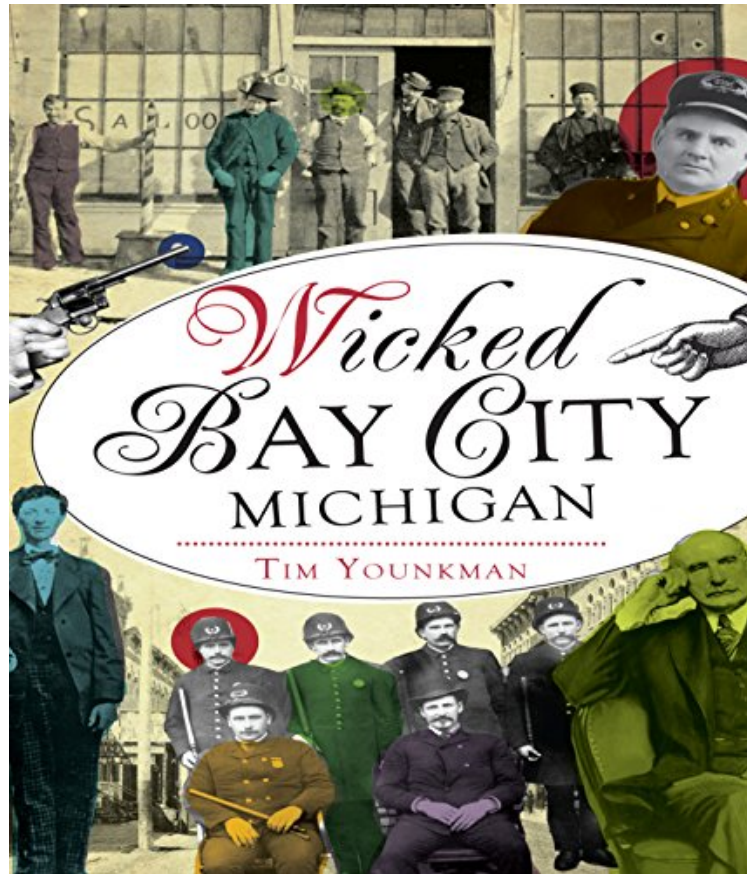


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From unscrupulous lumber barons to Hell's Half Mile, Bay City history casts a sinister shadow. Pope Leo XIII was forced to intervene when rioting Catholic immigrants seized St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and battled one another in the city's streets. The police discovered prostitute Lou Hall nearly beaten to death in the Block of Blazes. And respected publishing mogul Edwin T. Bennett's secret life led to the death of a young woman in a Bay City hotel room. Join author Tim Younkman for a wild ride into the city's wicked side.

About the Author Raised along the sandy shores of Lake Michigan, Tim Younkman is an author of both non-fiction and fiction works and an award-winning journalist for four decades. He has worked for the Clinton County News, the Muskegon Chronicles, the Bay City Times and mlive.com. Tim is a graduate of the Michigan State University School of Journalism and Muskegon Catholic Central High School. He has authored four novels as well as essays, commentaries and short stories and gives presentations on historic crime.