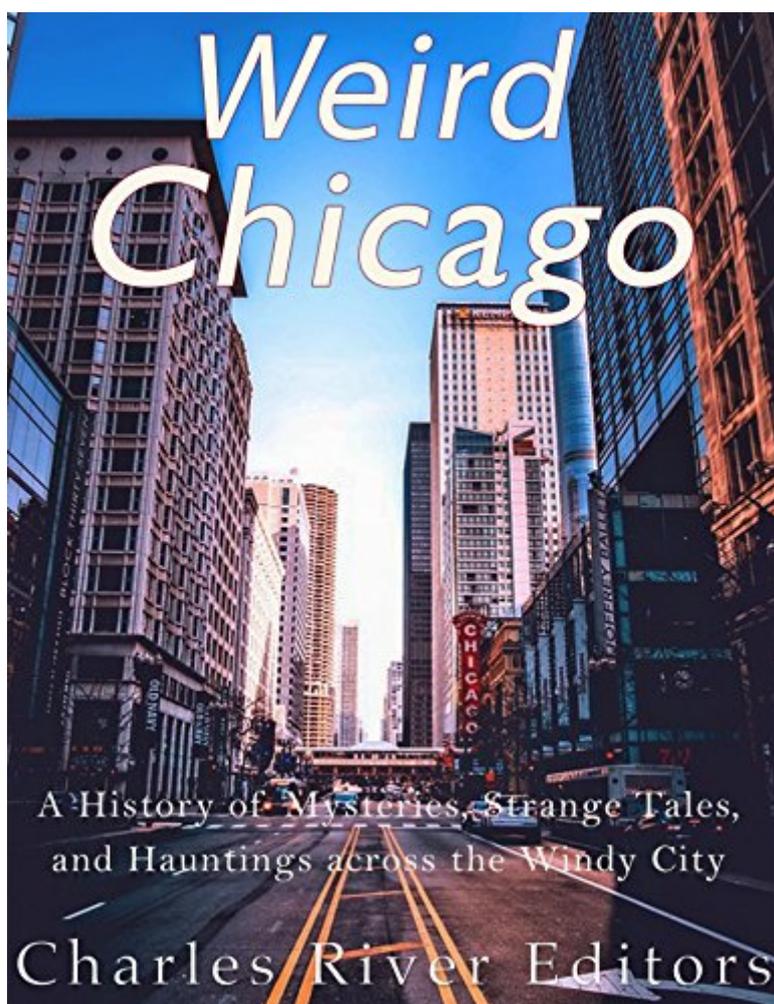The book was found

Weird Chicago: A History Of Mysteries, Strange Tales, And Hauntings Across The Windy City

Synopsis

*Includes pictures*Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading*Includes a table of contentsAlthough there had been treaties and seemingly cordial trading between the Native Americans and the new settlers in that area, recent fighting in nearby areas like the Battle of Tippecanoe less than a year earlier kept all sides on edge, and the British aim to maintain a barrier between America and Canada by propping up Native American tribes led to a controversial battle in the Illinois Territory at Fort Dearborn, a fort built along the Chicago River, shortly after the War of 1812 broke out. When the war came, the close proximity of British forces compelled American military officers in the area to attempt to evacuate the garrison at Fort Dearborn, but misunderstandings and a lack of time resulted in Potawatomi warriors ambushing the soldiers and several civilians before they could retreat back to Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the wake of cutting down dozens of whites, the Potawatomi laid waste to Fort Dearborn itself, and though the fighting was technically a battle, in America the Battle of Fort Dearborn was known colloquially as the Fort Dearborn Massacre. Though it started as a 300 person settlement in 1832, Chicagoâ ™s location near the Great Lakes and its access to the Mississippi River turned it into a major trading city overnight. The city became even more important when railroads were constructed to connect the country, making it the first major city in the â œWestâ • during the mid-19th century. By 1871, the original 300 person settlement was now home to about 300,000 people, and Chicago had become the first major city built by Americans rather than European colonial powers Thus, it had taken less than 40 years for the new settlement of 300 to become a city of nearly 300,000, but it only took two days in 1871 for much of it to be destroyed. On the night of October 8, 1871, a blaze in the southwestern section of Chicago began to burn out of control. The popular legend is that a cow in Mrs. Catherine Oâ ™Learyâ ™s barn had kicked over a lantern and started a fire. The story blaming the cow was a colorful fabrication, but the fire itself was very real, lasting almost two whole days and devouring several square miles of the city. The fire was so powerful that firefighters could not put it out, due to dry conditions, stiff winds, and the fact the city was mostly made of wood.Walking around Chicago today, itâ ™s easy to forget about its past as a rural frontier. Thatâ ™s due in no small part to the way Chicago responded to the Great Fire of 1871. Immediately after the fire, Chicago encouraged inhabitants and architects to build over the ruins, spurring creative architecture with elaborate designs. Architects descended upon the city for the opportunity to rebuild the area, and over the next few decades they had rebuilt Chicago with the countryâ ™s most modern architecture and monuments. Chicago has a long and fascinating history, but thereâ ™s another, more mysterious side to the Windy City. Ghosts have competed with gangsters in scaring the locals,

while serial killers beat them both in instilling terror. Out on Lake Michigan, boats disappear and strange ruins lie under the water, while in graveyards, phantoms and even vampires are alleged to walk amid the tombstones. What follows is just a sampling of the many strange tales Chicago has to offer. Weird Chicago: A History of Mysteries, Strange Tales, and Hauntings across the Windy City is part of an ongoing series by Sean McLachlan and Charles River Editors that includes The Weird Wild West, Mysteries of the South, The Mysterious Midwest, and Mysterious New England, and more regional titles will be coming soon. This book offers a sampling of strange, unexplained, and just plain odd stories from Chicago that have fascinated people in and around the region for centuries.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed reading the e-book Weird Chicago: A History of Mysteries, Strange Tales, and Hauntings across the Windy City because I lived and worked in that general area for three years in the late 80s and early 90s. The book starts out discussing the early history of Chicago has a trading post in the 17th century. Next, the book described the difficulties the Native Americans had with white settlers.

According to the book, there have been a number of strange creatures cited in and around Chicago such as a lake monster, the Mothman, the Devil Monkey, and Bigfoot. The book described several alien visitations in and around Chicago. The book did not forget the murder castle of Dr. Henry Howard Holmes or the case of Dr. Thomas Neal Cream serial killer/con-man. Lastly, the book describes the DevilÃ¢Â Â™s Triangle of Lake Michigan and the hauntings in and around Chicago. The book is kind of funny and does not necessarily take itself seriously.

This is another one of those compendiums of interesting stories that Charles River Editors puts out about various places. This one talks about weird creatures, UFOs, ghosts, etc.

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