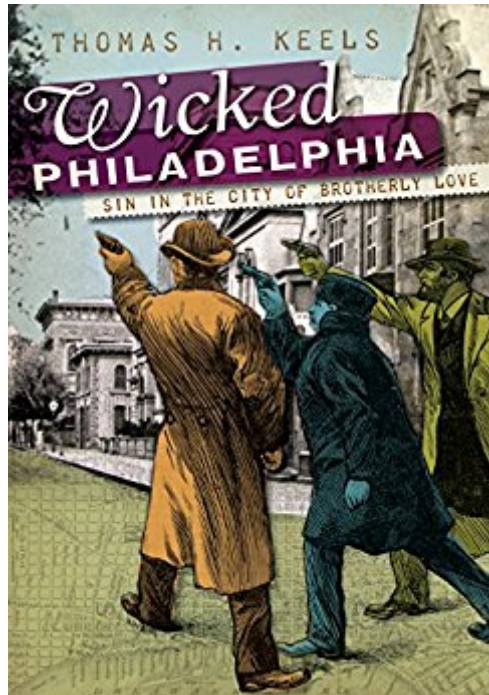




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So much fun to read. The tone and delivery perfect: subtly irreverent, but gosh darn, you learn so much. We've had an uproarious time reading it around the dinner table. Our discussions do segue into what else was going on at that time or with such and such a character or industry, thanks to

history major father. As the hopeful matriarch trying to get her kids focused on something else besides the Kardashians or World of Warcraft, this book so works for me.

wonderful history

Very interesting book, great stories, a fast read...

I love the dark and dirty side of Philadelphia. The stories are very entertaining and keep the attention span. Fast read, but each story is its own entity. You can skip around and not miss anything.

This book is awesome. Philadelphia is a city that is rich in history with a lot of crazy happening here over the centuries. Thomas Keels does a great job sharing these stories.

It is interesting enough to know that Philadelphia, PA, had its seamy side from the latter 1700s to the latter 1900s, and to read of the details. But the author bores the reader with such an inundation of minutiae that one is forced to skim in order not to fall asleep.

Author is a friend of mine! ã ã ã

Book a little boring to me

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