

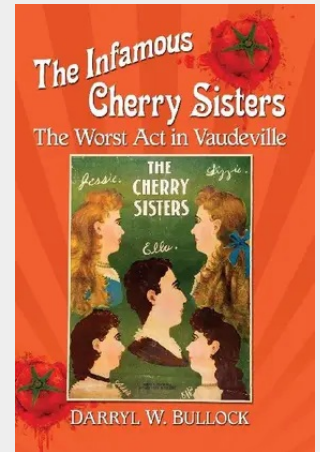
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The Infamous Cherry Sisters

The Worst Act in Vaudeville

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