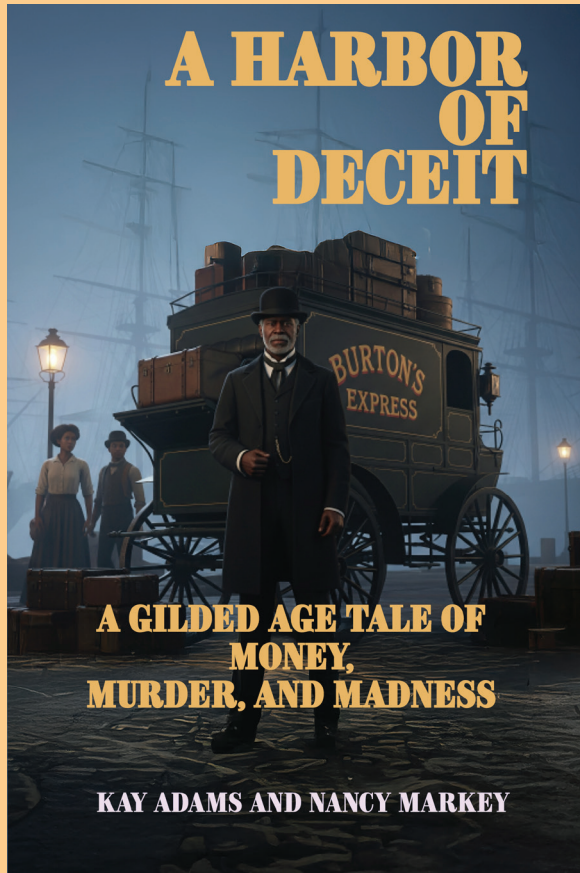




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by Kay Adams and Nancy Markey

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A Gilded Age Tale of Money, Murder, and Madness

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