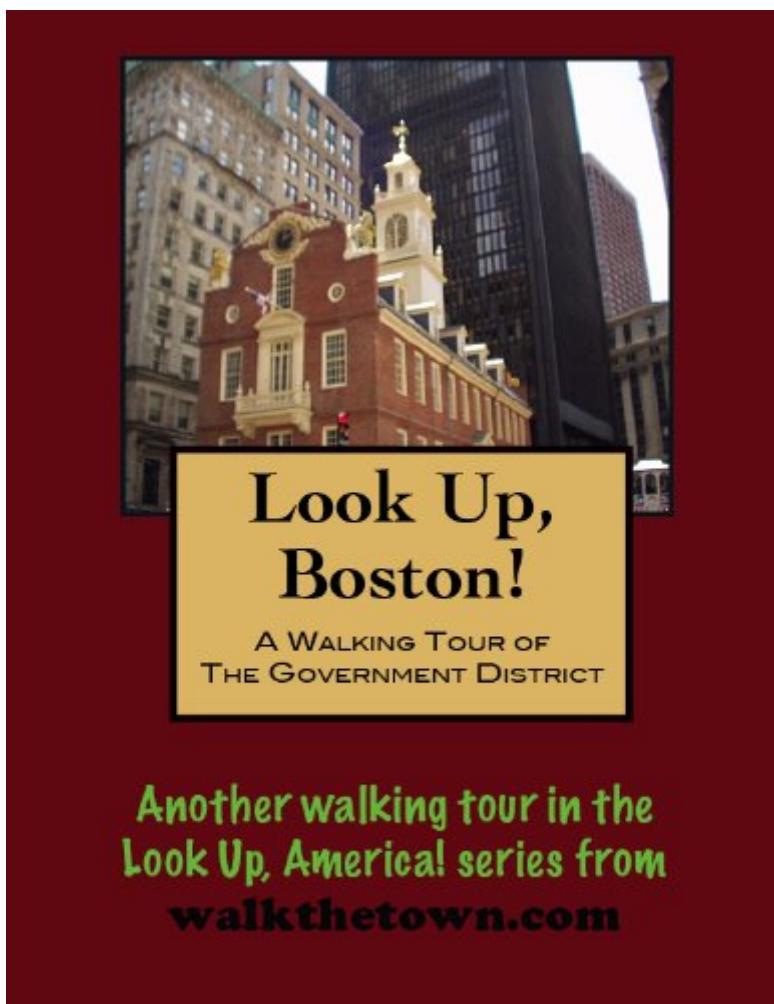


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Nice book to have to understand getting around Boston.

It's funny that this is called "Look Up" because if it were audio instead of just words, I would have been able to look up more!

expected more comments regarding the history of the building but fine for just walking around

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