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Don Carlo - Paul Meskil
2020-12-11

The Deadly Don - Anthony M.
DeStefano 2021-05-25
Pulitzer Prize-winning
journalist Anthony M.
DeStefano's latest in-depth

history of organized crime
exposes the truth behind the
mafia crew that took down
John Gotti. THE BOSS OF
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DeStefano exposes the rise and
fall of Vito Genovese in this

first comprehensive biography of the legendary mafioso—from his childhood in Naples, Italy, and the beginnings of his bullet-ridden criminal career on lower Manhattan’s mean streets, through his self-exile in the mid-1930s back to his homeland where he ran a black market operation under the fascist regime of Benito Mussolini, and his return to New York where Genovese made a fortune as the head of an illegal narcotics empire. As a member of Giuseppe “Joe the Boss” Masseria’s gang in New York City, Genovese ran rackets before joining forces with Lucky Luciano, Frank Costello, Meyer Lansky, and Bugsy Siegel as bootleggers during Prohibition. He helped orchestrate Masseria’s slaughter on behalf of Brooklyn crime lord Salvatore Maranzano, consolidating his position and power before ensuring Maranzano, too, was knocked off. For the next three decades, Vito Genovese—shrewd, merciless, and utterly savage—killed countless gangsters in his bid

to become the capo di tutti i capi—boss of bosses—in the American Mafia. Don Vito would betray some of the mafia’s most notorious bosses, including Albert Anastasia and Frank Costello, to eventually seize control of the Luciano crime family, one that still bears the Genovese name today. Praise for Anthony M. DeStefano’s *Gotti’s Boys* “DeStefano explores John Gotti’s rise to the head of the Gambino family . . . Aficionados are sure to relish the finer, exhaustively researched details.” —Publishers Weekly “A thrilling ride . . . DeStefano has written another excellent biography of a memorable group of gangsters and an excellent addition to the history of the Teflon Don.” —Booklist

Mafia Marriage - Rosalie Bonanno 2003-03-14

A view of love and marriage inside the Mafia details Rosalie Profaci's marriage to childhood sweetheart Bill Bonanno, her discovery of the dark side of the Sicilian Mafia, and her struggle to cope with the

realities of her marriage.

A Man of Honor - Joseph Bonanno 1983

The Bonanno Family: A History of New York's Bonanno Mafia Family - Andy Petepiece
2021-04-10

The Bonanno Family is a well-researched book on the 100-plus-year history of one of New York's infamous La Cosa Nostra organizations. It begins with an outline of the first Bosses, and ends with Boss Mikey Mancuso demoting his Acting Boss and Consigliere. Some of the important events covered included the 1931 killing of Boss of Bosses Salvatore Maranzano, the formation of the Commission, and the dates of the national meetings of La Cosa Nostra. Among those was the infamous 1957 gathering of mob Bosses held at Boss Joseph Barbara's estate. Long-time leader Joseph Bonanno is profiled in this book, as are all his successors. I examine Bonanno's role in the killing of Salvatore Maranzano and Bonanno's alleged kidnapping in 1964. The book

covers the Commission's expulsion of Bonanno and his son Salvatore and their many years after that historic event.

There are three chapters on the long-ignored Montreal, Canada, wing of the Bonanno Family. This group eclipsed any New York Family in terms of wealth and reach. Due to their deep involvement in the drug trade, the Montreal crew operated worldwide, unlike the New York Families. Most readers of La Cosa Nostra will recognize many of the characters from its history. The book provides details on well-known hoods such as Carmine Galante, Dominick "Sonny Black" Napolitano, Joe Massino, Anthony Spero, and Vincent Basciano. American Mafia followers will get to know Canadian Mafia powers like Nicolo Rizzuto, Vito Rizzuto, Vic Cotroni, Paulo Violi and powerful Associates like Raynald Desjardins.

The Quiet Don - Matt Birkbeck
2013-10-01

To what extent was Rosario "Russell" Bufalino involved in the disappearance of Jimmy

Hoffa in 1975? In the CIA's recruitment of gangsters to assassinate Fidel Castro? In organizing the historic meeting of crime chieftains in 1957? Even in the production of The Godfather movie? A uniquely American saga that spans six decades, The Quiet Don follows Russell Bufalino's remarkably quiet ascent from Sicilian immigrant to mob soldier to a man described by a United States Senate subcommittee in 1964 as "one of the most ruthless and powerful leaders of the Mafia in the United States." Secretive—even reclusive—Russell Bufalino quietly built his organized crime empire in the decades between Prohibition and the Carter presidency. His reach extended far beyond the coal country of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and quaint Amish farms near Lancaster. Bufalino had a hand in global, national, and local politics of the largest American cities, many of its major industries, and controlled the powerful Teamsters Union. His influence also reached the highest levels

of Pennsylvania government and halls of Congress, and his legacy left a culture of corruption that continues to this day. INCLUDES PHOTOS
Gotti's Boys - Anthony M. DeStefano 2019-07-30
A KILLER LINE-UP In his bloody reign as the head of the Gambino crime family, John Gotti wracked up a lifetime of charges from gambling, extortion, and tax evasion to racketeering, conspiracy, and five convictions of murder. He didn't do it alone. Surrounding himself with a rogues gallery of contract killers, fixers, and enforcers, he built one of the richest, most powerful and violent crime empires in modern history. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Anthony M. DeStefano takes you inside Gotti's inner circle to reveal the dark hearts and murderous deeds of the most remorseless and cold-blooded characters in organized crime. Men so vicious even the other Mafia families were terrified of them. Meet Gotti's Boys . . . * Charles Carneglia * Gene Gotti * Angelo "Quack-Quack"

Ruggiero * Tony "Roach"
Rampino * "Sammy the Bull"
Gravano * Frank DeCicco *
Vincent Artuso * Joe "The
German" Watts * THE
ULTIMATE MURDERER'S
ROW "DeStefano explores John
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history of the Teflon Don."
—Booklist

*The Autobiography of Joseph
Stalin* - Richard Lourie 1999

In these pages, Stalin's
psychology is fully revealed,
every atom of his madness
explored, every twist of his
homicidal logic followed to its
ruthless conclusion.

[A Wiser Guy](#) - Louis P DiVita
2016-06-09

Louis P DiVita is the grandson
of Paul Palmeri, the brother of
Benedetto Angelo (Buffalo Bill)
Palmeri who were founding
members of the post

Castellammarse War Mafia. A
WISER GUY chronicles Louis's
sixty plus years of life
experiences, encounters, ups
and downs. Louis details his
torment of following his
ancestor's gangster life style or
the path to white collar
success. His earliest childhood
memories of the family's
history began at seven years
old when he was tutored
initially by his grandmother,
then his mother, father, uncles,
and family friends. Louis
outlines his development as an
independent hustler constantly
trying to escape his legacy and
his attempts to earn a
legitimate income in the
automobile business, oil field
equipment sales and the trash
and recycling industries, but
setbacks and failures
continually drew him back to
illicit earnings. Louis illustrates
how posture, image and
associates can send a more
powerful message than muscle
and guns. Using a series of
serious and comical stories of
crime and a middle class life,
Louis pieces together people,
places, situations and

encounters spanning the golden age of the mob (1920s to 1980s) to the present.

Double Cross - Sam Giancana
2016-11-01

One of the most feared Chicago mobsters Sam Giancana clawed his way to the top of the Mafia hierarchy by starting as a hit man for Al Capone. He was known as one of the best vehicle escape artists, a tenacious business man, and a ruthless killer. He partied with major stars such as Frank Sinatra and Marilyn Monroe and did business with agents ranging from the CIA to the Vatican to the shah of Iran. When politician Joe Kennedy gave Giancana the chance to use mob muscle to get his son John elected, Giancana jumped at the task. But the Kennedy brothers double-crossed him, waging full-out war on organized crime throughout the United States. And Giancana went after them. Written with suspense and conviction, we learn about how the CIA asked Giancana to assassinate Fidel Castro. The book includes Giancana's

testimony about the truth of his involvement in the deaths of Monroe and others, among others. Chuck Giancana, Sam's brother, contributes a unique perspective of the mob's relationship with the Bay of Pigs and many other pivotal events of the 60's and beyond. *Double Cross* is an eye-opening account of the interworking of the government and the mob and how this relationship has impacted American history.

Secrets of Life and Death -
Renate Siebert 1996-11-17

This volume focuses on women whose lives are entangled in the workings of the Mafia, drawing on courtroom testimonies, interviews, contemporary journalism and recent research. Individual narratives illuminate women's experiences, both as victims or active opponents.

Cosa Nostra: A History of the Sicilian Mafia - John Dickie 2015-03-31

The Italian-American mafia has its roots in a mysterious and powerful criminal network in Sicily. While the mythology of the mafia has been widely

celebrated in American culture, the true origins of its rituals, laws, and methods have never actually been revealed. John Dickie uses startling new research to expose the secrets of the Sicilian mafia, providing a fascinating account that is more violent, frightening, and darkly comic than anything conceived in popular movies and novels. How did the Sicilian mafia begin? How did it achieve its powerful grip in Italy and America? How does it operate today? From the mafia's origins in the 1860s to its current tense relationship with the Berlusconi government, Cosa Nostra takes us to the inner sanctum where few have dared to go before. This is an important work of history and a revelation for anyone who ever wondered what it means to be "made" in the mob.

The Mafia is Not an Equal Opportunity Employer -

Nicholas Gage 1971

A "New York Times" investigative reporter outlines the birth and growth of organized crime in America

and explains how "the mob" operates today.

Gaspipe - Philip Carlo 2008-07

For the first time, a Mafia boss--Anthony Gaspipe Casso--reveals the shocking details behind his family's headline-making crimes to the "New York Times"-bestselling author of "The Night Stalker" and "The Ice Man." 8-page b&w photo insert.

A Man of Honor - Joseph Bonanno 2003-01-20

Joseph Bonanno provides a unique view of life inside the Mafia, describing the organization and its important figures and his vision of this closed society as a confederacy of men of honor.

Lucky Luciano - Timothy Newark 2012-02-01

Charles 'Lucky' Luciano was a vicious mobster who rose to become the king of the New York underworld. He was a legend - but also a fake master criminal manipulated by the federal agents who had put him behind bars. This myth-busting biography tells Luciano's real story, from his early days as a top hit man to his exploits

running sex and narcotics empires and revelations about his trip to Nazi Germany to set up a drugs racket. Through painstaking research, Newark exposes the truth about what Luciano really did during the war and reveals the gangster's role as a Cold War agent, helping the US government fight Communism in Sicily.

Lucky Luciano: Mafia Murderer and Secret Agent turns accepted Mafia history on its head with an extraordinary story that has never been told before.

Mob Boss - Jerry Capeci
2013-10-01

Reminiscent of Wiseguy, Mob Boss is a compelling biography from two prominent mob experts recounting the life and times of the first acting boss of an American Mafia family to turn government witness Alfonso "Little Al" D'Arco, the former acting boss of the Luchese organized crime family, was the highest-ranking mobster to ever turn government witness when he flipped in 1991. His decision to flip prompted many others to

make the same choice, including John Gotti's top aide, Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano, and his testimony sent more than fifty mobsters to prison. In Mob Boss, award-winning news reporters Jerry Capeci and Tom Robbins team up for this unparalleled account of D'Arco's life and the New York mob scene that he embraced for four decades. Until the day he switched sides, D'Arco lived and breathed the old-school gangster lessons he learned growing up in Brooklyn and fine-tuned on the mean streets of Little Italy. But when he learned he was marked to be whacked, D'Arco quit the mob. His defection decimated his crime family and opened a window on mob secrets going back a hundred years. After speaking with D'Arco, the authors reveal unprecedented insights, exposing shocking secrets and troublesome truths about a city where a famous pizza parlor doubled as a Mafia center for multi-million-dollar heroin deals, where hit men carried out murders dressed as

women, and where kidnapping a celebrity newsman's son was deemed appropriate revenge for the father's satirical novel. Capeci and Robbins spent hundreds of hours in conversation with D'Arco, and exhausted many hours more fleshing out his stories in this riveting narrative that takes readers behind the famous witness testimony for a comprehensive look at the Mafia in New York City. Informer: The History of American Crime and Law Enforcement - October 2020 - Thomas Hunt 2020-10-19 Issue focuses on Nicola "Nick" Gentile, Mafia leader in U.S. and Sicily, author of 1963 tell-all autobiography. Informer provides Gentile's entire life story, building on original research by Mafia history experts, balancing Gentile's self-serving and self-aggrandizing autobiographical work with verifiable history, correcting misinformation and filling in wide gaps left in his personal account. In addition to studying Gentile's life and career, Informer provides

biographical information for dozens of individuals who contributed in interesting ways to his life story. Also in this issue: - 1900s Mafia feuds in Los Angeles, - Book excerpts, - Book announcements, - COVID-19's impact on Mafia, - Obituary. Contributors: Thomas Hunt, David Critchley, Steve Turner, Lennert van't Riet, Richard N. Warner, Justin Cascio, Sam Carlino, Michael O'Haire, Jon Black, Margaret Janco, Bill Feather, Christian Cipollini.

King of the Godfathers: - Anthony M. DeStefano 2008-06-01

The Last Of The Old-World Mob Bosses--And The Ultimate Betrayal For more than twenty years, Joseph "Big Joey" Massino ran what was called the largest criminal network in the U.S., employing over two hundred and fifty made men and untold numbers of associates. The Bonanno family was responsible for over thirty murders, even killing a dozen of its own members to enforce discipline and settle scores. He would be brought down by

Salvatore "Good Looking Sal" Vitale, the underboss who was not only Massino's closest and most trusted friend, but also his brother-in-law. In the end, facing the death penalty and the prospect of leaving his family penniless, Massino started talking to the FBI--the first Mafia Godfather to break the sacred code of omerta, and the end of a centuries-old tradition. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Anthony DeStefano, who interviewed Massino's family and friends as well as law enforcement officials and confidential sources, *King of the Godfathers* is the story of the brutal mob war that made Massino head of the Bonanno family and the most powerful gangster in America. "The best and last word on the subject." --Jerry Capeci, *Gangland News.com* and bestselling co-author of *Murder Machine With 16 Pages of Revealing Photos!* Anthony Destefano was part of the team of New York Newsday reporters who won the 1992 Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the August 1991 subway crash

in Manhattan. He covers organized crime for Newsday and was the lead reporter on several major criminal trials, including that of subway gunman Bernhard Goetz. He lives in New Jersey.

Hollywood Godfather - Gianni Russo 2019-03-12

Hollywood Godfather is Gianni Russo's over-the-top memoir of a real-life mobster-turned-actor who helped make *The Godfather* a reality, and his story of life on the edge between danger and glamour. Gianni Russo was a handsome 25-year-old mobster with no acting experience when he walked onto the set of *The Godfather* and entered Hollywood history. He played Carlo Rizzi, the husband of Connie Corleone, who set her brother Sonny—played by James Caan—up for a hit. Russo didn't have to act—he knew the mob inside and out: from his childhood in Little Italy, where Mafia legend Frank Costello took him under his wing, to acting as a messenger for New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello

during the Kennedy assassination, to having to go on the lam after shooting and killing a member of the Colombian drug cartel in his Vegas club. Along the way, Russo befriended Frank Sinatra, who became his son's godfather, and Marlon Brando, who mentored his career as an actor after trying to get Francis Ford Coppola to fire him from *The Godfather*. Russo had passionate affairs with Marilyn Monroe, Liza Minelli, and scores of other celebrities. He went on to become a producer and starred in *The Godfather: Parts I and II*, *Seabiscuit*, *Any Given Sunday* and *Rush Hour 2*, among many other films. *Hollywood Godfather* is a no-holds-barred account of a life filled with violence, glamour, sex—and fun.

Methland - Nick Reding
2010-06-03

Traces the efforts of a small Iowa community to counter the pervasiveness of crystal methamphetamine, in an account that offers insight into the drug's appeal while chronicling the author's

numerous visits with the town's doctor, the local prosecutor and a long-time addict. Reprint. A best-selling book.

Summary of Joseph Bonanno's *A Man of Honor* - Everest Media,
2022-04-30T22:59:00Z

Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 My father, who was a man of honor in Sicily, moved to America to avoid prosecution. He was the head of the Bonanno clan, the leading family of Castellammare. The Sicilian immigrants remained a close-knit community in New York. #2 My father, who was a Bonanno, had a reputation in America. The Castellammarese immigrants in Brooklyn looked up to him, as their relatives had in Sicily. Downstairs from our apartment, my father opened a pasta factory to satisfy the neighborhood demand for fresh macaroni and spaghetti. #3 My father took me to the nickelodeon to watch Neapolitan moving pictures when I was seven years old. He

told me stories, and said that while in the New World, Garibaldi also went to Uruguay and helped liberate it from Brazil. He said that we were going back to Sicily. #4 I was home in the land of mezzogiorno, the land of midday, where people sang in their misery and their joy, where the sun was your constant companion, and where the hot and dusty sciroccos blew from the Libyan desert.

Bound by Honor - Bill Bonanno
1999-04-15

No one can tell the true story of the Mafia in America better than Bill Bonanno. He was there. He lived it. Bill Bonanno was born into a world of respect, tradition, and honor. The son of legendary mafioso Joe Bonanno, Bill was a "made" member of the Mafia by the time he was in his early twenties. He was rumored to be the model for The Godfather's Michael Corleone and was the subject of Gay Talese's best-selling *Honor Thy Father*. Now retired, Bill is finally ready to give an

eyewitness account of his life as a high-ranking captain in the Bonanno crime family, one of America's most powerful Mafia syndicates. He takes you inside the mob at its peak, when New York's Five Families-Bonanno, Gambino, Colombo, Lucchese, and Genovese-not only dominated local businesses, but also controlled national politics. For the first time, Bill Bonanno discloses the machinations behind his marriage to Rosalie Profaci (niece of the powerful don Joe Profaci), and even that cemented the alliance between the two Families with all the pomp and circumstance of a royal wedding. From the truth about the mysterious disappearance of his father to a startling disclosure about the mob's participation in the Kennedy assassination, Bill Bonanno lays bare the inner workings of his chaotic, violent, and surprisingly human world with unparalleled detail and insight. *Bound By Honor* not only recounts Bill Bonanno's tumultuous life, but also is an engrossing chronicle of

organized crime. Bonanno's story provides a remarkable glimpse into all of the intriguing personalities of the underworld of yesterday to today, from Bugsy Siegel to John Gotti. This book is a must for readers of Mario Puzo, Gay Talese, Nicholas Pileggi, and others who have written about the Mafia, but who have never been in the eye of the storm in quite the same way as Bill Bonanno in *Bound By Honor*.

Joey the Hitman - David Fisher 2002-03-18

Following up on the success of the Adrenaline title *Mob: Stories of Death and Betrayal* from *Organized Crime*, *Adrenaline Classics* brings back the New York Times bestseller (originally published as *Killer*) that helped pave the way for the latest generation of nouveau-mob stories, from *Donnie Brasco* to *The Sopranos*. "Joey"—a journeyman Jewish hitman, numbers king, and loan shark—collaborated with David Fisher (co-editor of the hit Adrenaline title *Wild Blue*) to lay out the rackets in gripping

detail. His story includes detailed accounts of his chillingly "professional" murders of thirty-eight victims. The strong sales of *Mob* are further evidence that the best mafia stories—and this is one of the best—capture the public's interest. *Joey the Hitman's* original best-seller status reflects the quality of the writing, the frank intelligence of the subject/writer, and *Joey's* convincingly matter-of-fact, regular-guy tone. When he writes, debunking *The Godfather*, "... Actually very few mob members even have Bronx-Italian accents ... a lot of mob people are not very tough, the people we meet and deal with are very ordinary, most of us stay home at night and watch TV, and we only shoot each other when absolutely necessary," you know you're listening to the original Soprano. This edition includes a new afterword from David Fisher, who for the first time reveals *Joey's* identity and the incredible story of how *Joey* finally died.

The Mob and the City - C. Alexander Hortis 2014-05-06
Forget what you think you know about the Mafia. After reading this book, even life-long mob aficionados will have a new perspective on organized crime. Informative, authoritative, and eye-opening, this is the first full-length book devoted exclusively to uncovering the hidden history of how the Mafia came to dominate organized crime in New York City during the 1930s through 1950s. Based on exhaustive research of archives and secret files obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, author and attorney C. Alexander Hortis draws on the deepest collection of primary sources, many newly discovered, of any history of the modern mob. Shattering myths, Hortis reveals how Cosa Nostra actually obtained power at the inception. The author goes beyond conventional who-shot-who mob stories, providing answers to fresh questions such as: * Why did the Sicilian gangs come out on top of the

criminal underworld? * Can economics explain how the Mafia families operated? * What was the Mafia's real role in the drug trade? * Why was Cosa Nostra involved in gay bars in New York since the 1930s? Drawing on an unprecedented array of primary sources, **The Mob and the City** is the most thorough and authentic history of the Mafia's rise to power in the early-to-mid twentieth century. **Early Organized Crime in Detroit: Vice, Corruption and the Rise of the Mafia** - James Buccellato 2015
Though detectives denied it, the Italian mafia was operating in Detroit as early as 1900, and the city was forever changed. Bootleggers controlled the Detroit River and created a national distribution network for illegal booze during Prohibition. Gangsters, cops and even celebrities fell victim to the violence. Some politicians and prominent businessmen like Henry Ford's right-hand man, Harry Bennett, collaborated closely with the mafia, while others, such as

popular radio host Gerald Buckley, fought back and lost their lives. Social scientist and crime writer James A.

Buccellato explores Detroit's struggle with gang violence, public corruption and the politics of vice during the tumultuous first half of the twentieth century. Book jacket.

Born to Be Wild - Barry Bowe
2022-06-28

Born to Be Wild is an amalgam of Sons of Anarchy and Breaking Bad – except it's a true story and these outlaw bikers make the Sons look like a bunch of cub scouts. And their drug cartel is closer to Gus Fring's than it is to Walter White's. The story begins with Bobby Nauss having sex with his girlfriend Liz Lande on December 12, 1971, It ends twenty years later. In between is a roller coaster of kidnappings, rapes, murders, a prison break, and a manhunt that took nine years to complete. Liz Lande, twenty-one, was a gorgeous, sexy, blonde college student still living at home with her parents. She was also suffering

from a schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type, in which her personality was split between the dependency of childhood and the reality of being an adult. It was love at first sight when she met outlaw biker Bobby Nauss. But he was still suffering from a broken heart and wasn't looking for love and romance. To him she became a sex object, and nothing more.

Liz's parents took a cruise to the Caribbean to make up for the honeymoon they never got to take when they got married thirty years earlier. But a week later they returned home to an empty house. Where was Liz? What happened to her? What she still alive? Or was she dead? America's Best Crime Writer Barry Bowe answers all of these questions and a whole lot more. This story was one of the first captures by John Walsh on America's Most Wanted.

Takedown - Rick Cowan 2002
A NYPD detective describes his work as an undercover cop, in which role he infiltrated a lethal mob cartel to uncover evidence of a conspiracy among the

various mob families to extort billions of dollars from the nation's most influential corporations.

Underboss - Peter Maas
1999-01-27

Sammy the Bull Gravano is the highest-ranking member of the Mafia in America ever to defeat. In telling Gravano's story, Peter Maas brings us as never before into the innermost sanctums of the Cosa Nostra as if we were there ourselves--a secret underworld of power, lust, greed, betrayal, and deception, with the specter of violent death always waiting in the wings.

The Last Godfather - Simon Crittle
2006-03-07

As head of the Bonanno clan, Joey Massino was the last don, and ran his world with an iron hand--until he got hit with a murder rap, and turned on his own people. Here, for the first time, is his shocking true story--a glimpse inside the world of organized crime that we may never see again.

Chin - Larry McShane
2018-08-28

This true crime biography

chronicles the life of the so-called "Oddfather" who ran a powerful NYC crime family while playing crazy to avoid prosecution. Vincent "Chin" Gigante was a professional boxer before discovering his true calling as a ruthless contract killer. When Vito Genovese went to prison, he picked Gigante to run the Genovese crime family in his absence. While raking in more than one hundred million for the family, he routinely ordered the murders of mobsters who violated the Mafia code—including John Gotti. At the height of Gigante's reign, the Genovese Family was the most powerful in the United States. And yet he was, to all outside appearances, certifiably crazy. He wandered the streets of Greenwich Village in a ratty bathrobe and slippers. He urinated in public, played pinochle in storefronts, and hid a second family from his wife. On twenty-two occasions, Gigante admitted himself to a mental hospital—evading criminal prosecution while maintaining

his nefarious operations. It took nearly thirty years of endless psychiatric evaluations by a parade of puzzled doctors for federal authorities to finally bring him down.

Way Of The Wiseguy - Joe Pistone 2005-04-13

Now in paperback, here's the first nonfiction work from Joe Pistone since his New York Times #1 bestseller and hit movie, *Donnie Brasco*. Perhaps no man alive knows the lifestyle of wiseguys better than Pistone does, having spent six years infiltrating the Mafia as an undercover FBI agent. Now, years later, Pistone reassesses the underworld. Often poignant, and in startling detail, *THE WAY OF THE WISEGUY* gives readers a first-hand look at the psychology and customs of the wiseguy. The book features 34 chapters that reveal key principles of wiseguy life, including "How Wiseguys Carry Out a Hit," "How Wiseguys Get Straightened Out," and "A Typical Day in the Life of a Wiseguy." Pistone's spellbinding stories provide a

first-hand look at this lawless realm of badguys, which is often uncannily relevant to the workings of legitimate big business and everyday social discourse.

A Man of Honor - Joseph Bonanno 2013-06-04

"Friendships, connections, family ties, trust, loyalty, obedience-this was the 'glue' that held us together." These were the principles that the greatest Mafia "Boss of Bosses," Joseph Bonnano, lived by. Born in Castellammare del Golfo, Sicily, Bonnano found his future amid the whiskey-running, riotous streets of Prohibition America in 1924, when he illegally entered the United States to pursue his dreams. By the age of only twenty-six, Bonnano became a Don. He would eventually take over the New York underworld, igniting the "Castellammarese War," one of the bloodiest Family battles ever to hit New York City... Now, in this candid and stunning memoir, Joe Bonanno-likely a model for Don Corleone in the blockbuster movie *The Godfather*-takes

readers inside the world of the real Mafia. He reveals the inner workings of New York's Five Families-Bonanno, Gambino, Profaci, Lucchese, and Genovese-and uncovers how the Mafia not only dominated local businesses, but also influenced national politics. A fascinating glimpse into the world of crime, *A Man of Honor* is an unforgettable account of one of the most powerful crime figures in America's history.

The Butcher - Philip Carlo
2014-05-01

'He was like a vampire. We believe he killed over sixty people.' -- James J. Hunt, Assistant Special Agent , New York DEA 9 July 1990: the DEA makes the gruesome discovery of nine bodies, dismembered, stuffed into cheap suitcases and buried in a secluded bird sanctuary near Gravesend, Brooklyn. It was Tommy Pitera's personal cemetery. When John Gotti put out a contract on informer Willie Boy Johnson, Pitera took it - he shot him fourteen times in broad daylight outside his home.

Pitera not only murdered for the mob, he took pleasure in killing and did so at whim - the slightest insult could provoke him and he killed friends, associates, anyone who got in his way. A cold-blooded, homicidal maniac with a fascination for the macabre, he had an autopsy table in his basement and regularly dismembered his victims, expertly cutting them into six pieces: the arms, legs, torso and head. Convicted for six murders, he is believed to be responsible for over sixty. Philip Carlo, author of the bestseller *The Iceman*, reveals the horrendous crimes of drug kingpin and merciless mob killer Thomas Pitera, and the New York DEA's three-year battle to bring him to justice.

The Last Testament of Bill Bonanno - Bill Bonanno
2011-09-06

An eye-opening look at life—and death—inside the Mafia, *The Last Testament of Bill Bonanno* is a stunning document written by the son of notorious crime boss Joe Bonanno. Published at the

author's request after his death, *The Last Testament* of Bill Bonanno provides highly confidential secrets about the inner workings of La Cosa Nostra—offering a behind-closed-doors look at the secret Commission meetings of the '30s through '60s and clandestine details of the Mafia's most venerable rituals, techniques, and indoctrination ceremonies...plus pages of never-before-seen photos. Bonanno's *Last Testament* stands alongside Talese's *Honor Thy Father*, Pileggi's *Wiseguys*, Maas's *The Valachi Papers* and *Underboss*, *The Good Rat* by Jimmy Breslin, and T.J. English's *Havana Nocturne* as an essential work of contemporary crime history—a must-read for fans of *The Sopranos* and *The Godfather*.
A Man of Honor - Joseph Bonanno 2003-01-20
Joseph Bonanno provides a unique view of life inside the Mafia, describing the organization and its important figures and his vision of this closed society as a confederacy of men of honor.

Shivaji The Grand Rebel -

Dennis Kincaid,

“States fall, empires break up, dynasties become extinct, but the memory of a true “hero as King” like Shivaji remains an imperishable historical legacy...” – Jadunath Sarkar, *House of Shivaji* (1919) Shivaji Bhonsle was an Indian warrior king who went on to lay the foundation of the strong Maratha Empire. The first Chhatrapati, he is known to have outdone his predecessors as well as successors in giving an identity and status to Marathas. A tactful military commander and skilled administrator, he steadily built his army from a mere two thousand soldiers to almost five-fold, and also developed a naval force. He defeated Afzal Khan and Adil Shah, giving strong resistance to the Mughal forces. From forming guerilla forces to immensely contributing in the development of the civilization of Marathas, he carved a niche in all spheres of operation. *Shivaji: The Great Rebel* explores the lifespan of Shivaji

as an Indian king who instigated a new fire in the hearts of people against the Mughal Empire and taught them to fight for their rights. It highlights Shivaji as one of the prominent rulers to inspire people to fight for Hindu pride and raise their voice against cruelty. He stood up to guard and preserve the nation's honour, and is a great source of inspiration till date.

Boss of Bosses - Joseph F.

O'Brien 1992-05-01

"At least as good as Mario Puzo, with shades of David Mamet or even Arthur Miller."—New York Daily News Paul Castellano headed New York's immensely powerful Gambino crime family for more than ten years. On December 16, 1985, he was gunned down in a spectacular shooting on Manhattan's fashionable East Side. At the time of his death, Paul Castellano was under indictment. So were most of the major Mafia figures in New York. Why? Because in 1983 the FBI had hidden a microphone in the kitchen of Castellano's Staten Island

mansion. The 600 hours of recordings led to eight criminal trials. And this book. Agents Joe O'Brien and Andris Kurins planted that mike. They listened to the voices. Now they bring you the most revealing look inside the Mafia ever . . . in the Mafia's own words. "Beautifully done, not only strange and fascinating but even touching."—Robert Daley, author of Prince of the City

Five Families - Selwyn Raab

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Genovese, Gambino, Bonnano, Colombo and Lucchese. For decades these Five Families ruled New York and built the American Mafia (or Cosa Nostra) into an underworld empire. Today, the Mafia is an endangered species, battered and beleaguered by aggressive investigators, incompetent leadership, betrayals and generational changes that produced violent and unreliable leaders and recruits. A twenty year assault against the five families in particular blossomed into the most successful law enforcement

campaign of the last century. Selwyn Raab's Five Families is the vivid story of the rise and fall of New York's premier dons from Lucky Luciano to Paul Castellano to John Gotti and more. The book also brings the reader right up to the possible resurgence of the Mafia as the FBI and local law enforcement agencies turn their attention to homeland security and away from organized crime.

Mob Rules - Louis Ferrante
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The Mob is notorious for its cruel and immoral practices, but its most successful members have always been extremely smart businessmen. Now, former mobster Louis Ferrante reveals its surprisingly effective management techniques and explains how to apply them- legally-to any legitimate business. As an associate of the Gambino family, Ferrante relied on his instincts to pull off some of the biggest heists in U.S. history. By the age of twenty-one, he had netted millions of dollars for his employers. His natural talent

for management led Mafia bosses to rely on him. After being arrested and serving an eight-and-a-half-year prison sentence, Ferrante went straight. He realized that the Mob's most valuable business lessons would allow him to survive and thrive in the real world. Now he offers eighty-eight time-tested Mafia strategies, including: * Go get your own coffee!: Respecting the chain of command without being a sucker. * The walls have ears: Never bad-mouth the boss. * Is this phone tapped?: Watch what you say every day. * How to bury the hatchet-but not in someone's head. * Don't split yourself in half: The wrong decision is better than none at all. * Don't build Yankee stadium, just supply the concrete: Spotting new rackets. * Leave the gun, take the cannolis...and beware of hubris. Ferrante brings his real-life experiences to the book, offering fascinating advice that really works and sharing behind-the-scenes episodes almost as outrageous as those occurring on Wall

Street every day.