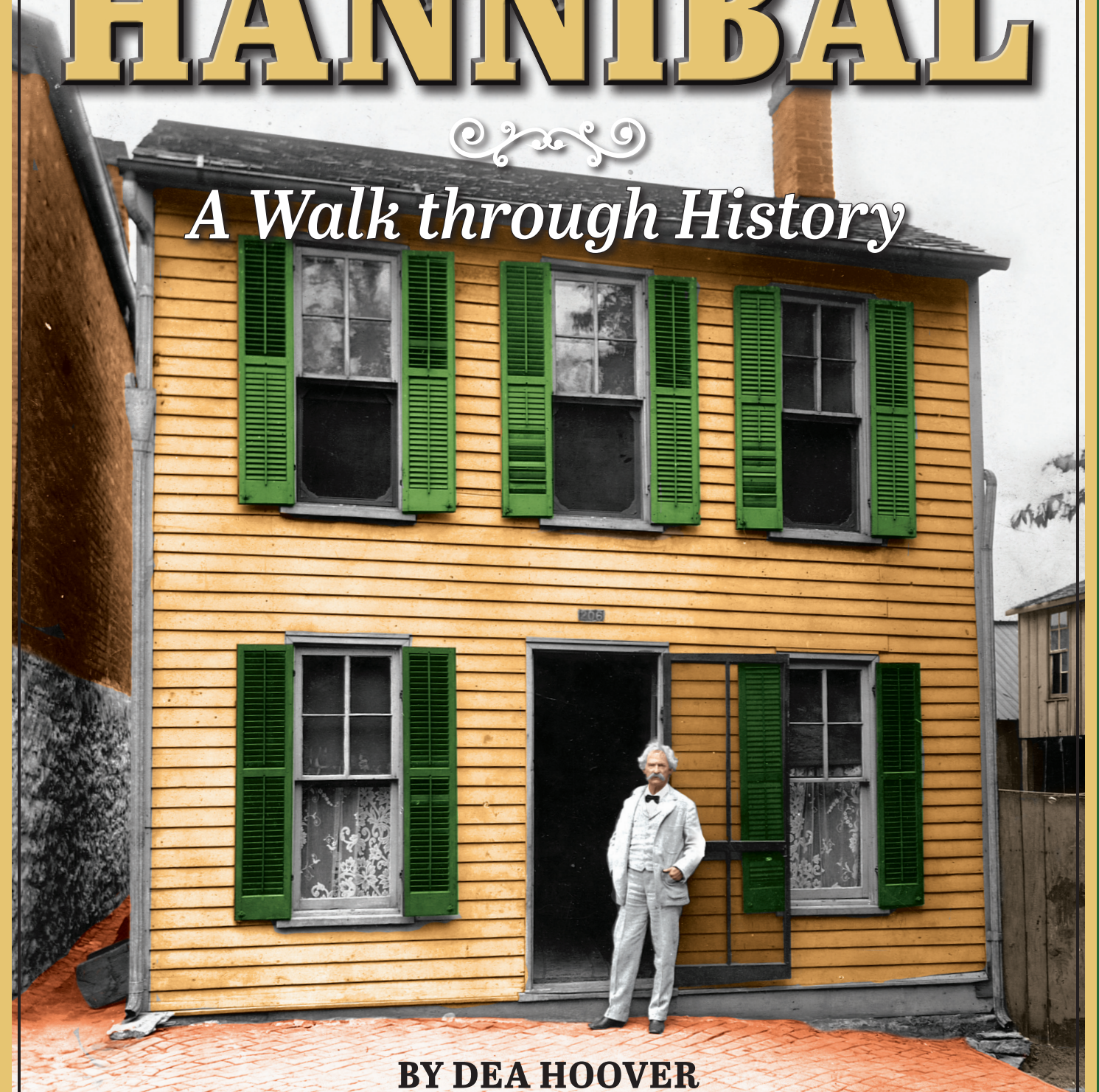


Born in Hannibal and raised in Vandalia, MO, **Dea Hoover** knows her way around the backroads of Missouri. She's accustomed to hearing the familiar mantra, "Are we there yet?"—thus the name of her full-service tour operation in the city of St. Louis. In 2008, Are We There Yet?, LLC expanded its operations with the acquisition of St. Louis's first local receptive tour operation Discover St. Louis, LLC, founded in 1975. She is also the best-selling author of *STL Scavenger*. Dea and her husband Declan live in The Hill neighborhood of St. Louis where she plays in a league at the Italia-America Bocce Club. She is a voracious reader attending two book clubs and participating in all events to do with history.



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