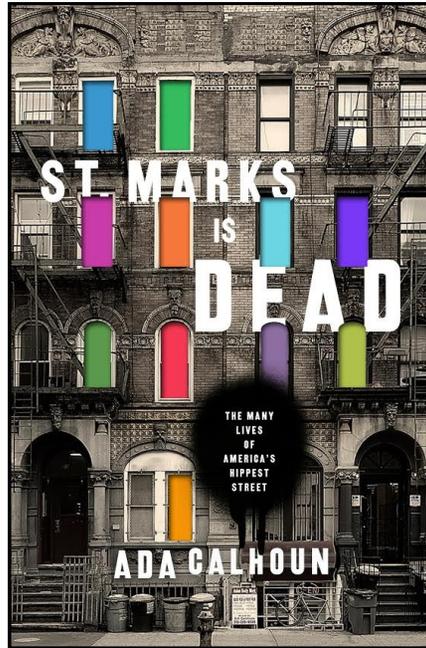


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## St. Marks is Dead The Many Lives of America's Hippest Street



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This illustrated lecture tells the many-layered history of an iconic American street.

What began as a Colonial Dutch Director-General's pear orchard has transformed and evolved throughout the centuries. St. Marks Place is where Frank O'Hara caroused, Emma Goldman plotted, and the



Augustus Van Horne Stuyvesant, not happy  
Author's personal collection

Velvet Underground wailed.

The three Manhattan blocks have been an

immigrant's haven, a mafia warzone, a hippie paradise, an elite address and more. Yet every generation of miscreant denizens believes that their era, and no other, marked the street's apex.

This talk shows how the street continues to provide each new generation of rebels with a place to call home.



St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery  
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About the presenter:

**A**da Calhoun is an award-winning journalist who has written for *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *Time*, *New York*, and *The Los Angeles Times*. She has worked as a crime reporter for the *New York Post*, a frequent contributor to *The New York Times Book Review*, and a ghostwriter of seven books for major publishers, including four bestsellers. She has also published a number of personal essays—including, for the *New York Times*, four Lives columns and two Modern Loves. Raised on St. Marks Place, she now lives in Brooklyn.

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