



# **FIVE POINTS**

**A one-hour drama series**

**Five Points is a story about family and survival under the harshest of conditions. It is also a story about raw ambition, lust, betrayal, vast wealth and absolute power.**

**This is the epic telling of the rise of the first criminal gangs in America.**

# THE GOLDEN AGE OF NEW YORK



**1850s New York was a city split in two. On the surface, it was home to the most ostentatious displays of wealth in the post-Industrial age.**



**Captains of industry built enormous mansions in the middle of Manhattan and threw lavish parties for their fellow elites.**



**But just blocks away, people languished in horrid living conditions.**

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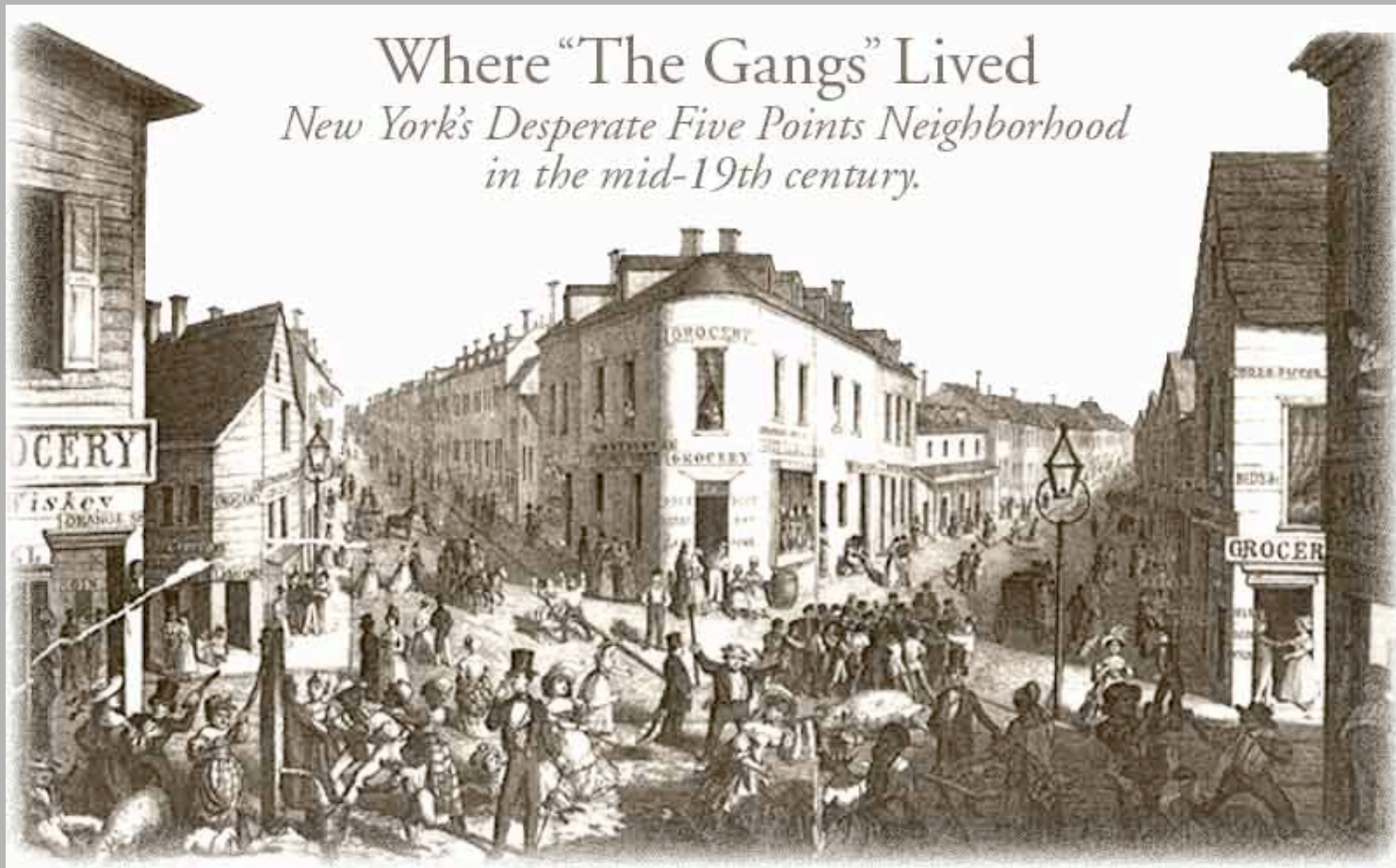
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**Irish immigrants escaped the great potato famine only to suffer severe discrimination and poverty in New York.**



**Families were torn apart. Children starved.**

# FIVE POINTS GANGS



**Out of this desperation, the lawless expanse of the Five Points ghetto took shape, filled with Irish immigrants and powerful gangs.**



**Where every policeman was corrupt and the fire fighters were just as likely to start a fire as to extinguish one.**

# CHARACTERS

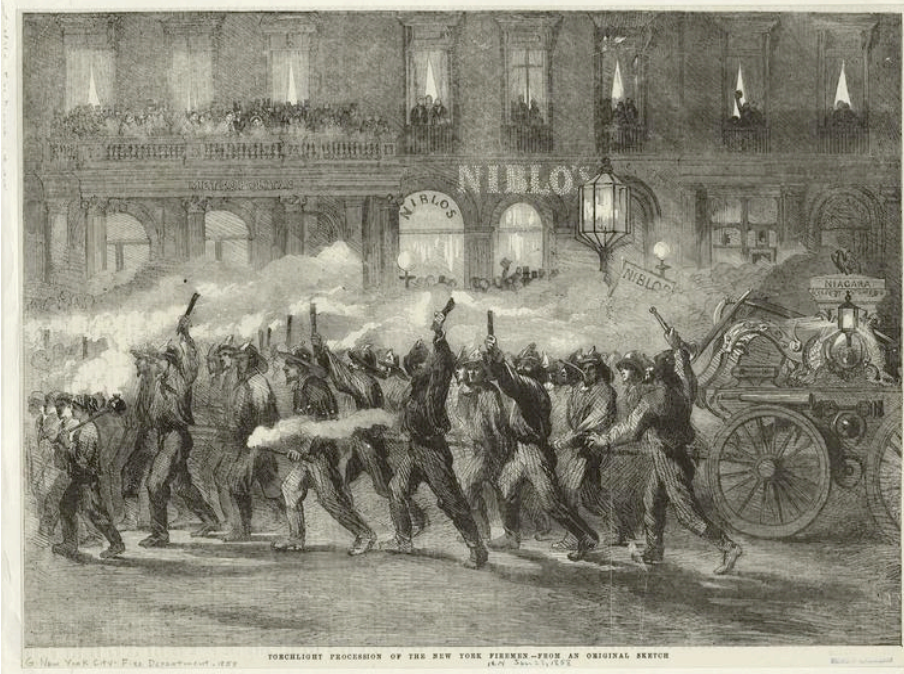


**Two young Irish brawlers, Edmund Maguire and John Keefe, and their families are at the heart of it all.**





**Rival patriarchs from poor immigrant families, Edmund and John are in an uneasy pact as co-heads of a fire company, The Black Shore Boys.**



**But competition amongst fire companies for insurance money is harsh, and John and Edmund are often on the losing end... which means their families go without food.**



**Their backs against a wall, Edmund and John then make a decision that will change their lives forever: they enter into a dangerous alliance with a violent street gang – The Dead Rabbits.**

**Once a semi-legitimate business, the Black Shore Boys fire company soon morphs into a ruthless criminal gang of its own.**



**Edmund and John soon find themselves at odds with each other and become sworn enemies as each goes about trying to take control of Five Points and then all of New York.**

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