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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Discover New York With Henry Hope Reed, Jr.: A Series of Well-Mapped Walking Tours, Reprinted From the Pages of New York Herald Tribune We are about to enter the world of the Astors. Here, the children and grandchildren of the rich and powerful John Jacob Astor lived before they migrated to Fifth Avenue. In their day (the 1840 s and 1850 s), Lafayette Street was known as Lafayette Place, and it ended at Great Jones Street. It formed an oasis between the popular Bowery to the east and the commercial Broadway to the west. Not until 1904, with the construction of the East Side subway, was Lafayette Place cut south through to Prince Street to become a street. Despite changes over the years, a number of landmarks survive to recall its heyday. Our tour starts on Astor Place, just southwest of the subway station. On the site bounded by Lafayette Street, Astor Place and 8th Street, stood the Astor Place Opera House, the center of the city s music life around 1850. It was here...

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