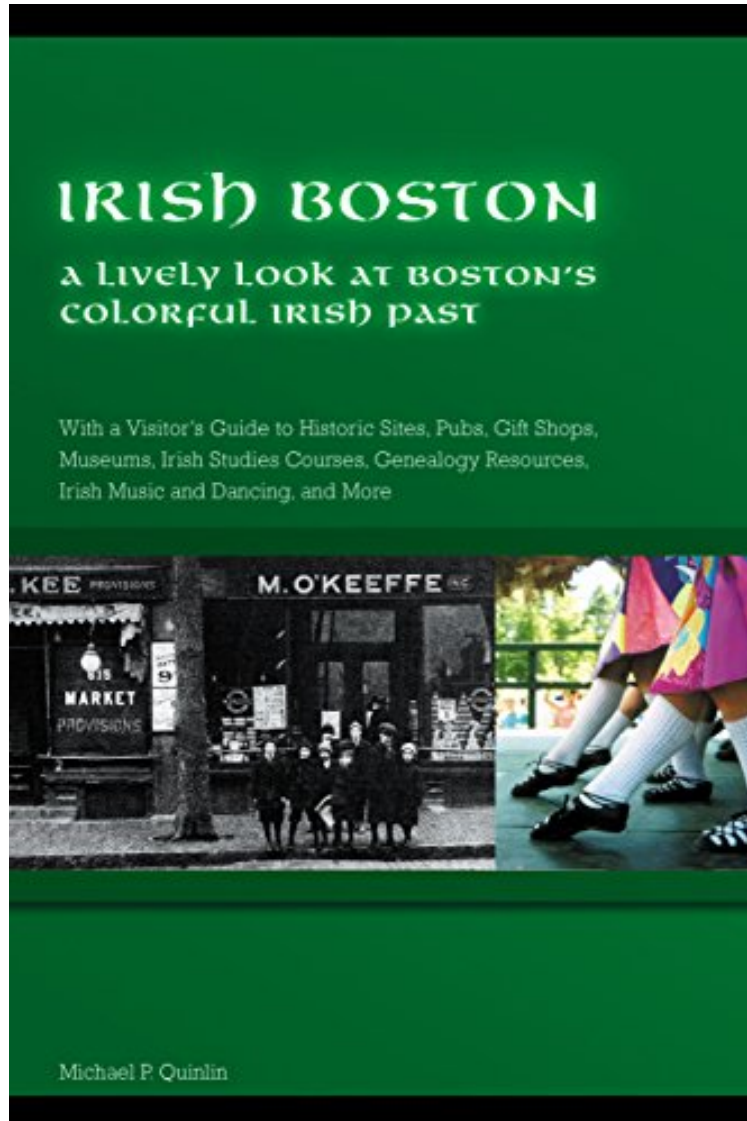


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Loved it!By Lily BeanIRISH BOSTON REVIEWI expected another book about Irish politicians and wise guys, but IRISH BOSTON is a refreshing change of pace that looks way beyond the stereotypes that always seem to afflict this proud community. Politicians get their fair due from Honey Fitz and

Mayor Curley to the Kennedys and Ray Flynn. But the politicians are a small part of a larger story that includes indentured servants, famine refugees, sports stars, artists, writers and military heroes. Its good to know that Logan Airport was named after a World War I commander whose family came from Galway. Or that Irish leader Eamon deValera once spoke at Fenway Park before 60,000 people. Or that people used to come from miles around to go Irish dancing at Dudley Square in Roxbury. There's a lot about Irish music throughout, and I like the way he presents tenor John McCormack, fiddler Seamus Connolly and the Dropkick Murphys as all belonging to the same tradition that is rooted in Irish culture. The last chapter takes you right up to the Boston Marathon bombing in April 2013, and the fact that so many of the first responders were Irish cops and firemen is a great reminder that public service has always been part of the Boston Irish story. All in all, a great read that puts the Boston Irish in a positive light. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Concord Kitty If you're Irish or know someone who is, buy this book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By ruthie Excellent.

Little-known stories and larger-than-life characters that people the 300-plus years of Boston Irish history, complete with detailed information on places to go, drink, and shop!

From the Back Cover The history of the Irish in Boston is a fascinating one filled with tragedy, triumph, romance, heartbreak, and heroism. Irish Boston tells this spirited tale in vivid detail and portrays what life was like for Irish Americans who made their home in Boston over the past three centuries. From the Irish patriots of the American Revolution to the first Irish Catholic president of the United States, Boston's Irish have shaped the history of the city - and the nation - in all areas of culture and society, not to mention politics. The cast of characters includes such larger-than-life personalities as Hugh O'Brien, Boston's first Irish Catholic mayor; John Singleton Copley, America's first great portrait painter; Louis Sullivan, considered the father of American architecture; James Brendan Connolly, the first top medalist in the modern Olympic Games; and Patrick Kennedy and Bridge Murphy, progenitors of the Kennedy political dynasty. More than just an engaging history, Irish Boston also includes a visitors directory with information on all things Irish in and around Boston, from the Irish Famine Memorial to the Boston College Irish Film Series. Use this one-of-a-kind guide as your complete source for the total Irish experience in Boston.