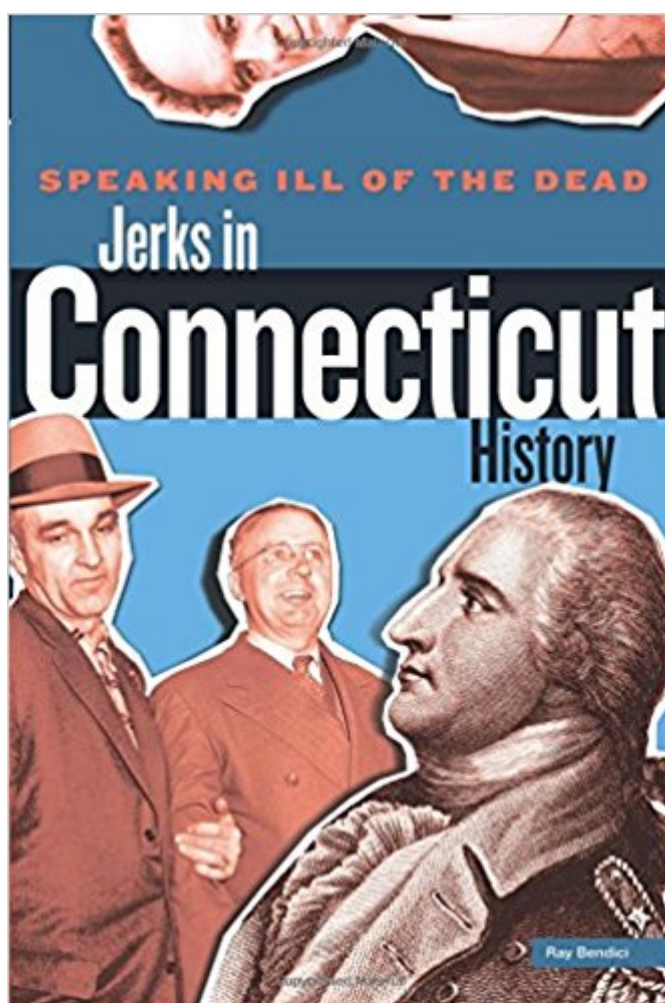


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# Speaking Ill Of The Dead: Jerks In Connecticut History (Speaking Ill Of The Dead: Jerks In Histo)



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The lives of notorious bad guys, perpetrators of mischief, visionary--if misunderstood--thinkers, and other colorful antiheroes, jerks, and evil doers from history all get their due in the short essays featured in these enlightening, informative books. *Speaking Ill of the Dead: Jerks in Connecticut History* features fifteen short biographies of nefarious characters, from Benedict Arnold to P.T. Barnum.

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Although this is a good first effort, this book could have used a good proof reader and even better editor. For someone who makes their living as a writer, I was really troubled by the number of sentences that run on and on and onnnnn. Punctuation was lacking and if I don't think I have ever seen more hyphens in any one book before! All of this was more than merely annoying, it made the reading difficult and not smooth at all. Sentences and paragraphs had to be reread and then read again! I would recommend it as an info book but nothing much more than that. Dawn Bliesener

I enjoyed reading about the jerks in Connecticut history, some of whom I knew about. I recommend it for those people interested in more than the history the textbooks give!

This book is full of fun facts and information. I just love reading it! It's a great book to read a chapter at a time if you read multiple books at one time.

A fun read about various cranks, crackpots, and villains you probably haven't heard of, even if you're a lifelong resident of the Nutmeg State.

I started reading this book while sitting on the toilet after my husband (the history buff) left it in the bathroom, and boy am glad I did! Who knew Connecticut has such an interesting cast of characters in its history? Even if you're not a history geek, you will enjoy this book. This is not your average local history snoozefest. The author's clever writing style and dry sense of humor make this an entertaining page-turner. Loving it!

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