

Corinne Joy Brown Press Kit



Corinne Joy Brown is a Denver native who loves history, especially the American West, the global story of the Jewish people, and the cultures of the greater Southwest. A partner in a high-end home furnishings and design firm, she's also a published author and freelance journalist with frequent by-lines in local and regional magazines.

Corinne's multi-award-winning novel *Hidden Star*, released April 2016, winner of the New Mexico/Arizona Book Award for Historical Fiction, chronicles the story of the descendants of Spanish and Portuguese Jews who fled to the New World and beyond during the 15th -18th century to escape the Spanish Inquisition. Their descendants are resurfacing everywhere today, reconnecting with Judaism. Her interest in this subject has led her to serve as the editor of *HaLapid*, the semi-annual journal of the Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies, an academic association that explores this topic around the world.

Corinne has also been a staff writer for [*Persimmon Hill*](#), the magazine of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City (now defunct) covering all aspects of Western culture. For the last decade she wrote for *Working Ranch* magazine and *Western & English Today*. She is an occasional contributor to *Cowboys & Indians*.

Her first historical novel, [*MacGregor's Lantern*](#), a story about the cattle barons of the late 1800's in Colorado and Wyoming, was released by Thorndike Five Star Press in July of 2001. [*Sanctuary Ranch*](#), co-written with Junior Michael Ray, a love story set against the Country-Western music and rodeo worlds, was released in April, 2006. A children's book, *Wishful Watoosi-The Horse That Wished He Wasn't* was published by Cowgirl Peg Sundberg, and is one of her meaningful books for children. Other works include "Come & Get It-The Saga of Western Dinnerware", a coffee table book that proves the history of the West has been told on a dinner plate! In addition is the biographical memoir titled "Why Not Them?", the story of Arc Thrift stores in Colorado and their CEO Lloyd Lewis and his son Kennedy, born with down syndrome.

Corinne's most recent work, *Finding Home*, targets Middle Grade readers with a horse story about wild mustangs, belonging and reunion. In on way or another, Corinne has been exploring the question of identity for over two decades; who we are and how we define ourselves.

Corinne is a past president of the [*Denver Woman's Press Club*](#), past chairperson of the Mizel Museum of Judaica, and a charter member of [*Women Writing the West*](#). She was the founder of Writing the West, a summer literary workshop in Gunnison, CO, now known as Writing the Rockies. For the past 40+ years she's been co-owner of ZOLi Contemporary Living (formerly International Design Center), a European contemporary home furnishings store in Littleton, Colorado.