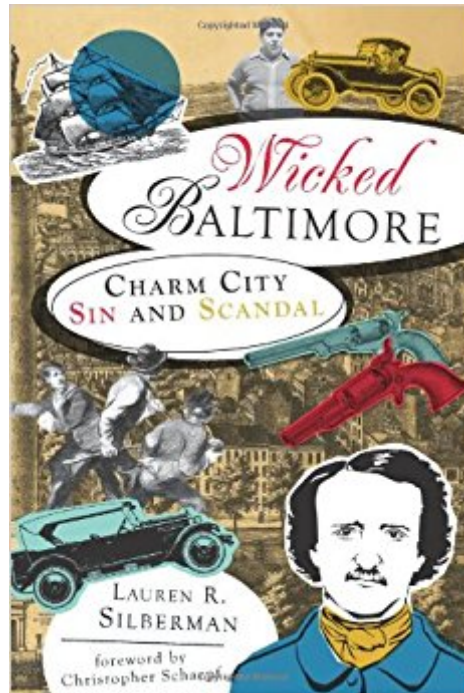


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# Wicked Baltimore: Charm City Sin And Scandal



## Synopsis

With nicknames such as Mob Town and Syphilis City no one would deny that Baltimore has its dark side. Before shows such as *The Wire* and *Homicide: Life on the Streets* brought the city's crime rate to national attention, locals entertained themselves with rumors surrounding the mysterious death of writer Edgar Allan Poe and stories of Zelda Fitzgerald, wife of author F. Scott Fitzgerald, who spent time in a Baltimore area sanitarium in the 1930s. Tourists make the Inner Harbor one of the most traveled areas in the country, but if they would venture a few streets north to The Block on Baltimore Street they would see an area once famous for its burlesque shows. It is only the locals who would know to continue north on St. Paul to the Owl Bar, a former speakeasy that still proudly displays some of its Prohibition era paraphernalia. *Wicked Baltimore: The Seedy Side of Charm City*, details the salacious history of Baltimore and its denizens from the city's earliest history up to through Prohibition.

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"Thanks to a cast of lively characters and an ample selection of vintage photos, it's a great read with fascinating historical tidbits at every turn... the Plug Uglies, speakeasy denizens, and long-forgotten criminals make things truly interesting." - *Baltimore Magazine*

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I have always admired Baltimore in many ways. Now I can plan a day trip to revisit areas that I overlooked with a story to go with them. History, even about the Sin and Scandal, is still History. A lot more interesting than what we learned in school. Thank you Lauren. You have a new fan.

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a very good book about the rough times in Baltimore

If you want to know more about Baltimore's history this is a great starting point, a quick read. Buy it as a download and get it right away

Baltimore, my home sweet home!

The book came before expected and in excellent shape! It was such a great buy especially around Halloween. I'm going to buy more of the wicked series.

I had higher expectations in terms of "fun read" for this book, especially as I have just moved to Baltimore. The writing was not engaging, and perhaps a bit too pedantic. The anecdotes jumped around, and I did not see the reason for their order. I know in the prologue, there was something about going back and forth between very interesting and less interesting, but overall, it was difficult to get through. I did enjoy learning a few tidbits of this city, though, and I appreciate there is a book to give me a summary of some interesting facts in a quick-to-read format.

I was extremely excited to purchase and read this book. I grew up around Bmore and live close by now, so the city's history intrigued me. The content of this book is valuable and interesting.

However, the writing leaves much to be desired. There are grammatical mistakes and poor syntax. Some sentences need to be read multiple times to be understood because of how poorly they were written. Where was the editor for this book?

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