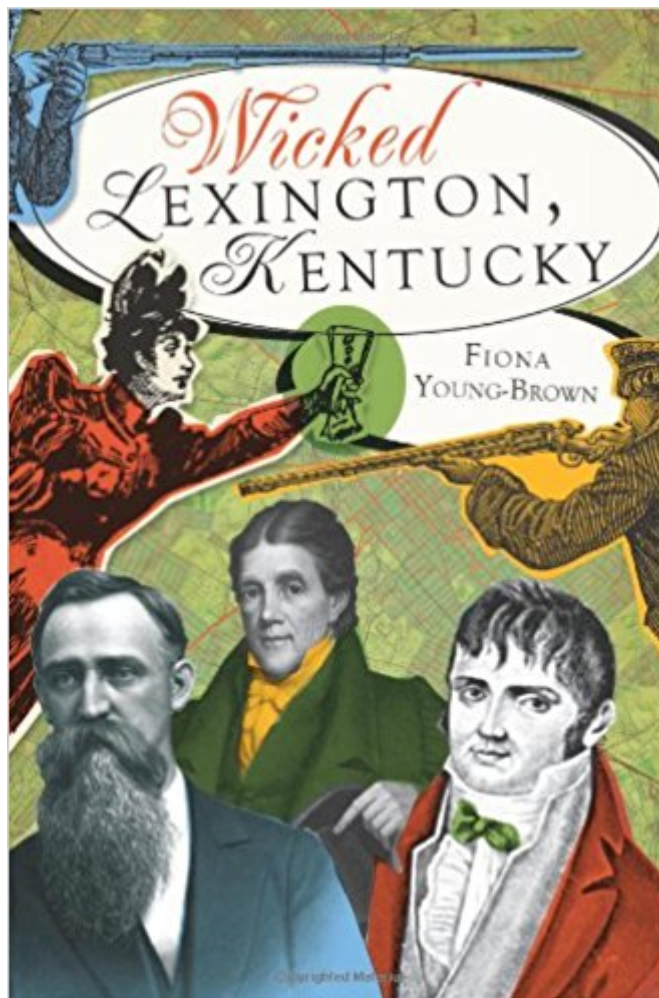


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# Wicked Lexington, Kentucky



## Synopsis

Despite its illustrious beginnings as the "Athens of the west," Lexington has always had a darker side lurking just beneath its glossy sheen. It didn't take long for the first intellectual hub west of the Alleghenies to quickly morph into a city with the same scandalous inclinations as neighboring Louisville and Cincinnati. Filled with tales of infamous duels, cheating congressmen, and much more, *Wicked Lexington* offers the first collection of the city's rowdy and ruckus history. From Belle Brezing's infamous brothel of the late 1800s, frequented by some of the city's most prominent businessmen, and once pardoned by the governor, to historic sports scandals of the 1900s, local author Fiona Young-Brown tracks Lexington's penchant for misdeeds from founding to modern times.

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Fiona Young-Brown has been a Kentucky resident for thirteen years, during which time she has developed a love of bourbon as well as an appreciation for iced tea and cornbread. She is the author of two other books, including *Wicked Lexington* and a member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors. When not writing, Fiona is busy traveling, researching genealogy or cooking for her food blog, [www.crazyenglishwomancooks.com](http://www.crazyenglishwomancooks.com). She lives in Lexington with her husband Nic and their two dogs."

Wicked.

Interesting read for persons interested in history.

Hometown surprises.

Coming from the Bluegrass and living here, I found this book to be very enjoyable. I did learn some things I never knew about my hometown.

It was so much fun reading about oh-so-proper Lexington's raucous, often violent, and not infrequently bloody past! Some of the events recounted in "Wicked Lexington", though bizarre by modern standards, are actually quite amusing ("Dueling Doctors" is a prime example!) Ms. Young-Brown has done a fantastic job researching her subject and bringing noteworthy characters to life again, ranging from brawling street fighters, to a certain wealthy Madame (connected to all the "right people") who was indicted countless times, yet never convicted or jailed. I've been a history devotee for years and honestly don't recall a more enjoyable stroll through a city's lore that, even today, some families would prefer not be discussed. "Wicked Lexington" deserves a place on every Lexingtonian bookshelf, and the higher the owner sees themselves in "proper society", the better.

Having always has an interest in history and scandal, I found that this book satisfied my curiosity for both. The author has researched her subject extremely well and this shows in the many stories of Lexington's scandalous past. If you have a penchant for all things wicked, then this the book for you. A thoroughly enjoyable book that brings Lexington's wicked and colourful past to life.

The book is wonderful. Very well written with excellent research. The book is a must have for any one interested in Lexington and history.

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