

Bob Steele *discusses*



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The Curse:

*Big-Time Gambling's Seduction
of a Small New England Town - A Novel*

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Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand St. Waterbury, CT

1637: Massacre of the Pequot Indians in southeast Connecticut

Pequot chief gives a curse to the young English soldier who is about to kill him.

1987: Josh Williams, the soldier's 13th-generation descendant, battles to stop a newly-formed Indian tribe from building a third casino that threatens his town and ancestral home.

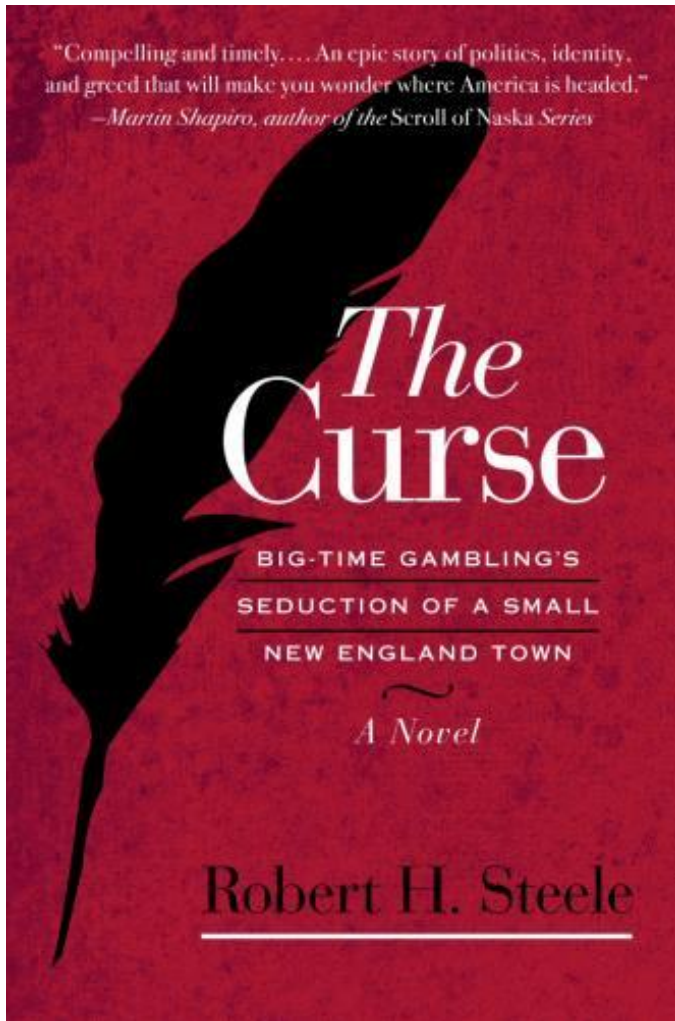
The lure of easy money drives everyone from the tribe's chief to a shadowy Miami billionaire, venal politicians, and Providence mobsters, while a small, quintessential New England town must choose between preserving its character or accepting an extraordinary proposal that will change it forever.

Robert H. Steele is vice chairman of an international retail marketing agency and has been a director of numerous companies. A graduate of Amherst College and Columbia University, he served in the CIA and Congress, representing the 2nd District when he lived in Ledyard next the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation.

"I moved to Ledyard in 1977 and lived there for 21 years, all during the period of the events leading to the casinos," he says. "It is one of the most remarkable stories in Connecticut history and I had a front row seat."

Connecticut author Martin Shapiro (*Scroll of Naska*) has described the book as *"compelling and timely - an epic story of politics, identity and greed that will make you wonder where America is headed."*

If the name Bob Steele seems familiar, it's also because he is the son of the late Bob Steele, WTIC radio personality for more than 66 years.



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