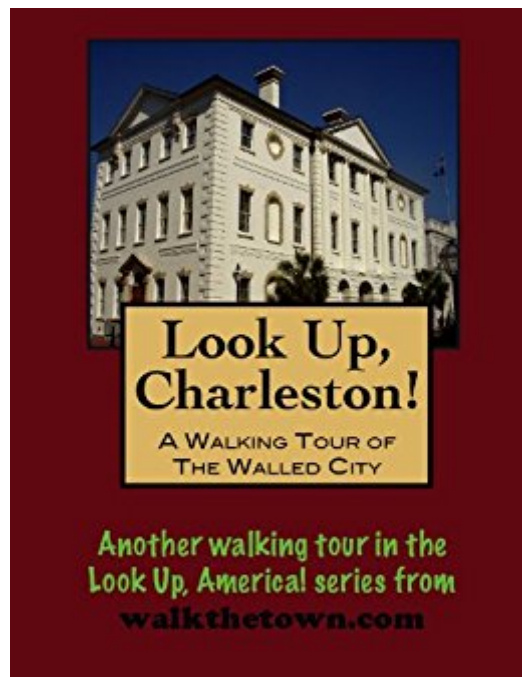




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A Walking Tour Of Charleston - The Walled City, South Carolina (Look Up, America!)



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