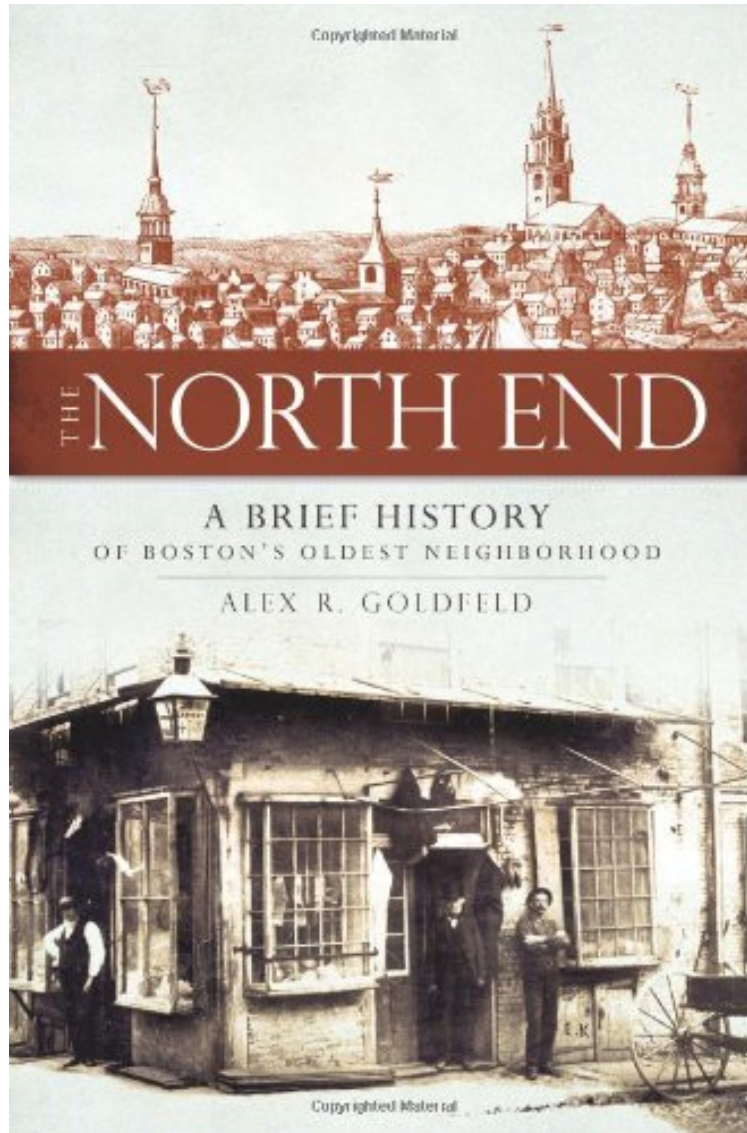


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Revolutionary War, slavery and civil rights, religion and immigration, while revealing little-known and fascinating details about historical figures such as Paul Revere. Whether someone is an avid lover of history or just looking for an entertaining, easy-to-follow book to pass the time, this selection should not go overlooked. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Masterful Work of North End History By Matt The author of The North End does a masterful job of engaging the reader with tales from the earliest years of the North End, through the changing periods and generations, all the way up to the neighborhood we know today. Of course, there is plenty about Paul Revere and the neighborhood's historic landmarks, many that still exist today such as the Old North Church. But there are also captivating chapters on the North End cultural history of African-Americans, the Irish Ascension, the Jewish Colony and Little Italy. Goldfeld's street by street descriptions are especially wonderful for anyone that has walked the North End/Waterfront section of Boston. The book is well-researched and documented with the extra effort of true to period pictures, helping the reader visualize the times gone by. The North End reads more like a series of short stories than a history book. Alex Goldfeld does a terrific job telling the tales of our forefathers and does not sugar-coat the less than favorable elements of history. People that know the North End will relish the graphic and detailed descriptions while those new to the history will benefit from the concise coverage of 300+ years fit in to less than 200 pages. 9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. The North End is a must read By lady laura The North End is a must read for newcomers to, longtime residents of, and those born in Boston. True to its subtitle, - A Brief History of Boston's Oldest Neighborhood - this book presents a large quantity of information in a succinct manner. Alex Goldfeld starts at the very beginning and presents the history of this neighborhood in such a manner that you can actually "see" it growing throughout the years. While some chronological histories can be boring, this - without a doubt - is not. I thoroughly enjoyed how the neighborhood - street by street - came to be; and the map provided was referred to many times. Mr. Goldfeld weaves together the cultural and religious contributions of all those who came to this little piece of land from other parts of the world: English, African, Irish, Jewish, and Italian. He shows how each group influenced other groups - in positive, and sometimes not so positive, ways. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is particularly interested in Boston's history or in American history in general.

Before evolving into a thriving "Little Italy," Boston's North End saw a tangled parade of military, religious and cultural change. Home to prominent historical figures such as Paul Revere, this neighborhood also played host to Samuel Adams and the North End Caucus--which masterminded the infamous Boston Tea Party--as well as the city's first African-American church. From the Boston Massacre to Revere's heroic ride, the North End embodies almost four centuries of strife and celebration, international influence and true American spirit. A small but storied stretch of land, the North End remains the oldest neighborhood in one of the country's most historic cities.

About the Author For nearly a decade, Alex R. Goldfeld has been creating and leading tours of Boston's historic neighborhoods, most notably the North End, Beacon Hill and Roxbury. He has conducted research and assisted in planning for local organizations, including the Nichols House Museum, the First Church in Roxbury and the Vilna Shul. Goldfeld also served as director of operations at Boston's Museum of African American History, where he oversaw the visitor experience, managed the historic sites and facilitated tours of the Black Heritage Trail. He holds a Master of Arts in History from the University of Massachusetts Boston and lives with his family in the North End.