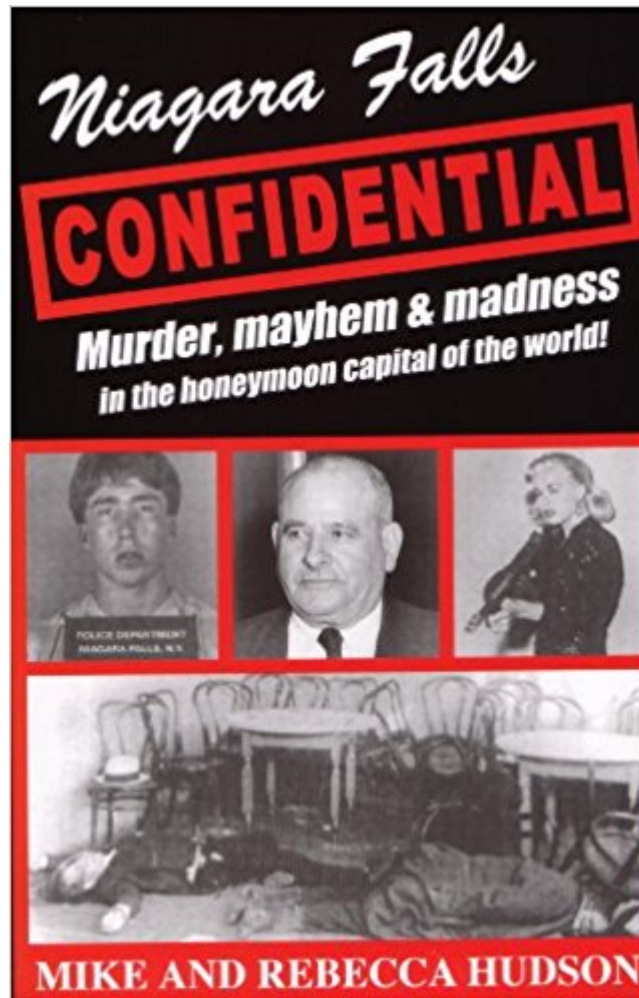




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# Niagara Falls Confidential



## Synopsis

From a cursed cave and a haunted castle to the shocking scandals unfolding today, Niagara Falls Confidential takes you on a whirlwind tour of one of the world's natural wonders, providing a sometimes disturbing vision that visitors rarely get to experience. Chock-full with tales of murder, mayhem and madness in what is still called the Honeymoon Capital of the World, Niagara Falls Confidential takes an unsettling look at four centuries' worth of the twisted personalities and strange occurrences that you won't hear about anywhere else. Here's your ticket for that ghost train heading up to Devil's Hole. Come along with us, if you dare! Second edition, revised and expanded, with seven more chapters. From Power City Press.

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## Customer Reviews

A true-crime collection of yarns about mobsters, murder and mayhem that's a hellish postcard from the honeymoon capital. --John Petkovic, Cleveland Plain Dealer  
The most shocking, scary and sinister episodes in the history of the cataract city. It's like reading a localized version of Kenneth Anger's Hollywood Babylon. We get to meet Billy Shrubsall, the class valedictorian who bludgeoned his mother to death with a baseball bat on the eve of graduation in 1988. It turns out that act was just one example of a violent nature that would eventually put him behind bars in Canada.

--Artvoice, Buffalo  
Mike Hudson had some different stories to tell. The one about the dashing lawyer beaten to a bloody mess with, among other things, a can opener. The one about a mob boss who conveniently owned a funeral parlor. The one about the school valedictorian who beat his mother to death with a baseball bat the night before his graduation, then took on a new identity as a serial rapist in Nova Scotia. --John Law, Niagara Falls (Ont.) Review

Mike Hudson is founding editor of the Niagara Falls Reporter, a feisty independent weekly now entering its tenth year of publication. He is the author of DIARY OF A PUNK, about his youth as lead singer of legendary Cleveland punk band the Pagans, and MOB BOSS, the first full-length biography of Stefano Magaddino, who ruled the Buffalo mob from his fortress-like funeral parlor in Niagara Falls. A collection of Hudson's spoken word recordings was released in 1998 on the Overground label as ALL THE WRONG PEOPLE ARE DYING. Hudson's upcoming collection of fiction and nonfiction is titled JETSAM.

I love true crime books- am a sucker for them. And I live in Upstate New York, so that appealed to me. What I got was a book chock full of murder, mayhem, ghosts and disaster. Right up my alley. The writing is of the sensationalist, pulp version I most love. Great book.

I ENJOYED THIS BOOK. HAVING GROWN UP IN THE FALLS, I REMEMBER SOME OF THESE EVENTS AND THAT MADE IT ALL THE MORE INTERESTING FOR ME. I ALSO LEARNED THINGS THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT NIAGARA FALLS. EVEN THE LAST CHAPTER ON NIKOLA TESLA HAD SOME FASCINATING INFORMATION IN IT.

Being a native of Niagara Falls, I found this book absolutely fantastic! Niagara Falls has a strange history of violence, mob activity and weirdness related to the Falls itself. I am buying a few for my relatives - they'll love it!

I've enjoyed Mike Hudson's books -- two of them: "Niagara Falls Confidential" and "Mob Boss". Living in Rochester, New York I've read many books by local historian Michael Keene, who, like Hudson, has an interest in the sexy, violent, and strange angles of history. Keene excels at writing about spiritualism (séances and such, which started in Rochester with the Fox sisters) the way Hudson excels at writing about mob life centering around the character of Don Stefano Magaddino (Niagara Falls gangster). Hudson's writing is something like good newspaper writing -- no frills but intelligently done.

I liked this book more than I thought I would. Each chapter abt a different occurrence, person or event. Easy to pick up and put down again. Stories of famous people from Niagara Falls, Mob

events, crimes, murders, curses, and folklore and history. Very interesting read. 1 or 2 gruesome photos. Niagara Falls was and continues to be a colorful place!

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