

## ***Children's Books about Lew Wallace***

Boomhower, Ray. *Lew Wallace*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana Historical Society Press, 2005.

### ***Coming Soon!***

In Fall 2005, the Indiana Historical Society plans to release a new biography of Lew Wallace for children. We hope to offer the book from our gift shop.

Schaaf, Martha E. *Lew Wallace, Boy Writer*. Carmel, IN: Patria Press, Inc., 1961, 2001.

### ***Summary from the back cover:***

“Lew Wallace gained world-wide fame as the author of the best-selling novel, Ben-Hur. But did you know that as a boy, he played hooky from school? Governor, foreign minister, Civil War general, inventor, artist, and author, Lew Wallace spent his boyhood in the fields and rivers of his native Midwest. Join Lew as he rescues his baby brother from beneath the wheels of a carriage and entertains his friends with portraits from his ‘magic pencil.’ Volume 3 of the Young Patriots Series, *Lew Wallace, Boy Writer*, features the story of the childhood of the young author from the age of 5 until the age of 19, and ends with a brief summary of his adult achievements.”

### ***A note from our staff:***

Many school libraries have a copy of this book, but at this time (as far as we know), a class set does not exist. We have a few reservations about this book. There are several minor historical inaccuracies and the text reflects the biases of Lew Wallace's era (e.g., in descriptions of Native Americans) and of the early 1960s (reflected in some of the author's comments.)

Copies of the book are available for sale in the Museum gift shop (\$14.95 hardcover, \$9.95 paperback). A teacher's guide is also available at the Patria Press website ([www.patriapress.com](http://www.patriapress.com)).