This is an interesting look at the mysterious death of Edgar Allan Poe in Baltimore in 1849. Short of traveling back in a time machine we may never truly determine what took the life of the country's greatest writer of his or any other age. From rabies to political cooping to the flu, there are dozens of possibilities, and the creator of the mystery detective genre of literature would no doubt approve of our determination to use rationation (one of his words) to solve this age old puzzle. Perhaps a book covering all the theories will be published but, until then, anyone interested in the mysterious death of the legendary writer should read "Midnight Dreary." Read more. 3 people found this helpful. In his 2000 book Midnight Dreary: The Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe, author John Evangelist Walsh presents yet another theory about Poe's death: that Poe was murdered by the brothers of his wealthy fiancée, Elmira Shelton. Using evidence from newspapers, letters and memoirs, Walsh argues that Poe actually made it to Philadelphia, where he was ambushed by Shelton's three brothers, who warned Poe against marrying their sister. Considered the originator of the detective mystery story, Edgar Allan Poe's final week was as mysterious as any of his tales. His 1849 death is shrouded in theories and puzzles and guesses but it has never been conclusively solved.

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