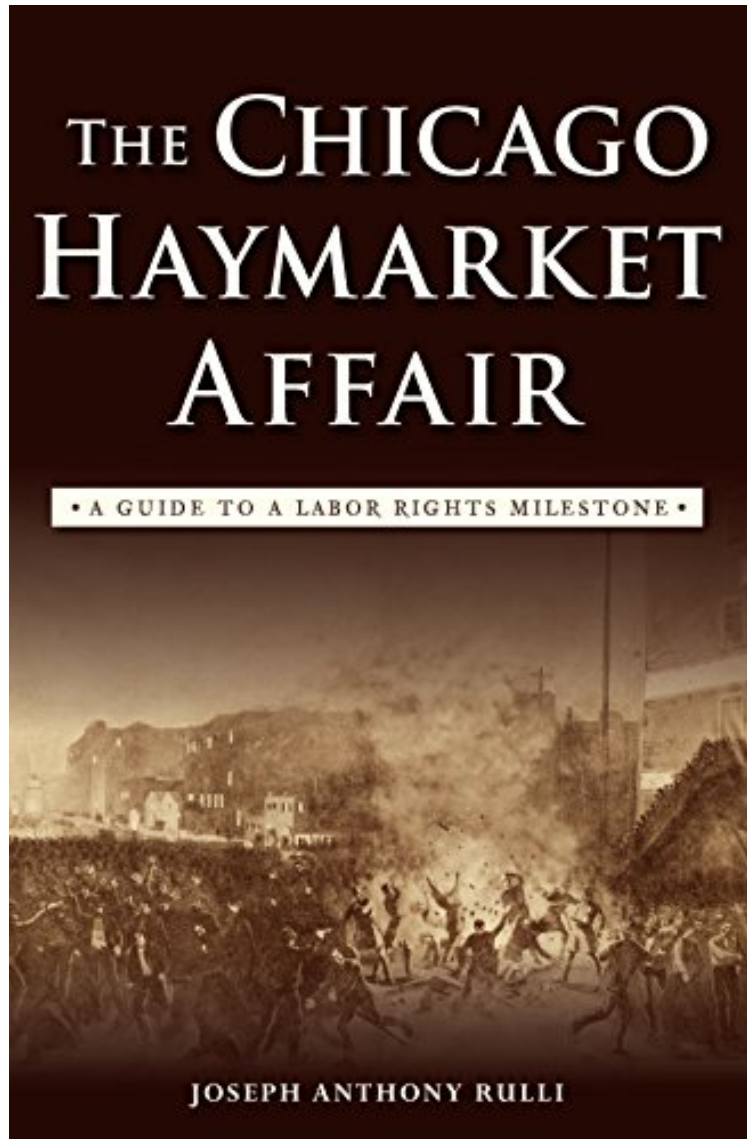


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twistBy CustomerI love history. Especially the history of Chicago, my home town. I don't usually care much for history books. Usually the writers try to be objective and dispassionate as they rattle off facts and dates, often resulting in something that is rather boring. Then someone mentioned Mr. Rulli's book about the Haymarket Affair. I picked up a copy, looked at the table of contents and saw chapter titles like "Ayn Rand Could Kick Karl Marx's Ass" and "The Working Class Smell So Do Roses"; I immediately knew I was holding something special in my hands. Reading it was fascinating and a revelation. The Haymarket incident was a bit of history that I really had little understanding of. Rulli goes into details and lists facts and dates, but tries to keep it all in context, often comparing the mood of the time to the unrest of recent years and even today. For accuracy, his research involved actual newspaper articles and trial transcripts. One of the things I enjoyed most was when he would give virtual tours of the neighborhoods involved, giving clear directions to buildings and landmarks, both existing and long gone. More than once, while reading of a structure that used to be "on the corner of" or at such and such address, I was struck by the fact that not only had I seen many of these sites, but some I pass almost daily. Although he is somewhat sympathetic with the labor side of the struggle, Rulli makes a point to show respect to the policemen who died and provides stories and photos of heroes and victims on both sides. I highly recommend this book. It is informative and fun to read. I personally plan to carry my copy with me while I take my own walking Haymarket Tour to see the sites and relive this critical part of Chicago history.

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On May 4, 1886, a bomb exploded during a labor demonstration near Haymarket Square. The ensuing gunfire and chaos brought a grisly end to what began as peaceful support for an eight-hour workday and led to the trial and execution of rally organizers. The incident also drew irrevocable attention to a conversation about workers' rights and the role of law enforcement that continues today. In this guide to the key moments and sites of one of Chicago's most confusing and chaotic events, author Joseph Anthony Rulli aims to establish a clearer understanding of its historical significance.

About the Author Joseph Anthony Rulli, a transplanted Hoosier from South Bend, Indiana, began writing fiction shortly after his arrival in his second city. He has one published short story and a play that was performed on stage in the spring of 2016. This is his first published work of nonfiction.