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Gangster Blog

Your Comments, Please

Gangster In Our Midst has sold well (but not great) on Amazon. (Note: Visitors to the Amazon website see only the front book cover and a short book description.) I sought the help of a best selling author whom I met this summer in Des Moines for suggested improvements for both. **Now it's time for you to chime in!** See the (attached) new version of the front/back book covers? **What do you like/dislike?** Please kindly submit your comments by **November 1st**.

Book Your Christmas Reading--Now!

"Christmas 1931" was an unnerving time in our nation's history. We were two years into what would be known as the decade of the Great Depression. As the people of Oxbow prepared for Christmas 'that year, no one knew what might lie ahead.

I'm currently booking a few Christmas readings from *Gangster In Our Midst* — **but only a few**. First come, first served.

New Vendor

Chapter 2 Books, 226 Locust Street, Hudson, WI 54016, 715-220-8818.

See complete vendor list on my website: <https://bettybrandtpassick.com/books/>.

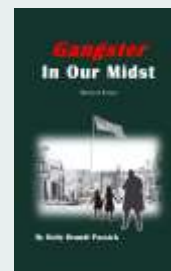


Three Fingers

July 1, 1928—Frank Yale was found slumped over the wheel of his new Lincoln near his New York home, gunned down by four men in a black Nash sedan dispensing one hundred .45 caliber bullets into his car. The police...

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After years of purchasing its whiskey from an Indiana distillery and then bottling it in Iowa, Templeton Rye is moving ahead with a plan to make the liquor in Iowa, according to a 2016 [article](#) by Kevin Hardy in the Des Moines Register.

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Back in 2016, when *Gangster In Our Midst* was still scattered in pieces like a jig-saw puzzle in files on my computer, I made contact with the [Templeton Rye Distillery](#) in Templeton, Iowa.

I called to tell the owners about the book I was writing. I said it tells a **TRUE Iowa Prohibition story**, and by the way, it makes mention of Templeton Rye—Chicago Kingpin Al Capone’s beverage of choice. Seemed a perfect fit for their gift shop.

Turned out—my initial phone call came about the same time as an article about the distillery appeared in the *Des Moines Register*. The staff writer noted...*a series of 2015 false advertising lawsuits...charges of mis-labeling; the label said: “Made in Iowa,” when actually it was made from a stock whiskey distilled by MGP Ingredients in Indiana.*

When I read the story on-line, I thought to myself: “No way! Did Al Capone know Templeton Rye wasn’t produced in Iowa?” (Capone was known to KILL for being lied to, particularly when it came to his booze!)

The response I got from the distillery: “We’re in the process of a big expansion—contact us later about a book in the gift shop.”

I’m uncertain at this time if the lawsuits are resolved, or if the expansion is complete. But I did contact the distillery again the other day. They are reviewing *Gangster In Our Midst*. Hopefully, a book event will follow. Plus I hope to take a tour of this facility...*where the good stuff is made.*

First “Book Club” Read(s)

Two book clubs are currently reviewing *Gangster In Our Midst*. I hope to announce the first book club read(s) soon!

Author Events

- **Fri, Nov. 2**, 11 am–2 pm — Decades, 25 South Frederick, Oelwein, IA, (319) 504-1464
- **Sat., Nov. 3**, 9 am–3 pm — “Holiday Open House”, Barn Happy, 11310 University Ave, Cedar Falls, IA, (319) 266-0888
- **Sun., Nov. 4**, 12:30-2:30 pm, Laree’s, 306 1st St E, Independence, IA, (319) 334-6703
- Dec. Date/Time: **TBD (new)** — River Lights Bookstore, 1098 Main St, Dubuque, IA 52001, 563-556-4391
- **Early 2019** — West Des Moines Library, 4000 Mills Civic Pkwy., West Des Moines, IA, (515) 222-3400
- **Fri., May 3, 2019**, 10 am — Burlington Public Library, 210 Court St., Burlington, IA (319) 753-1647
- **Sat, May 4, 2019**, 11 am-3 pm — Burlington By The Book, 301 Jefferson St, Burlington, IA, (319) 753-9981
- Pending...**
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Templeton Rye Distillery, 209 E 3rd Ave, Templeton, IA (712) 669-8793
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Marion Co. Historical Society, 123 E 6th St, Carroll, IA, (712) 792-1582
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Sawyer Co. Historical Society & Museum, County Highway B, Hayward, WI, (715) 634-8053
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Johnson Co. Historical Society, 860 Quarry Rd, Coralville, IA 52241, (319) 351-5738
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Cicero Public Library, 5225 West Cermak Rd., Cicero, Ill, (708) 652-8084
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Delafield Public Library, 500 Genesee St, Delafield, WI, (262) 646-6230
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Cedar Valley Historical Society, 503 South St., Waterloo, IA, (319) 234-6357
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Majors & Quinn, 3038 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN, (612) 822-4611
- Book Fairs**
- Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 am-4 pm **(new)**, Summit Avenue Artisan Festival, St. Paul’s UCC, 900 Summit Ave., At. Paul