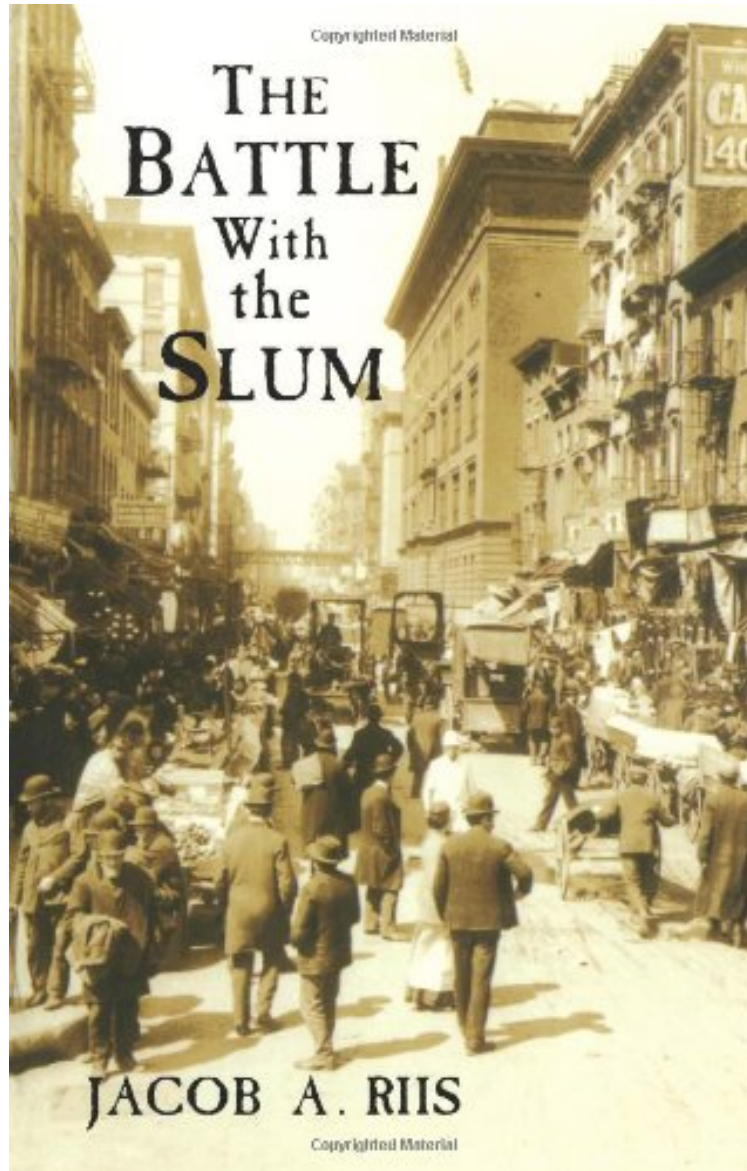


[Online library] The Battle with the Slum (New York City)

The Battle with the Slum (New York City)

Jacob A. Riis

ebooks | Download PDF | *ePub | DOC | audiobook



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#2687461 in Books 1998-01-27 1998-01-27 Original language: English PDF # 1 .93 x 5.39 x 8.411, 1.00 #File Name: 0486401960480 pages | File size: 72.Mb

Jacob A. Riis : The Battle with the Slum (New York City) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Battle with the Slum (New York City):

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Politics and Poverty By Joanna D. Though not as heart-rending as "How the Other Half Lives", this book by Riis is important to shed light on how society cleaned up some of the worst slums in US history. Tammany Hall, the Democratic party machine, was responsible for political patronage jobs that

were do-nothing plums; a photo shows the street-cleaning of Tammany brooms men versus that of a reformer who took over cleaning the precinct's streets. Various charitable societies worked strenuously to ameliorate the worst of the slums, to pass laws requiring light and air in tenements, though landlords were clever in circumventing or perverting the legal requirements (a window in a room could be on an inside wall; the airshaft--a thin passageway between buildings was all the air many apartments got.) Schools were at first overcrowded rooms with no desks, no ventilation and seventy students attempting to learn. Reformers got desks, ventilated buildings, smaller class sizes. This is a fascinating story of how people worked together to try to better an abusive situation in the poorest sections of American cities.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Don't get me wrong.....By Joey From Da Bronx

First off, this two-star rating is for the physical paperback book, not the content. This looks like another print-on-demand book from Create Space Independent Publishing, printing date 24 March 2014. I've reviewed books by them before, and again I'm not impressed with the quality of their books. First off, the font size of the printing is miniscule. The book measures 6" by 9", has 140 pages and has 58 lines of type on a page. It's almost impossible to read and comprehend. I have a book similar in size and it has only 34 lines per page. A well-written book is worthless if you can't read it. Second, chapters begin mid-page, with the chapter number and title right after the last line of the previous chapter. And at the end of each chapter it says: [Back to Contents]. And guess what? There is no contents page! And as with other books they published, there's no publisher's name, no copyright page, the book just starts. Third, throughout the book are footnote numbers, and again there are no footnotes. The book does have photos, but they could have been clearer and sharper. I thoroughly enjoyed Riis's other book 'How the Other Half Lives', and looked forward to reading this one. Alas, this wasn't possible. Maybe a hardcover version would be better?

16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Lower East Side battlefield

By Rocco Dormarunno

What sets **THE BATTLE WITH THE SLUM** apart from Jacob Riis' classic, **HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES**, is this book's more active response to the conditions of the poor and disenfranchised in New York City's slums. **HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES** was a breakthrough in reporting. The reader was given a barrage of facts and statistics, as well as photographs and ethnic break-downs of each of the immigrant groups. While **THE BATTLE WITH THE SLUM** also includes photographs and statistics, it also reports on **HOW** these conditions have to be handled, and details the victories Riis and the reformers achieved in ridding the area of its more notorious elements. In almost militaristic fashion, Riis and the reformers battled corrupt local political machines (read Tammany Hall), interested businesses, and greedy landlords. Each neighborhood is practically mapped out like a battlefield. While **HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES** gives the reader an appreciation for the suffering that the poor, **BATTLE WITH THE SLUM** gives the reader an appreciation for Jacob Riis and what others like him have done.

Splendid sequel to author's 1902 classic, *How the Other Half Lives*. Compelling real-life tales, accompanied by rare photographs and engravings, report on the status of living conditions among New York City's poor and exploited, including successful efforts to demolish breeding grounds of crime and the removal from power of Boss Tweed and the Tammany organization.