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# The Bowery Boys: Adventures In Old New York: An Unconventional Exploration Of Manhattan's Historic Neighborhoods, Secret Spots And Colorful Characters



## Synopsis

“Among the best city-centric series.” —New York Times  
THE BOWERY BOYS’ OFFICIAL COMPANION TO THEIR WILDLY POPULAR, AWARD-WINNING PODCAST  
The Bowery Boys podcast is a phenomenon, thrilling audiences each month with one amazing story after the next. Now, in their first-ever book, the duo gives you an exclusive personal tour through New York’s old cobblestone streets and gas-lit back alleyways. Featuring fascinating guides to: Hell’s Kitchen and Columbus Circle • The Bowery and Astor Place • Tribeca and Foley Square • Chinatown and Little Italy • and all the rest of New York!

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## Customer Reviews

"The subtitle to The Bowery Boys sets high expectations... Happily, they are met by Greg Young and Tom Meyers, transplants from the Midwest." —Sam Roberts, The New York Times  
Meyers and Young have become unofficial ambassadors of New York City history. —NPR  
“Delightfully old-fashioned without feeling recondite.” —The Observer  
“Breezy and informative, crowded with the finest grifters, knickerbockers, spiritualists, and city-builders to stalk these streets since back when New Amsterdam was just some farms.” —Village Voice  
“The Bowery Boys weave stories on everything from Dutch forts to Gilded Age mansions, and provide opportunities to relook at familiar landmarks like Grand Central and Times Square.” —City Guide NY  
“Young and Meyers have an all-consuming curiosity to work out what happened in their city in years past, including the Newsboys Strike of 1899, the history of the Staten Island Ferry, and the real-life sites on which Martin Scorsese’s Vinyl is based.” —The Guardian

Greg Young is one of the co-founders of the incredibly popular New York City history podcast, The Bowery Boys. He lives in New York City. Tom Meyers is one of the co-founders of the incredibly popular New York City history podcast, The Bowery Boys. He lives in New York City.

A very exciting and unique book, but I'd strongly recommend against getting it via Kindle. There are some (very) significant quirks/errors in the Kindle transfer that often make it extremely difficult to read the text and see the pictures (the text is often placed over the pictures, making both the text largely unreadable and the pictures hard to see). I also found it a little frustrating that the authors often bring up very fascinating points and tell wonderful stories, but they then fail to "follow up" or complete their stories. Perhaps if you are a fan of the podcast, that is unnecessary, but more thought should have been given to how this would read/exist as a "stand alone" book project. And, as stated, the Kindle problem makes this almost unreadable on Kindle. STILL...I would recommend this book to any lover of NYC, I just highly suggest the authors do a second edition, with a little more "follow through" on the stories, and a complete revision of the Kindle aspect.

If you're expecting a run of the mill guide book you'll be very surprised to find this delightful book. Often with books of this sort you sometimes get a very impersonal lists of locations and "fun facts", however Greg Young and Tom Meyers have crafted an intimate and unique book about Old Manhattan that will offer both potential visitors and current residents an abundance of information, going deep into the history and movements that shaped New York into what it is today. Those who have never visited will receive an engaging tour of old Manhattan that will feel like going through a time machine. This book is filled with a plethora of locations and history about this often visited city and those who call New York their home will likely gain a new appreciation for it.

I have listened to this podcast for years and always enjoyed it - especially picking references to other great NYC historical resources (like supreme city). This book is a terrific accompanying companion for those podcasts and has great pictures and is well organized. I immediately went to the chapter on my neighbourhood (Bloomingdale - and if you don't know where that is, you need this book - and probably a few other ones) and I immediately learned things I did not know. I'm now working my way through the book, but from back to front as I identify more with uptown. Highly recommend to any amateur or experienced NYC historian- or any reader who wants a good insight into the history of the best city in the world. It's also a bargain !

I recently started listening to the podcast the Bowery Boys, and really enjoy listening to them. They mentioned the release of their new book and I decided to buy it, because I thought if it's anything like the podcast I knew I would like it. This book covers all of the different neighborhoods in Manhattan. I love all the history of New York in each area. The book flows easily and is very enjoyable to read, it's like the guys are talking to you like in the podcast. I love the point of interest and stand here - it would be just mind boggling to stand there and look around and think about all the history that just passed by. The next time I go to New York I will take this book as a sight-seeing guide, just like a Rick Steves tour guide books. I highly recommend if you enjoy history or planning to head out to New York.

I only wish I'd read this while I still lived in New York! I had a wonderful time learning about the different neighborhoods in New York with this well organized and attractive book. I experienced the book and the podcast in reverse order--I'd heard the podcast recommended to me, but am just now starting to check it out. I think the book is much more up my alley because I can use it as I visit New York again in the near future, and flip to the section with the neighborhood I'm in. I think this book would be a great addition to the bookshelf of anyone newly relocating in NYC, whether from out of town or from another neighborhood. I also think it would be great for anyone interested in Hamilton the musical, because both have such a strong basis in New York history. Definitely glad I picked this up!

Loved the book, but the rendering in Kindle onto regular iPad made text cover almost every picture and left those parts of the text unreadable, plus damaged my ability to see the pictures. Strangely, I also read it on my phone (Android) while commuting and this didn't happen on kindle Android iteration. Enjoyed the book and would have given it 4 or 4.5 stars, but this was a major detraction from the book. Obviously would have no impact on print version. They need to fix this software/hardware issue!

I found "The Bowery Boys: Adventures in Old New York" compulsively readable, full of interesting facts and sidebars, and a great way to whet my appetite for a trip to New York City. It could have used more in the way of a timeline or historical reference section so a person can try to place events chronologically, allowing the reader to retain more info and understand historical trends. Would make a great potty book, or something to put in the car in case you suddenly find yourself needing

reading material. Just remember to read BEFORE you go--this thing is physically heavy enough that you do NOT want it in your backpack for your trip. The item info says 1.8 pounds but I think a lot of people don't have much context for how much books weigh, except that when they move house, the book boxes are the heaviest. Even librarians don't put that data in the bibliographic record. As it happens, 1.8 lbs is pretty heavy for a paperback book; just on my desk right now, I have a small "mass market paperback" that weighs 5.6 ounces (remember there are 16 ounces to a pound) and a library-bound (hardcover) graphic novel of about the size/thickness of this book that weighs 1.2 pounds. The weight of a book has as much to do with design choices (the weight/feel of the paper, the materials used in binding, etc.) as it does with the size and thickness. Anyway. I read the Bowery Boys book lying on my belly on my bed so I didn't have to hold it. So don't bring it travelling--save your strength for the great stuff you'll buy in the city!

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