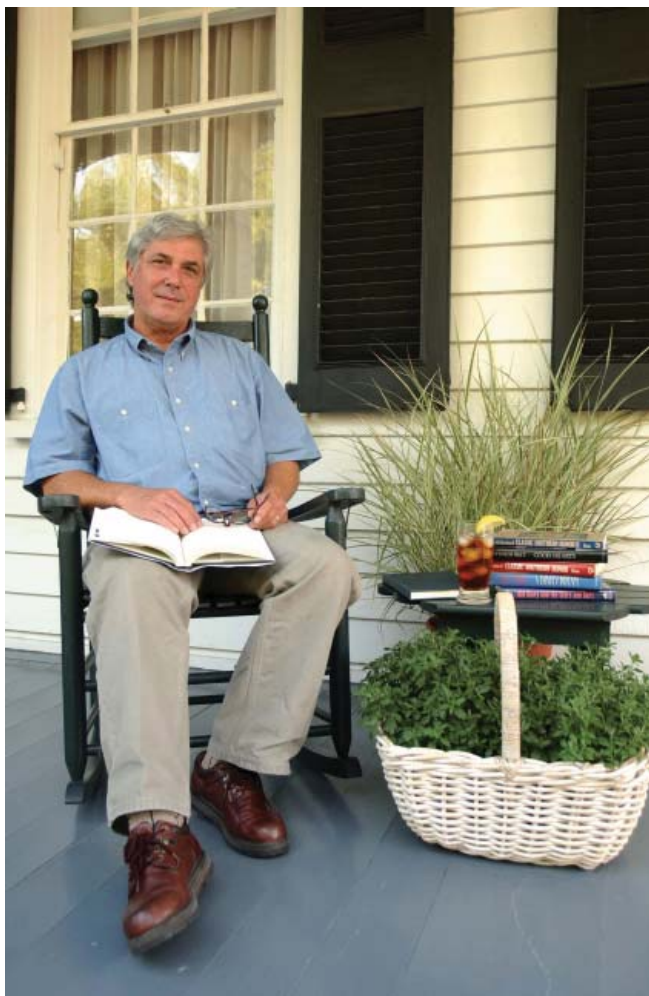


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## Bill Koon



A South Carolina native and a professor of English at Clemson University, where he teaches courses in American and Southern literature, Bill Koon is the author of *Hank Williams, So Lonesome*, a biography about the life and music of the country music legend. Koon is also the editor of the two-volume collection *Classic Southern Humor*

and an anthology of Civil War fiction, *Old Glory and the Stars and Bars*.

Formerly head of the English department, Koon was a Fulbright Professor in southern studies to Austria and director of a National Endowment for the Humanities Institute on southern studies. Along with his duties at Clemson University, he writes a weekly column for the *The Greenville Journal*, usually on southern topics.

### ***Impressions of Hank Williams, So Lonesome* from *Library Journal*:**

Koon's *Hank Williams, So Lonesome* was first published as *Hank Williams: A Bio-Bibliography* (Greenwood, 1993). This second take features expanded biographical coverage and important discussions of Williams's songs. Also significant are the author's attempts to separate the facts of Williams's life and work from the mythology of the musician and his thoughtful assessment of sources. In eliminating the reference-book qualities of the earlier Greenwood volume, Koon has made a significant contribution to Williams literature for fans and scholars.