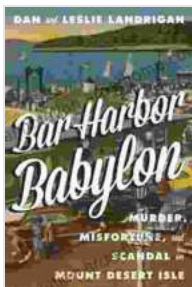


# Murder, Misfortune, and Scandal on Mount Desert Island: A Journey Through Maine's Gilded Age

Mount Desert Island, Maine, is a place of beauty and wealth. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it was a popular summer destination for the wealthy families of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. These families built grand summer homes on the island, and they spent their summers enjoying the island's natural beauty and social life.



## Bar Harbor Babylon: Murder, Misfortune, and Scandal on Mount Desert Island by Leslie Landrigan

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But beneath the surface of this idyllic setting, there was a darker side to life on Mount Desert Island. The wealthy families who summured on the island were often involved in scandals and tragedies. There were divorces, bankruptcies, and even murders.

The book \*Murder, Misfortune, and Scandal on Mount Desert Island\* tells the stories of these scandals and tragedies. The book is a fascinating account of the Gilded Age on Mount Desert Island, and it provides a glimpse into the lives of the wealthy families who summered on the island.

The book is divided into three parts. The first part tells the story of the wealthy families who summered on Mount Desert Island. The second part tells the stories of the scandals that rocked their lives. The third part tells the stories of the murders that plagued their community.

The book is well-written and researched. The author, Ruth S. Shapleigh, has done an excellent job of bringing the Gilded Age on Mount Desert Island to life. The book is full of fascinating stories and characters, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, true crime, or the Gilded Age.

### **The Wealthy Families of Mount Desert Island**

The wealthy families who summered on Mount Desert Island were a diverse group. They came from different backgrounds and had different interests. But they all shared one thing in common: they were all very wealthy.

Some of the most prominent families on Mount Desert Island included the Vanderbilts, the Astors, the Pulitzers, and the Morgans. These families were all part of the American elite, and they had a significant impact on the island's social and economic development.

The wealthy families built grand summer homes on Mount Desert Island. These homes were often designed by famous architects, and they were

filled with expensive furnishings and artwork.

The wealthy families also enjoyed a variety of social activities on Mount Desert Island. They attended parties, dances, and regattas. They also went on picnics, hikes, and drives.

The wealthy families who summered on Mount Desert Island were a major part of the island's community. They contributed to the island's economy, and they helped to shape the island's culture.

### **The Scandals of Mount Desert Island**

The wealthy families who summered on Mount Desert Island were often involved in scandals. These scandals ranged from divorces to bankruptcies to murders.

One of the most famous scandals on Mount Desert Island was the divorce of William K. Vanderbilt and Alva Vanderbilt. The Vanderbilts were one of the wealthiest families in America, and their divorce was a major scandal.

Another famous scandal on Mount Desert Island was the bankruptcy of Frederick Vanderbilt. Frederick Vanderbilt was a wealthy businessman, and his bankruptcy was a major financial scandal.

The scandals that rocked the wealthy families of Mount Desert Island were a major source of gossip and speculation. The scandals were also a reminder that even the wealthiest families are not immune to problems.

### **The Murders of Mount Desert Island**

The murders that plagued Mount Desert Island were some of the most shocking crimes of the Gilded Age. The murders were often committed by members of the wealthy families who summered on the island.

One of the most famous murders on Mount Desert Island was the murder of Stanford White. White was a famous architect, and he was murdered by Harry K. Thaw. Thaw was a wealthy playboy, and he was jealous of White's relationship with his wife.

Another famous murder on Mount Desert Island was the murder of Mabel H. Cram. Cram was a wealthy socialite, and she was murdered by her husband. Her husband was jealous of her relationship with another man.

The murders on Mount Desert Island were a major source of fear and anxiety for the wealthy families who summered on the island. The murders were also a reminder that even the wealthiest families are not safe from violence.

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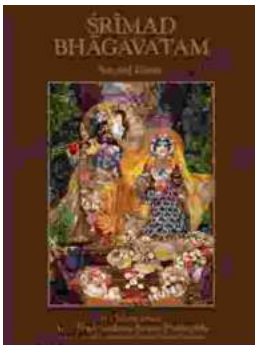
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