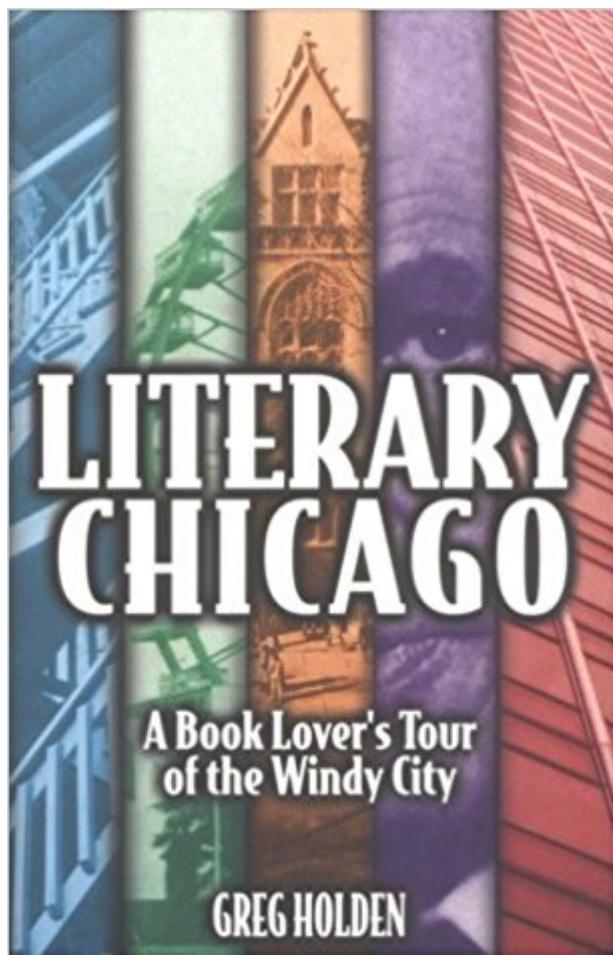


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Literary Chicago: A Book Lover's Tour Of The Windy City (Illinois)



Synopsis

See Chicago Through the Eyes of its Writers... Discover the Windy City that has attracted and nurtured writers, editors, publishers, and book lovers for more than a century. Trace the steps of literary figures who called Chicago home, incorporated cityscapes into their writing, and put a uniquely Chicago stamp on their work. People like novelists Ernest Hemingway and Richard Wright, poetry pioneers Harriet Monroe and Gwendolyn Brooks, playwrights Charles MacArthur and David Mamet, journalists Ben Hecht and Mike Royko, and documentarians Jane Addams and Studs Terkel. Visit the historic dwellings of writers such as Carl Sandburg, Edna Ferber, and Saul Bellow. Stroll through the neighborhoods of such characters as Theodore Dreiser's Sister Carrie, James T. Farrell's Studs Lonigan, and Sara Paretsky's V.I. Warshawski. Glimpse into present-day Chicago through the insights of resident authors like Ana Castillo and Scott Turow. Literary Chicago combines anecdotes and excerpts drawn from the city's rich literary legacy with walking tours that guide readers to historic sites, settings from Chicago classics, past and present literary hangouts, and current events for readers and writers.

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Customer Reviews

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in 1982. For many years Holden has worked as a writer himself. He was a reporter for a suburban group of newspapers, and later worked as an editor and writer at the University of Chicago. During his time at the University, Greg began to study with Molly Daniels, a novelist and director of the Clothesline School of Writing. Greg has read from his own poems and stories at Jimmy's Woodlawn Tap in Hyde Park, as well as other locations around the city. Since 1996, Holden has been a full-time writer of books, articles, and columns on computer and Internet-related topics. He has written nine titles, including Creating Web Pages for Kids & Parents, Small Business Internet for Dummies, and Starting an Online Business for Dummies. To take a break from the computer, he likes to go to coffeehouses and bookstores. He also enjoys visiting antique malls, where he often adds to his collections of items such as fountain pens, old watches, and hats. He continues to rehab his house and stocks with fish a pond in his backyard that he made himself. He is an active member of Jewel Heart, a Tibetan Buddhist meditation and study group based in Ann Arbor.

With lots of Windy City lore about famous and infamous literary figures. Best for finding cites, only a few of which have changed. Some fun anecdotes too, but more for the literary geography.

I've never been to Chicago, but my wife has. And on her last trip there she picked this book up for me. At first I barely glanced at it, but then one night I was looking for something to read and began to scan through it. I finally put it down several hours later, amazed at how engrossed I had become. I did not realize how many well known authors had roots or connections to Chicago. The information is concise and has just enough detail for anyone interested in a who's who of Chicago literature, as well as the bookstores to hit when you're there. Who knows, maybe someday I'll finally get there and really put this book to use.

Literary Chicago: A Book Lover's Tour Of The Windy City was designed specifically for bibliophiles in need of a fun and lively guidebook to the homes, haunts, and neighborhoods of Chicago's impressive literary figures ranging from Ernest Hemingway, Gwendolyn Brooks, David Mamet, and Carl Sandburg, to Ben Hecht, Mike Royko, Studs Terkel, Edna Ferber, and Saul Bellow. Literary Chicago is unique, user friendly, and a "must" for locals and out-of-towners wanting to explore Chicago's heritage of writers, journalists, poets, editors, publishers, and bookstores.

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