



## SELECTED BOOKS

### **Play Me Backwards**

*(S&S 2014, an IL Reads Pick)*

### **HH Holmes: The True History of the White City Devil**

*(Skyhorse 2017)*

### **The Smart Aleck's Guide to American History**

*(Random House 2009, an IL Reads Pick)*

### **Just Kill Me**

*(S&S 2016, a Rainbow List pick)*

### **Mysterious Chicago: History At Its Coolest**

*(Skyhorse 2016)*

### **Ghosts of Chicago**

*(Llewelyn 2013)*

### **Ghosts of Lincoln**

*(Llewelyn 2015)*

### **Flickering Empire: How Chicago Invented the US Film Industry**

*(Univ of Columbia Press, 2013)*

### **I Kissed a Zombie and I Liked It**

*(Random House 2010)*

### **Standard Rates in The Chicagoland Area:**

*Library Talk: 300*

*Single School Talk: 300*

*Up to Four School Talks: 500*

*Rates are less than half of what some of the writers' organizations tell Adam to charge! He is also available to run his ASTONISHING CHICAGO tours of Graceland Cemetery or Rosehill Cemetery - make history come alive surrounded by dead people!*

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**ADAM SELZER** is an author, tour guide, and historian. He has about 20 books out, and was the 2017 IL Association of Teachers of English Author of the Year. He's on The History Channel and the Travel Channel all the time, and there's a canon *Star Wars* character named after him.

## LIBRARY / SCHOOL TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS:

**HH HOLMES: MYTH AND MYSTERY** An absolute must for schools teaching *Devil in the White City!* Adam, author of the first really comprehensive bio on Holmes, shows how to use primary source to sort out fact from fiction and bring the real story of Holmes to light. Fascinating, and his most popular talk of 2016-2017.

**MYSTERIOUS CHICAGO** A slide show of unsolved mysteries from Chicago history, with cool data about how to research them. Sometimes Adam really does get to solve a mystery or rewrite history!

**AUTHOR VISIT:** You know the drill - Adam will talk about his various books, his writing process, and answer whatever goofy questions the students come up with.

**GHOSTS OF CHICAGO:** Adam's classic presentation on Chicago ghost-lore, focusing on fact-checking the historical tales behind local ghost stories.

**LET'S BE SUPER MATURE AND HAVE A DUEL!** A presentation on using historical research to show how stories grow and change over time relative to the primary sources, using two famous duels as examples (Burr vs Hamilton and Dickinson vs Jackson). A really fun talk, if you're not a scoundrel, a coward or a base poltroon!

**GRAVE ROBBING 101:** Available either as a presentation or as a walking tour in Lincoln Park, Adam talks about the history of grave robbing in America. Did Alexander Hamilton help put down an anti-grave robbing mob in New York in 1788? And what do you need to know to launch YOUR career as a 19th century body snatcher TODAY?

**SILENT FILM IN CHICAGO:** Adam is the author of *Flickering Empire*, the first book about Chicago's time as the center of the movie-making world. A fascinating talk featuring hilarious rare short films from 1907-14. Available solo or with co-author Michael Glover Smith.

*Or, if you've seen Adam talking about stuff on TV, on the Mysterious Chicago blog, or one of his podcasts (Mysterious Chicago and Cemetery Mixtape), he can work out a custom presentation. He does ghost tours, cemetery tours, and architecture tours, as well, and is a tour director for students groups with Brightspark travel.*

**See [adamchicago.com](http://adamchicago.com) for links to various blogs and podcasts!**