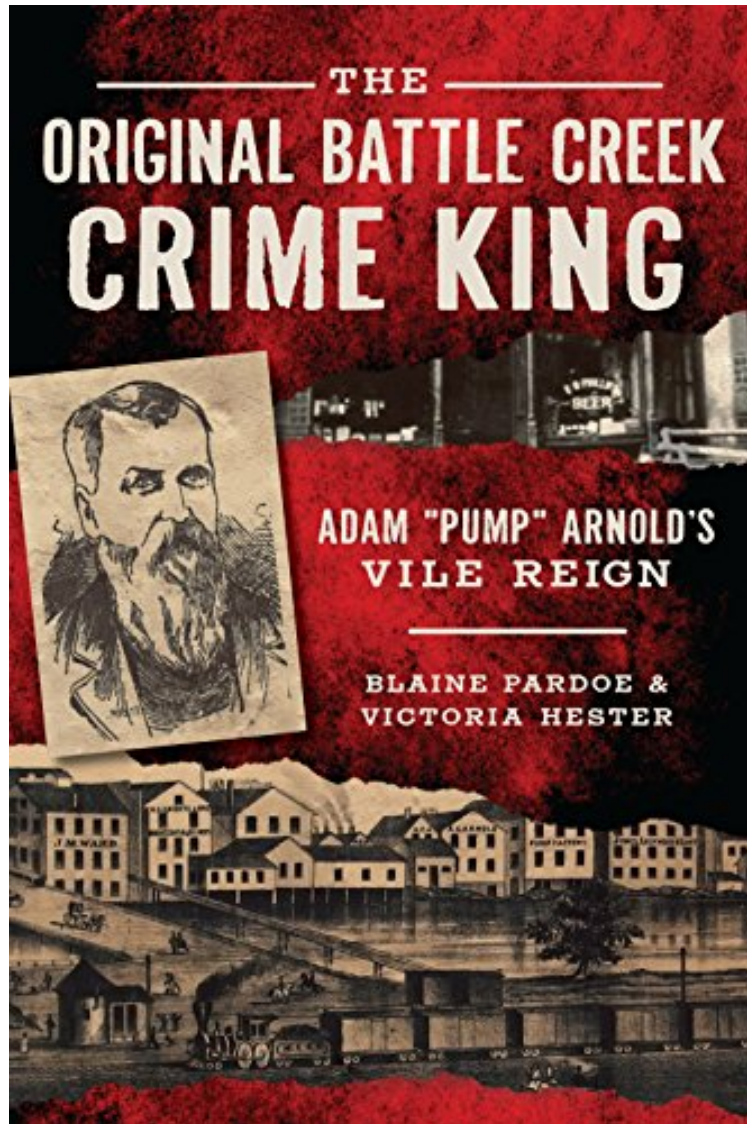


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**Blaine Pardoe, Victoria Hester : The Original Battle Creek Crime King: Adam "Pump" Arnold's Vile Reign (True Crime)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Original Battle Creek Crime King: Adam "Pump" Arnold's Vile Reign (True Crime):

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Thomas C. Having passed through the "Cereal City" many times, I ran across this book via an interesting write-up of the author and found it intriguing. Possessing some knowledge of the area, I thought it would be a good read--I was not mistaken! I've been a "true historical crime" fan, especially of *Devil in the White City*, which is a book of a similar vane. While similar in nature, this story is less dark in comparison--so, if you enjoy historical crime stories, this book will fit the bill. The story does a solid job of documenting the life of Adam "Pump" Arnold from his beginnings on a farm out east, his flight to the "western" town of Milton (now known as Battle Creek) to his eventual rise as a criminal kingpin, peddler of alcohol and other delights, and his financial enrichment by his misdeeds and his unfortunate marks, and his eventual downfall (and conviction) for killing his son, one of the "town drunks." The authors do a wonderful job providing background information of Battle Creek and the development of the "Western" towns of the mid 1800's. Pump (his nickname derived from a pump factory he owned with his brother) appears to have relished in his life of crime, stealing from gullible town visitors or just about anyone he could get money from. His tactics in intimidation and his interest in sharing his side of the story with the local newspapers appear to predate the current President Elect, although the manner of execution and style are one-in-the-same. (Take this comment for what you will or dismiss accordingly.) Overall, an interesting read and it is worth your time--buy, borrow, or check it out at your local library. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A great historical Victorian age crime book! By Rose Pardoe It was an interesting look at how crime was treated in that era. I couldn't believe all the crimes Pump got away with. He was a criminal and treated by the law as just a rascal. It was not just the story of criminal but also a story of the birth of a city. I enjoyed every minute of it and will probably read it again! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I didn't care for the first few chapters but the ... By Mary Ann I didn't care for the first few chapters but the rest of the book was very informational. I was born and raised in Battle Creek, Mi.

Adam "Pump" Arnold was both feared and regaled in Victorian- era Battle Creek. He was a bootlegger and a pimp, a robber and a con artist, an arsonist and a loan shark and even an assassin. Arnold faced off with the city over illegal liquor sales and flaunted his victory with a life-size statue of the mayor dressed as a hobo. Called the "greatest criminal in the history of Battle Creek," Arnold was convicted in a captivating public trial for the murder of his own son. Join authors Blaine Pardoe and Victoria Hester as they explore the life and misdeeds of the unabashed criminal mastermind who rocked Battle Creek to its core.

About the Author Blaine Pardoe is an award-winning bestselling author of *Lost Eagles* and *Murder in Battle Creek*. Blaine was raised outside of Battle Creek and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University. Blaine and his daughter Victoria Hester co-authored *The Murder of Maggie Hume*, a New York Times bestseller in crime. Victoria R. Hester is a graduate of Lord Fairfax Community College and Germanna Community College and resides in Culpeper, Virginia, where she works as a nurse. She has won two prestigious writing awards for her non-fiction work.