

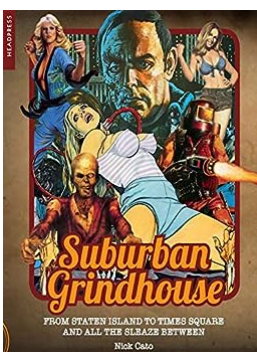
# From Staten Island To Times Square And All The Sleaze Between

Staten Island and Times Square, two iconic locations in New York City, may seem worlds apart. One represents the tranquility and charm of suburban life, while the other epitomizes the bustling and vibrant atmosphere of the city that never sleeps. However, to truly understand the essence of New York City, one must explore the sleaze that permeates the streets between these two contrasting neighborhoods.

## The Naughty Underbelly of Staten Island

Staten Island, often overlooked by tourists, offers a unique experience for those daring enough to venture off the beaten path. As the least populous of the five boroughs, it has managed to retain a somewhat under-the-radar reputation. However, beneath its picturesque façade lies a world of hidden secrets.

From the moment you step foot in Staten Island, you'll be plunged into a realm of juxtapositions. Tranquil parks and white picket fences coexist with illicit activities and underground establishments. The sleaze in Staten Island comes in many forms: from seedy bars serving questionable concoctions to underground gambling dens where fortunes are won and lost.



## Suburban Grindhouse: From Staten Island to Times Square and all the Sleaze Between

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For those seeking a taste of the risqué, the streets of Staten Island offer a thriving scene of adult entertainment. Gentlemen's clubs, burlesque shows, and even underground fetish parties can be found discreetly tucked away in unassuming buildings. The allure of the forbidden is strong in this borough, and those who dare to explore will be rewarded.

But Staten Island's sleaze isn't limited to the after-dark hours. During the day, the borough's streets come alive with a vibrant mix of street performers, fortune tellers, and eccentric vendors. The air is filled with the sounds of music, laughter, and the clinking of coins as passerby engage in games of chance. It's a magnet for those looking to indulge in a bit of harmless mischief.

## **The Intrigue of Times Square**

As you make your way from Staten Island to Times Square, the sleaze gradually evolves. Times Square, once an infamous haven for adult entertainment and illicit activities, has transformed itself into a commercial hub while still retaining some of its scandalous charm.

The neon lights of Times Square illuminate the streets, inviting tourists and locals alike to immerse themselves in its vibrant energy. Here, you'll find larger-than-life billboards showcasing provocative advertisements, enticing visitors to explore the hidden depths of Times Square.

While Times Square is no longer centered around adult entertainment, there are still plenty of opportunities to witness the sleazier side of New York City. Adult stores, peep shows, and strip clubs dot the streets, providing a glimpse into the city's risqué past. The allure of this forbidden allure is a magnet for those seeking a taste of the naughty and the adventurous.

But Times Square is not just about sleaze. It's also a melting pot of diverse cultures, art, and entertainment. Broadway theaters beckon with their dazzling performances, drawing crowds eager to experience the magic of live shows. Street performers showcase their talents, captivating audiences with their awe-inspiring acts. And the world-renowned restaurants and bars offer indulgent experiences for those looking to savor the finer side of life.

## **The Journey In-Between**

While the sleaze of Staten Island and Times Square may seem like two distant worlds, the journey in-between is where the true essence of New York City lies. As you navigate the city's streets and subways, you'll encounter a plethora of colorful characters and unexpected adventures.

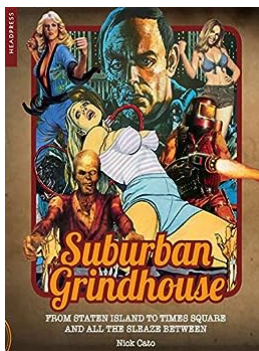
From the mysterious back alleys of Chinatown to the lively vibrancy of Little Italy, the sleaze intertwines with cultural richness and diversity. Food vendors offer delightfully sinful treats, while street artists captivate with their unconventional creations. Every twist and turn reveals a new facet of the city's personality, blending the risqué with the enchanting.

As you delve into the heart of New York City, the sleaze becomes less defined and more integrated into everyday life. It's no longer a separate entity to be sought out; instead, it's an inherent part of the city's personality that manifests in unexpected ways.

## The Allure of New York City

New York City is more than just its prominent landmarks and popular tourist destinations. It's a city of contradictions, where the sleaze intertwines with glamour, culture, and opportunity. From Staten Island to Times Square, the city offers a unique experience for those willing to explore beyond the surface.

So, whether you're an adventurous traveler seeking excitement or a local looking to delve into the hidden aspects of your city, embrace the sleaze that lies between Staten Island and Times Square. Indulge in the forbidden allure, witness the scandalous charm, and immerse yourself in the true essence of the city that never sleeps.



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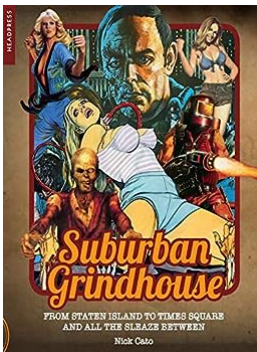


“In SUBURBAN GRINDHOUSE, Nick Cato becomes the Marcel Proust of trash cinema, resurrecting memories of the kinds of late, lamented, Mom and Pop fleapits in which seeing an anti-social movie with your buddies was a gloriously anti-social act.” — Michael Marano, movie columnist Cemetery Dance

Film review books may be a dime a dozen, but how many include the actual experience of witnessing the movie in a theater?

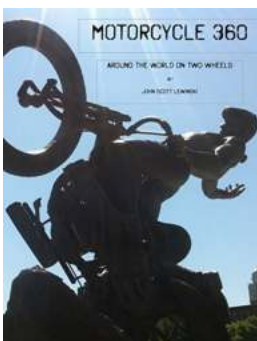
Zine editor and online columnist Nick Cato shares his time growing up in seedy NY and NJ theaters, and how these screenings helped to shape opinion of the movies. Whether one of his beloved local theaters in Staten Island, NY, or at a double feature at the infamous 42nd Street in Times Square during its heyday, audiences were always lively and outspoken.

Part memoir, part film criticism, **SUBURBAN GRINDHOUSE** looks at the audiences as much as it is a book about exploitation movies themselves.



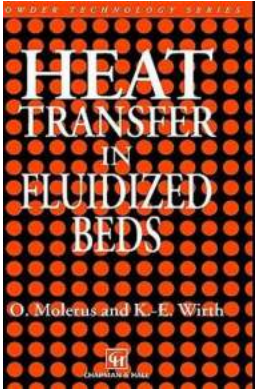
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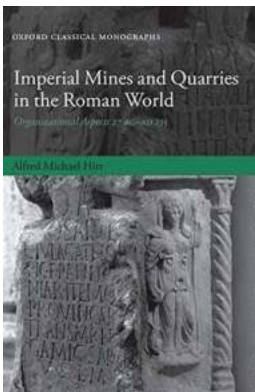
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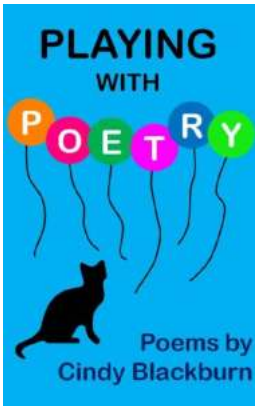
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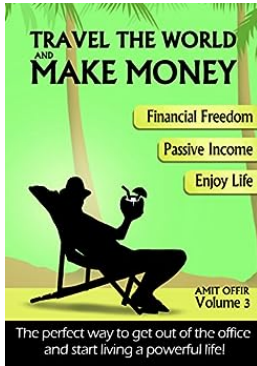
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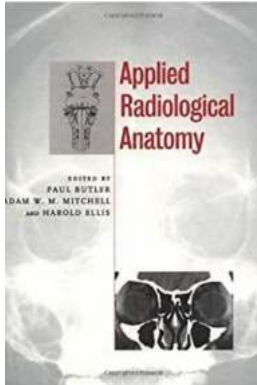
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