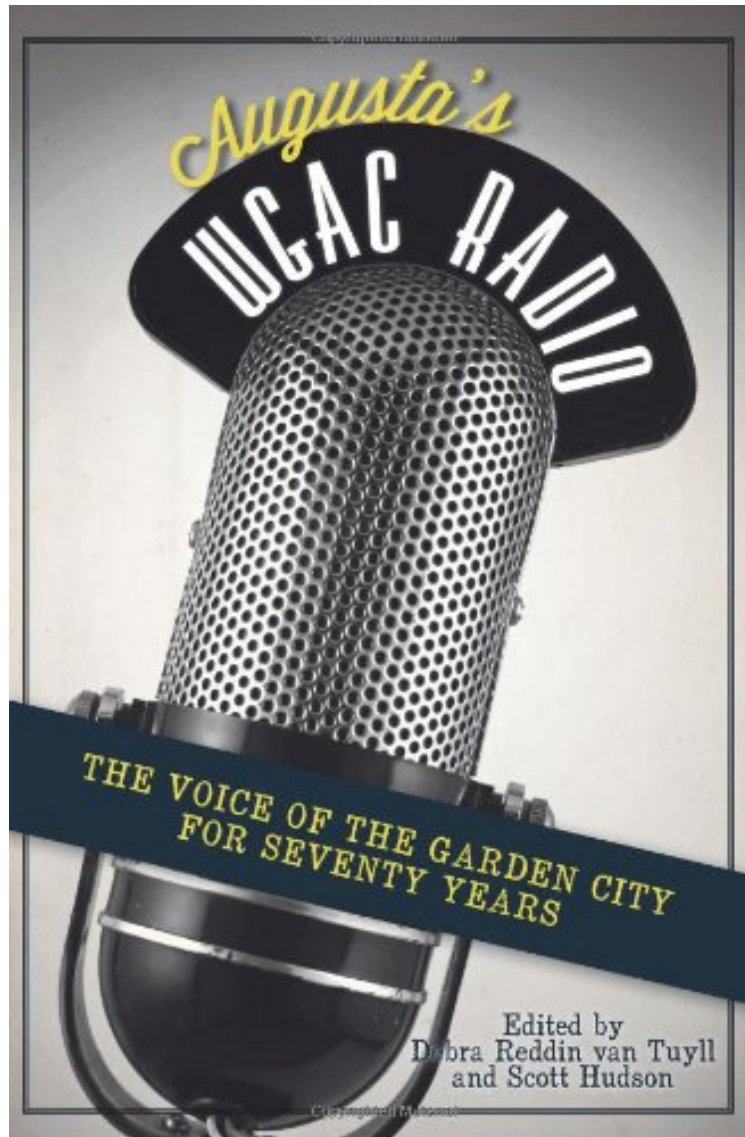


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WGAC is the No. 1-rated radio station in Augusta. It has weathered the transition in American radio from local stations with local programming to corporately owned stations that feature syndicated programming, and it has been able to do so without giving up its local character. As a news-talk radio station today, WGAC is the first place most Augustans go to find out what is happening nationally and locally, and its morning drive-time and afternoon drive-time show hosts and news personnel are some of the most beloved and respected media figures in Augusta. This book will trace the history of this community landmark from its infancy to its status today as a community institution. It will highlight the people who have created the programming for which WGAC is known and also the people like James Brown who have used the station to launch important careers. The book will also discuss Fuqua's broadcasting technology innovations such as advances in acoustics engineering and early television technology. The history will also cover the station's decades-long support of the Master's Golf Tournament, which has led to it becoming the official radio station of the Master's.

About the Author Debra Reddin van Tuyl is professor of communications at Augusta State University, where she teaches journalism and public relations. She is the author or editor of three other books: *The Civil War and the Press*, *The Southern Press in the Civil War* and *Knights of the Quill: Confederate Correspondents and Their Civil War Reporting*. *Knights of the Quill* was a finalist for the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications' 2011 Tankard Award for the best book in mass communications. Her fourth book, *The Third Stripe: A Cultural History of the Confederate Press*, will be published in 2012. Van Tuyl is married to Dr. Hubert van Tuyl, chair of the ASU Department of History, Anthropology and Philosophy, and they have one daughter, Laura. Scott Hudson is WGAC's award-winning investigative reporter. He is an honors graduate from Augusta State with a degree in political science and history. He studied media law and ethics with Dr. Van Tuyl at Augusta State. Scott's style of reporting has been noted as being different from others in that not only does Scott consider himself an activist journalist, he also tends to add humor to his reports. In his own words, "I think I am the illegitimate child of Ida Tarbell and Jon Stewart!"? Most importantly of all, he is Emerson's daddy."