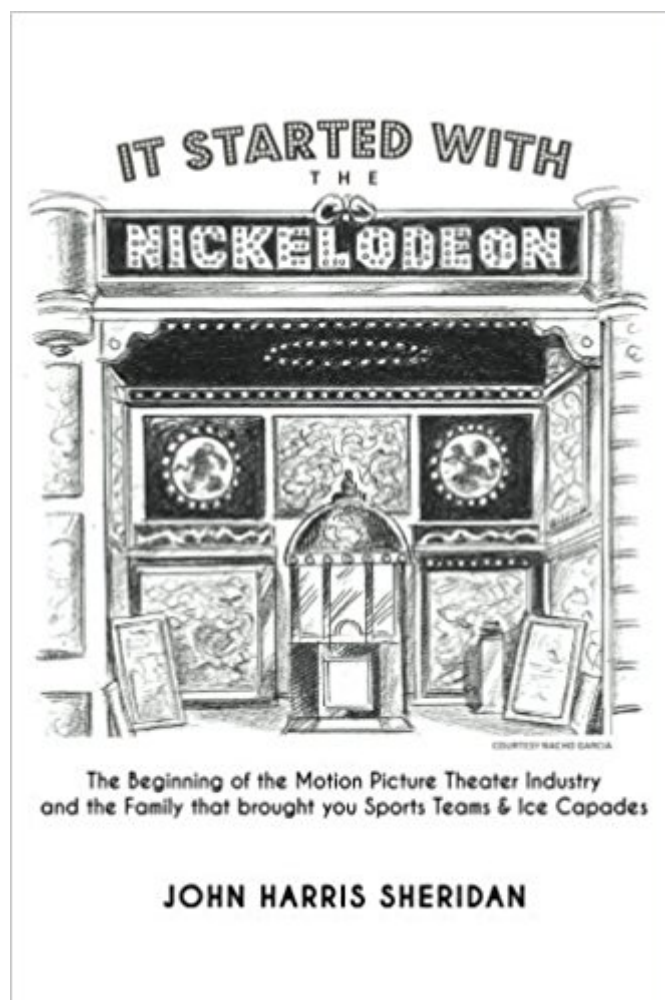




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It Started With The Nickelodeon: The Beginning Of The Motion Picture Theater Industry And The Family That Brought You Sports & Ice Capades





Synopsis

"It Started With the Nickelodeon" is the story of the beginning of the Motion Picture Theater Industry and the Harris Family that started it. The book includes Pittsburgh's only NBA team The Pittsburgh Ironmen, The AHL Pittsburgh Hornets, The Variety Clubs, Pittsburgh's first sports arena Duquesne Gardens and Ice Capades the Greatest Show On Ice.

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John Harris Sheridan comes from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, his father was a lawyer and his Mother was a housewife. John had three brothers and one sister; Thomas, Harry Eleanor and Denny. John joined Ice Capades as a skater after High School at St. Justins in Mt. Washington, PA He said it was one of the greatest experiences of his life, traveling from city to city and skating with World and Olympic Champions and appearing on the Ed Sullivan and Steve Allen Shows. After a few seasons with the show John returned to school at Phoenix College and Arizona State University. After school John began working in television, in New York, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas and ultimately El Paso, Texas with a few cities in between. It was in Las Vegas that John ended up working for Howard Hughes, from early 1968 '69 and '70, when Hughes flew away to the Bahamas. After heart problems and open heart surgery John wrote three books while recuperating at his son John's ranch in Kettle Falls, WA. He has three children John, Kevin and Brendan and three grand children John, Jessica and Josie Sheridan. Books by John Harris Sheridan: "Howard Hughes-The Las Vegas Years:The Women, The Mormons, The Mafia" "It Started with the Nickelodeon" "Treason on the Radio" (June 2014)

Poorly edited. Some factual errors slow this down.

Lots of good content, but lousy copy editing.

A wonderful history of an interesting family that received little recognition for their achievements. And an attempt by others to take credit for the Harris Family's history

I enjoy memoirs and non fiction history and have always had a deep fascination with the early days of movie making. Reading Mr. Sheridan's book took me back to a time when the old west really wasn't that old. When necessity was not only the mother of invention, but also the culmination of imagination by the likes of Tesla, Edison, and others who thought outside the box and spurred on the start of the 20th century. As I read on, the old 50's song by Teresa Brewer played in my head, Put Another Nickel In...that easily I was transported in time. So many things I didn't know, and the anecdotes Mr. Sheridan shared in this memoir (loved the section about the Ice Capades, too) added so much to the book. A truly fascinating study of an incredible personal history.

This book is full of good history and anecdotes, especially about the Harris family, the Ice Capades, and early movie history in Pittsburgh. It's self-published, and the copy editing is non-existent -- bad grammar, bad spelling, gaps in content, and on and on and on. But if that stuff doesn't bother you, it provides a very interesting view into some interesting and unusual topics.

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