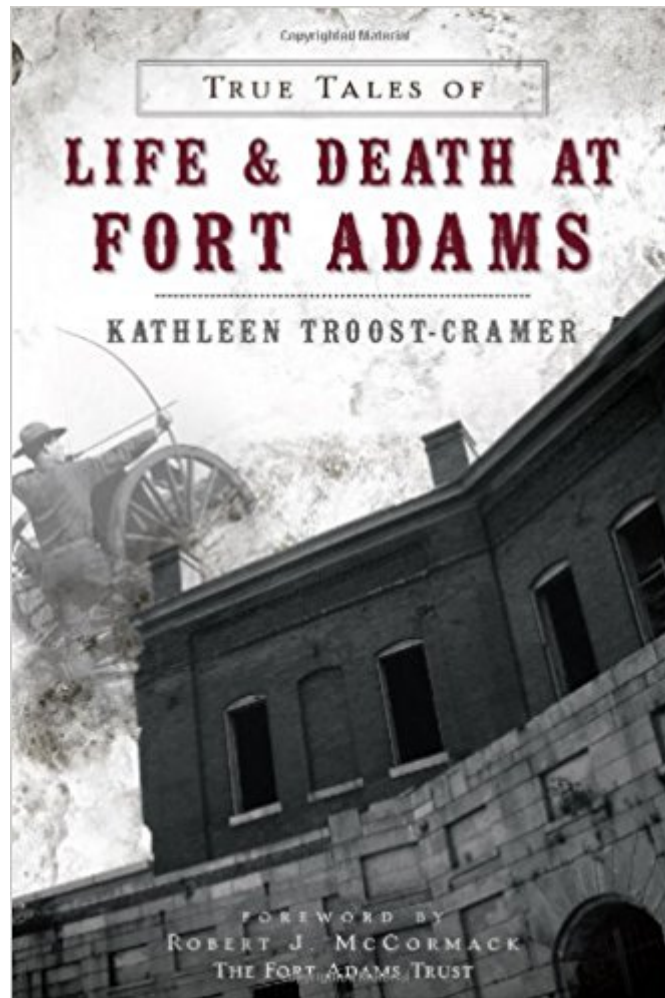




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# True Tales Of Life & Death At Fort Adams (Landmarks)



## Synopsis

For 150 years, Fort Adams guarded the strategic entrance to Narragansett Bay and Newport Harbor. It was the largest coastal fortification in the United States, and though the site never saw a battle, its history is shadowed with dark tragedy. The fort witnessed its first death in 1819 when Private William G. Cornell shot Private William Kane point-blank and without remorse over an unknown argument. Unfortunately, more tragedy would follow. In 1871, twenty-eight-year-old George F. Drake slit his own throat after his sweetheart ended their relationship. And in 1879, Private Franz Koppe was mysteriously attacked, later dying of his injuries. The Spanish influenza arrived at Fort Adams in 1918, killing five soldiers in one month. Through these stories of life and death, author Kathleen Troost-Cramer traces the history of this national landmark.

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## Customer Reviews

Kathleen Troost-Cramer grew up in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Her fascination with local history has led to a long career as a tour guide at various locations, including the Newport mansions, the Lizzie Borden Bed & Breakfast and Museum, and Fort Adams, where she developed the original Halloween attraction Fortress of Nightmares. Robert J. McCormack is the Director of Marketing & the Visitor Experience at Fort Adams and a member of the The Fort Adams Trust.

All as expected

Kathleen wrote a really great read. I was transported to the time, way back then. It was gripping. When is her next book coming? I would recommend it to History buffs.

Very nicely written. Kathleen's writing kept my attention. All interested in History would enjoy reading this book. I am a big fan of the author. Hope to read more from her.

FINALLY, a book about some of the fascinating people who lived (and died) at Fort Adams. Hope Kathleen continues in her research to discover more stories.

I purchased this book at a local bookstore here in Newport. I was intrigued by the subject matter as I live at the Fort Adams military housing area. I walk past the cemetery everyday and always wonder who is buried there. Troost-Cramer's book is the answer. She tells fascinating tales of those who lived and died at the Fort. It reads like a murder mystery and a soap opera all in one. There are even some ghost tales at the end. The author is also a tour guide at the Fort and her love of the subject matter comes across with each line she wrote. I highly recommend this book to learn more about Fort Adams.

Having lived with the Fort literally in my back yard while stationed in Newport, I really didn't know much about it. After reading this book it shed a little light on such an amazing place.

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