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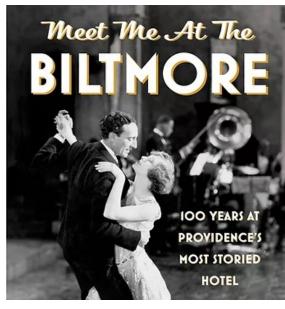
Local author tells tales of Providence's storied Biltmore Hotel



Amanda Quay Blount, the author of Meet Me at the Biltmore

Author Amanda Quay will give a talk at 2 pm Jan. 21 at BVHS about her extensively researched book *Meet Me at the Biltmore*.

On June 6, 1922, thousands of people gathered in downtown Providence to witness the grand opening of the most modern hotel of its day: the awe inspiring Providence Biltmore Hotel. Since that fateful day, the Biltmore



Meet Me at the Biltmore: 100 Years of Providence's Most

has captured the imaginations of local patrons and distant travelers alike, providing luxury accommodation to such celebrities as Babe Ruth, John F. Kennedy, Audrey Hepburn, Louis Armstrong, the Von Trapp Family, Maya Angelou, the Rolling Stones, and Providence's infamous mayor, Buddy Cianci. The story of the Biltmore is a sensational drama of scandal, secrets and high society. With characters ranging from crooked politicians

2:00 pm Sunday,
January 21

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and mobsters to bootleggers and Hollywood stars, the Biltmore has provided the backdrop for some of the highest highs and lowest lows of Providence in the last century.

Now, for the first time in its hundred-year history, the storied past of the Providence Biltmore Hotel comes to life in this meticulously researched tale of the rise, fall, and renaissance of Rhode Island's capital city, as seen through the eyes of one of its most iconic landmarks.

Upcoming Events

2:00 pm Sunday, January 21: Amanda Quay Blount, author of <u>Meet Me at the Biltmore: 100 Years of Providence's Most Storied Hotel</u>, will give a talk about her book and her research.

2:00 pm, Sunday, March 10: Alicia Mello, *Nancy Drew.* Alicia Mello, a lifetime Nancy Drew collector, will give a presentation on the sleuth Nancy Drew, discussing the books, the different editions and covers, and will show pieces from her collection. The audience is invited to bring their own beloved Nancy Drew books to the talk.

2:00 pm, Sunday, April 21: Andy Tuetken, author of the <u>Murals of McCoy</u> will talk about his book on the history of the murals by Carol "Tayo" Heuser, a former RISD student, at McCoy Stadium. The well-known murals featured famous Pawsox players. The book blends Tuetken's love of baseball and history. All profits from the book benefit Pawtucket Youth Baseball.