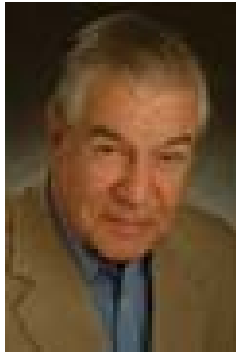
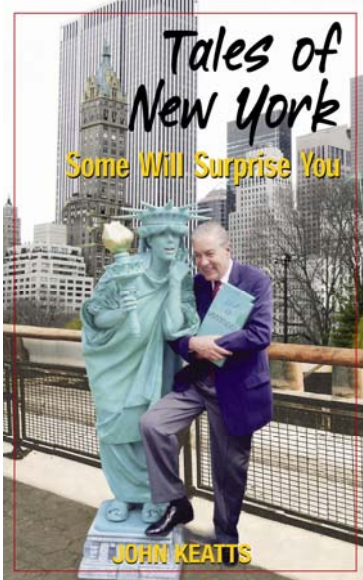


FEATURED AUTHOR

John Keatts, author of
Tales of New York: Some Will Surprise You



Excerpt

"Tales of New York" is a series of stories that lead to what we see today. You'll know more about our town when you finish reading. Meet fascinating people; find out why (and how) buildings rise, and the rock on which they stand. If one of your reactions is, "Wow. I didn't know that", then I've done my work properly.

For example, the race to the sky...By the late 1920s, conditions were right for a building boom. The "Roaring Twenties", as they were called, was awash with money. Three skyscrapers - 40 Wall Street, Chrysler and Empire State - went to the drawing boards. The race was on. Rivalries and revenge would play a part. And not one of these buildings would emerge as originally planned.

About the Book

You know our landmarks. This book highlights the people involved, the emotions and events that drove them. In some cases, it is circumstance or chance; others involve ego, poverty, revenge, or simply ability to see the future and the genius to create it...

- A poor farm boy who began a simple ferry boat service, and became a millionaire
- A renowned bridge-builder whose work on a statue would change his life
- A newspaper man who seized an opportunity
- A man whose building forced our skyline upward

These are some of the *Tales of New York*.

About the Author

John Keatts has been published in magazines and newspapers. He has appeared in Broadway musical productions, cabaret performances, and on television. It is his voice that is heard on many commercials. He is a licensed NYC tour guide. This is his first book.