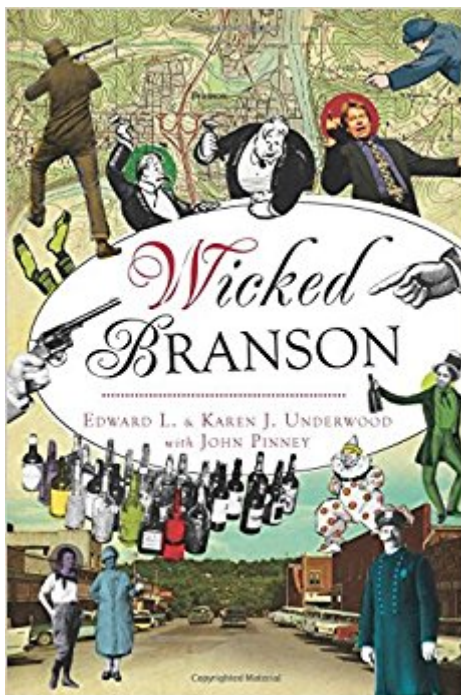


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# Wicked Branson



## Synopsis

Branson's wholesome brand of entertainment made it the nation's destination for family fun, but the vacation wonderland can't claim a spotless past. Murder and mischief dogged the town's efforts at respectability from the very beginning. The founder's own brother, Galba Branson, was a prominent member of the notorious vigilante gang the Bald Knobbers. He died in a picnic shootout that originated in a church prank. Branson's transformation into a showbiz mecca brought quarrel and scandal in its wake, from provoked orangutans to wire-tapped dressing rooms. Three comedians and authors--Ed and Karen Underwood and John Pinney--offer this backstage pass to the seamier side of Branson's history.

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## Customer Reviews

Authors of *Forgotten Tales of Arkansas* and *Haunted Springfield, Missouri*, Ed and Karen Underwood met John Pinney while performing in Branson. Their collaborative show, *The Saucy Cabaret*, takes the stage at comedy clubs, theaters and corporate events across the country. They have created a *Wicked Branson* page on their website, [saucycabaret.com](http://saucycabaret.com), full of additional fun facts and material on the town's history.

What an eye opener! I live a couple of hours from Branson and have felt a shift in the atmosphere in the 12 or so years I have been visiting there with any regularity, but I had no idea the depth of disparity between what you see on stage and what really goes on! When I married 10 years ago, my

husband was so proud of his timeshare, but the first time I had to sit through one of those arm-twisting upgrade presentations, I told him he was nuts and this was a wretched racket! Of course, that proved to be true. I do not want your free nights OR your free show tickets, thank you very much! I will probably visit Branson again, but with eyes wider open! Interesting and fun read!

Not very well written. The book comes across as being written by a couple entertainers who are bitter toward Branson because they didn't have the talent to make it there. Save your money the book is way over priced.

Not quite what expected but still glad I read it. Loved a lot of the early history but thought more recent history/stories were vague. Guess I would say the appetizer course was great but the main course..not so much. I'm sure there was a lot more they could say but understand they prob exercised caution.

I have lived here for about 6 years now. Something has always seemed off. This book explained everything perfectly. Going to re read, Would recommend 100%.

Very poorly written. Most stories I believe are fabricated or stretched. This is a story written by a few so called entertainers who really didn't have a place in Branson show business and obviously got burned and like many snowflakes these days had to place the blame somewhere. I'm glad I purchased the \$9 Kindle version instead of the way over priced \$20 book! Advice to the writers, maybe it's time to retire. Yawn!

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