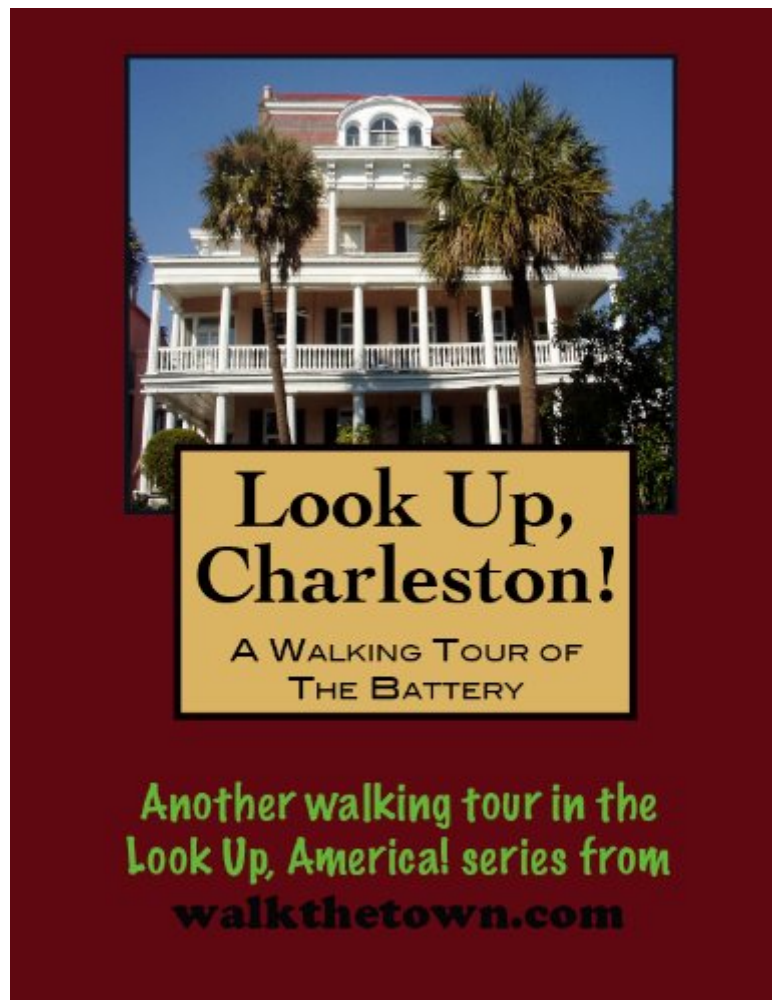




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I'm reading a series of fiction books set on Tradd St in Charleston, SC, and I wanted pictures of the homes and architectural styles referenced. This "walking tour" gave me some basics. Now at least there are pictures in my head as I read. Clearly the pics were taken from the sidewalk, tourist style, and it's hard, without a dictionary at hand, to know which words connect with what you're looking at. There are no close-ups to help clarify details. Many of the homes described have no pictures at all. So...three stars. Very basic. I expect if you're using it as you actually walk the streets of Charleston and your needs are minimal, this would be adequate.

Loved this book. Bought it to accompany a recent trip to Charleston. Lots of interesting information. Very well written and easy to understand.

Great info but not very practical on an e-reader

There wasn't enough detail to be useful. It read like it was copied from a chamber of commerce guide. A waste of money

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