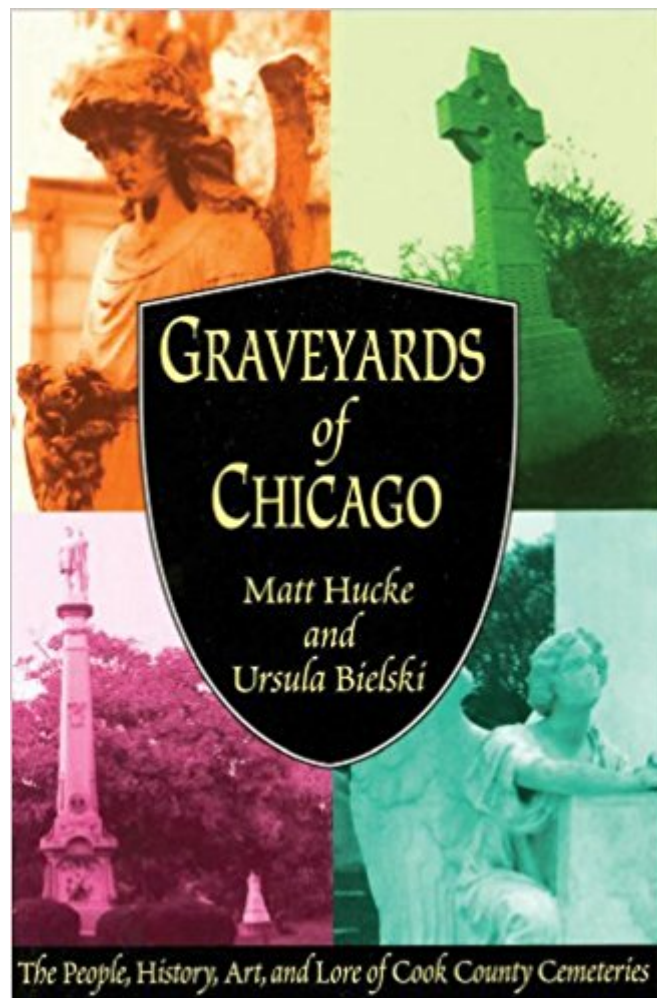




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Graveyards Of Chicago: The People, History, Art, And Lore Of Cook County Cemeteries



Synopsis

Charting the lore and lure of Chicago's ubiquitous burial grounds, this resource unearths the legends and legacies that mark the city's silent citizensâfrom larger-than-lifers and local heroes to machine mayors and machine-gunners. The book demonstrates that Chicago's cemeteries are home not only to thousands of individuals who fashioned the city's singular culture and character, but also to impressive displays of art and architecture, landscaping and limestone, egoism and ethnic pride. Mysterious questions such as Where is Al Capone buried? and What really lies beneath home plate at Wrigley Field? are answered in this reminder that although physical life must end, personal notesâand notorietyâlast forever. Discover a Chicago That Exists Just Beneath the SurfaceâAbout Six Feet Under. Ever wonder where Al Capone is buried? How about Clarence Darrow? Muddy Waters? Harry Caray? Or maybe Brady Bunch patriarch Robert Reed? And what really lies beneath home plate at Wrigley Field? Graveyards of Chicago answers these and other cryptic questions as it charts the lore and lure of Chicago's ubiquitous burial grounds. Like the livelier neighborhoods that surround them, Chicago's cemeteries are often crowded, sometimes weary, ever-sophisticated, and full of secrets. They are home not only to thousands of individuals who fashioned the city's singular culture and character, but also to impressive displays of art and architecture, landscaping and limestone, egoism and ethnic pride, and the constant reminder that although physical life must end for us all, personal notesâand notorietyâlast forever. Grab a shovel and tag along as Ursula Bielski, local historian and author of Chicago Haunts, and Matt Hucke, photographer and creator of graveyards.com unearth the legends and legacies that mark Chicago's silent citizensâfrom larger-than-lifers and local heroes, to clerics and comedians, machine mayors and machine-gunners. This book contains 168 photos.

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Matt Hucke is the creator of the website Graveyards of Chicago, which has thousands of photographs from Chicagoland cemeteries and is the inspiration for the book of the same name. Ursula Bielski is Chicago's resident paranormal expert, a historian, an author, and an entrepreneur. She owns the tour company Chicago Hauntings, Inc., produces the annual Chicago Ghost Conference, and hosts the WYCC TV show The Hauntings of Chicago. She is the author of Chicago Haunts, Creepy Chicago, More Chicago Haunts, and There's Something Under the Bed. Ursula Bielski, Local Historian and Author Ursula Bielski grew up in a haunted house on Chicago's north side. At an early age she became a believer in paranormal experiences, from the curse of the Chicago Cubs at nearby Wrigley Field to the hauntings at local Graceland Cemetery by a 19th century ghost girl. Underscoring these neighborhood folk tales were accounts by her police officer father of personal encounters with Big Foot and no less than the Devil himself. As an undergraduate at Benedictine University, Bielski was able to explore the interplay of belief and experience, focusing her coursework on the relationship between science and religion. Outside the classroom she tagged along with psychology students investigating reported cases of haunting phenomena which took her to such notorious sites as the Country House Restaurant in suburban Clarendon Hills; Chicago's Red Lion Pub; and the Oshkosh Opera House (Wisconsin). Her fascination with the methodology and philosophy of psi research led her to more structured work in the field of parapsychology. As a graduate student at Northeastern Illinois University, Bielski explored related aspects of American intellectual and cultural history, particularly the spiritualist movement of the 19th century and its transformation into psychical research and parapsychology. As a student affiliate of the Parapsychological Association, an international body dedicated to psi research, Bielski was a frequent contributor to the group's bulletin. Intrigued by the apparent relationship between folklore and paranormal experience, Bielski eventually turned her interests toward her hometown, penning her acclaimed and widely successful book, Chicago Haunts. After several printings of the book and the release of a second edition, Bielski now lectures regularly on the subject, having emerged as an expert on Chicago's spiritual netherworld. Bielski is editor of PA News, the quarterly bulletin of the Parapsychology Association. She is currently at work on a children's cookbook inspired by the gothic novels of John Bellairs as well as a second volume about Chicago ghostlore: More Chicago Haunts. She lives in Chicago with her husband, author David

Cowan, and their daughter. Matt Huckle, Cemetery Connoisseur and Photographer Matt Huckle, a native of southern Illinois, has resided in Chicago since 1993 and has been exploring its fascinating graveyards since 1995. His first expedition to Graceland Cemetery on the city's north side was prompted by a city guidebook describing some of the incredible mausoleums to be found there. This was followed by an expedition to the abandoned and allegedly haunted Bachelors Grove Cemetery in the southwest suburbs, and a lengthy exploration of Rosehill Cemetery on the far north side. Such trips soon became a weekly event, and Matt has now visited over 120 Chicagoland cemeteries, the vast majority of them in Cook County. In August 1996, Huckle created the Web site that inspired this book, Graveyards of Chicago. The site has received several awards, including the "4 Stone" award for superior cemetery-related Web sites. It has grown to include over 600 photographs of an expanding list of area cemeteries. Matt's graveyard images have appeared in the Washington Post, the American Girls News, and both editions of Ursula Bielski's Chicago Haunts, and have been used online by the Chicago Historical Society and the San Diego Union-Tribune. His photographs will also appear in upcoming books by Davis Cecil and Dr. Elmar Buck. Huckle now lives in Rogers Park, north of his favorite Chicago graveyard, Rosehill. He works as an independent Unix programmer and consultant, specializing in electronic commerce.

I am a Chicago native and many of my family members are here in these cemeteries. I picked up this book while I was visiting a relative and found it to be so interesting so I bought myself a copy. It's really a Chicago history book, in a sense, because so many of the great names that came out of that city are in it along with their stories. Every cemetery has a story, as well. It's an easy read with lots of pictures which makes it better. I recommend this to anyone who doesn't mind a little creepy-ness, but yet, wants a little background on the many ways all the cultures and ethnicities in Chicago buried their family members. I'm glad I bought a copy of my own.

This was the second book I ordered in relation to cemeteries in Chicago the other book was the one on Mt. Carmel & Queen of Heaven... This book is a great one it's nice to see a book on Chicago cemeteries... It has some photos but mostly written information... Also lists the phone numbers of the cemeteries and has the cemeteries organized by which side of town they are located in the book... It's a great book somewhat small in regards to the number of pages compared to other books of this nature... Over all it's an interesting book... I wish it listed the locations of the people featured in the book but none the less it's a great quick reference...

Lots of interesting history of lesser known people in Chicago history as well as the notorious. I also was interested enough in many of the stories that I googled them to find out more. The cemeteries in Chicago are beautiful and interesting places to visit.

I love to browse cemeteries and that is what this book does. It gives us glimpses of the famous, infamous, and just ordinary folks that are buried in Chicago. I loved this book. The pictures are wonderful. The author has done his research and created an interesting read. The author has pointed out the best of the best in many of the cemeteries. If you love the beauty of a cemetery this book is for you.

i grew up in chicago's suburbs and found the information in this book to be very accurate as pertains to the areas i was familiar with..wonderful architecture throughtout Chicago and this book shows you just where to go to see what

Im a graveyard walker.

Good guide of the cemeteries.

This well-written and informative book is a must-have for anyone who is interested in Chicago history, cemeteries, or architecture. I read it cover to cover and often refer back to it for various reasons. From the grave of Al Capone to the graves of lesser-known Chicagoans, this book seems to cover it all. Great photos, fascinating stories!

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