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## **CELEBRATE VIRGINIA'S RICH HERITAGE IN AN EXQUISITE HISTORICAL TRIBUTE**

*Much anticipated volume captures the heart and soul  
of Virginia's varied past and impressive present*

**VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 2004**—History comes alive when *Virginia, A Commonwealth Comes of Age: An Illustrated History* is released throughout the region in October! Within its vivid pages the reader finds a precise, yet lively historical account written by well-known Virginia historian Lisa Antonelli Bacon.

This beautiful hard cover publication is an artfully illustrated account of Virginia's rich and colorful heritage. Readers will:

- Learn how those first settlers originally sought to trade and plunder, not settle, but were captivated by the land's unspoiled beauty.
- Find how its citizenry went from being traders and gentlemen farmers to become titans of canals, railroads and ironworks.
- Discover how slavery, and the ensuing Civil War, forever changed the politics, the economy and the very way of being for this state that some have said was a microcosm of the national miasma.
- See how after four centuries, Virginia has evolved from a fragile agricultural-based colony, neighboring a hostile new world, into a region that is enthusiastically on the cutting edge of telecommunications, software programming and aerospace.

Brava to author Lisa Antonelli Bacon who superbly recreates the life of Virginia's distant and recent past and gives a glimpse of its future. *Virginia, A Commonwealth Comes of Age: An Illustrated History* contains 368 pages, includes rare historical images as well as breathtaking color photos that enhance this sumptuous publication. One must personally experience this splendid account to truly appreciate it.

Lisa Antonelli Bacon will be signing copies and touring the state through the fall and winter months delighting audiences with her vast knowledge of Virginia, and will be available for media interviews.

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