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***The Godfather Doctrine  
draws clear and essential  
lessons from perhaps the  
greatest Hollywood movie  
ever made to illustrate  
America's changing  
geopolitical place in the  
world and how our country  
can best meet the  
momentous strategic  
challenges it faces. In the***

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**movie The Godfather, Don Corleone, head of New York's most powerful organized-crime family, is shockingly gunned down in broad daylight, leaving his sons Sonny and Michael, along with his adopted son, consigliere Tom Hagen, to chart a new course for the family. In The Godfather Doctrine, John Hulsman and Wess Mitchell show how the aging and wounded don is emblematic of cold-war American power on the decline in a new world where our enemies play by unfamiliar rules, and how**

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***the don's heirs uncannily exemplify the three leading schools of American foreign policy today. Tom, the left-of-center liberal institutionalist, thinks the old rules still apply and that negotiation is the answer. Sonny is the Bush-era neocon who shoots first and asks questions later, proving an easy target for his enemies. Only Michael, the realist, has a sure feel for the changing scene, recognizing the need for flexible combinations of soft and hard power to keep the family strong and maintain***

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***its influence and security in a dangerous and rapidly changing world. Based on Hulsman and Mitchell's groundbreaking and widely debated article, "Pax Corleone," The Godfather Doctrine explains for everyone why Francis Ford Coppola's epic story about a Mafia dynasty holds key insights for ensuring America's survival in the twenty-first century. SALFORD LADS The Rise and Fall of Paul Massey; When legendary old school villain Paul Massey immersed himself in the murky world***

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***of his modern-day counterparts, he was executed with a machine gun on the drive of his home. Contained within these pages, is his story. It is a story that will horrify the non criminal mind and lay bare, how Massey unwittingly became the architect of his own demise. Massey was not the only casualty of a toxic feud that had ignited between two Salford gangs following the most trivial of disputes. John Kinsella, a close friend of Massey's, was gunned down in front of his pregnant***

***partner. A seven-year-old boy and his mother were shot, a hand grenade was hurled through the front window of a family home, an attempt was made to behead a man with a machete and an orgy of beatings, stabbings, kidnappings and shootings were carried out in the name of respect. In today's underworld, the old school criminal code has been confined to the bin. Being known as a hard man, once demanded respect, but no more. Guns, and having the mindset to use one, often***

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**for little or no reason, has become the norm. Drugs are the currency and death often the penalty for a discrepancy or misdemeanour. It is an unforgiving world that Paul Massey helped to create and a world, that ultimately resulted in his death. Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist and author Anthony M. DeStefano presents the definitive book on Vito Genovese, the namesake of a crime family which is still considered one of the most viable and dangerous in the**

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***U.S. today. From enforcer to Godfather, Vito Genovese rose through the ranks of La Cosa Nostra to head of one of the wealthiest and most dangerous crime families in American history. THE BOSS OF BOSSES The first comprehensive biography of the legendary Mafioso Vito Genovese --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***



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***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***

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**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.**

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***The pre-dawn arrests of the last remaining mafiosi in December 2008 signalled the end of the Sicilian Mafia as we know it. In Mafia: Inside the Dark Heart, A.G.D. Maran charts the complete history of the world's most infamous criminal organisation, from its first incarnation as an alternative form of local government in the Sicilian countryside and arguable force for 'good' to the more familiar form that has been immortalised in films such as The Godfather, and its final defeat after a long-***

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***awaited change of attitude by the Italian government. The author has used his many Italian contacts and a decade of exhaustive research to bring to life the story of the Sicilian Mafia while also exploring the links to the Cosa Nostra in America. Along the way, he asks many provocative questions, including: Why was Lucky Luciano, the father of modern organised crime, freed from a life sentence in America and deported to Italy, allowing him to organise the international drug trade?***

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***Was the Mafia involved in the death of Pope John Paul I? Why did the Mafia murder Roberto Calvi, known as God's Banker? What is the relationship between the Mafia and Freemasonry? Why did successive Italian governments fail to tackle the Mafia? Why did it take 40 years to find the Last Godfathers? These and many other riveting issues are covered in Maran's refreshing new take on a perennially enthralling subject.***

***The Astonishing Story of Walter Norval the City's First***

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**Crime Boss**  
**Family**

***In the Godfather Garden***

***Asian Godfathers***

***Glasgow's Godfather***

***Accardo***

***The Rise and Fall of Paul***

***Massey***

***The Godfather Effect***

First and only biography of the legendary Harlem gangster, Bumpy Johnson. Johnson was the subject of the movie "Hoodlum," and was also depicted in the movies "Cotton Club," and "American Gangster" In this entertaining and insightful essay, Mario Puzo chronicles his rise from struggling writer to overnight success after the publication of The Godfather. With equal parts

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cynicism and humor, Puzo recounts the book deal and his experiences in Hollywood while writing the screenplay for the movie. Francis Ford Coppola, Robert Evans, Peter Bart, Marlon Brando, and Al Pacino all make appearances-as does Frank Sinatra, in his famous and disastrous encounter with Puzo. First published in 1972, the essay is now available as an ebook for the first time. A must-have for every Godfather fan!

Featuring a foreword by Ed Falco, author of *The Family Corleone*.

The bloody and gripping story of the Sicilian mafia, from the author of the highly acclaimed *MUSSOLINI'S ISLAND*

Walter Norval was a man marked by

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destiny to be a career criminal in one of Britain's hardest cities. As a boy he grew up in a world of illegal betting, violent canal bank pitch-and-toss schools, sleazy dance halls, brothels and bars where the denizens of the slums in the north side of Glasgow slaked gargantuan thirsts and plotted murder and mayhem. Before he had reached his teens, close relatives had died as blood was spilled in the streets. As a youngster he ran 'messages' for the toughest gangsters in the city and stood guard over the pots of cash in illegal gambling schools. It was a remarkable apprenticeship, dangerous and sometimes deadly. It honed a latent toughness and a talent



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for lawbreaking that saw him emerge in the Seventies as the first of a succession of Glasgow godfathers. Dressed in pinstriped style, he controlled his foot soldiers with fearsome fists and planned robberies with the attention to detail of a military general. He organised various Glasgow fighting factions into a single gang, which pulled off a spectacular series of robberies. But, unlike his successors, he abhorred drugs and drug-dealing. And, in a remarkable twist, he joined the anti-drugs war in later life. His story - told by the best-selling crime historian Robert Jeffrey - provides a fascinating insight into the making of a criminal mastermind, from boy

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to man.

Salford Lads

Mafia Organizations

The Godfather Doctrine

The Godfather

My Life in the Movies and the Mob

Hollywood Godfather

The Top 100 Criminals, Crooks and  
Creeps from the County of the Kings

***On 23 May 1992 the Mafia  
assassinated its 'Number  
One Enemy', the legendary  
prosecutor Judge Falcone,  
with a motorway bomb that  
also killed his wife  
Francesca and three  
bodyguards. Fifty-seven days  
later, the Mafia killed  
Falcone's friend and***

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***colleague, Judge Paolo Borsellino, with a car bomb outside his mother's home that also killed five bodyguards. These two murders changed forever how Italy viewed the Mafia. VENDETTA tells the inside story of the assassination plots and the investigation that followed. Follain reveals Borsellino's desperate race against time to find out who killed his friend while knowing he was next on the list and reveals the daring undercover police mission which unmasked the killers. Based on new and exclusive***

***interviews and the testimony of investigators, Mafia supergrasses, survivors, relatives and friends, VENDETTA recounts the events hour-by-hour, minute-by-minute as the Mafiosi plan and carry out the murders, and as the police hunt them down.***

***"Though his star waned in the sound era, Dwan managed to survive. Considering himself better off without the fame he enjoyed during the silent era, he went on to do some of his best work. Along the way, Dwan also found***

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***personal happiness. This thorough examination of Dwan and many of his movies separates myth from truth"--***

***An epic inside story of the rise and fall of Joseph Massino, the head of the Bonanno family.***

***This title tells the story of Dorling Kindersley's rise and fall. It offers a nostalgic reminder of a time when creativity could flourish unburdened by the shackles of corporate bureaucracy.***

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The Rise, Decline and  
Resurgence of America's***

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**Most Powerful Mafia  
Empires**

**The Last Godfathers**

**The Ugly Rise and Fall of a  
New York Mobster**

**The Long Life and Times of  
Richie "the Boot" Boiardo**

**Mafia Boss Vito Rizzuto's  
Last War**

**Brazil**

*Before Al Capone and Lucky Luciano, there was the one-fingered, cunning Giuseppe Morello and his murderous coterie of brothers. Had it not been for Morello, the world may never have heard of 'men of honour', the code of omerta or Mafia wars. This explosive book tells the story of the first family of New York, and how this extended*

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*close-knit clan of racketeers and murderers left the backwaters of Sicily to successfully establish themselves as the founding godfathers of the New World. First Family will explain in thrilling, characterful detail how the American Mafia established itself so successfully. Combining strong narrative and raw violence - set against the raucous bustle of early twentieth-century New York, and the impoverished rural life of nineteenth-century Sicily - this impeccably researched, groundbreaking study of a crucial period of American history is a compelling portrait of the early years of organised crime. Examines the South American country that is destined to be one of the world's*

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*premier economic powers by the year 2030, and considers some of the abundant problems the nation faces. Chronicles the life of the head of one of Moscow's gangster families, who financed the reelection of Boris Yeltsin and became one of his key advisors.*

*The FBI's most decorated agent and the author of The Enforcer traces the career of Anthony Joseph Accardo, who rose from being Al Capone's bodyguard to become the boss of the Chicago mob. 30,000 first printing. \$25,000 ad/promo.*

*Cocky*

*The Family Corleone*

*The Troubled Rise of a Global Power*

*Brooklyn's Most Wanted*

*The Rise and Fall of Joey Massino*



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*The Mafia, Judge Falcone and the  
Quest for Justice*

*Terror, Extortion and the Birth of the  
American Mafia*

**This text 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. It 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. THE LAST GODFATHERS charts the spectacular rise and fall of the richest and most powerful crime family in history: the Sicilian mafia's Corleonese clan.**

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**From humble post-war origins in the dismal town of Corleone, the clan manipulated Cosa Nostra's code of honour to deceive and bludgeon its way to the summit of the secret brotherhood, launching an unprecedented purge of its rivals and a terrorist campaign which decimated anti-mafia judges, police and politicians. Investigative journalist John Follain focuses on the three godfathers who headed the clan from the 1950s onwards – their lives and crimes, their loves and hates, and the state's sporadic efforts to hunt them. Luciano 'The Professor' Leggio, Salvatore 'The Beast' Riina and Bernardo 'The Tractor'**

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**Provenzano, who was on the run for a record 43 years, forged a vicious clan bent on the subversion of democracy.**

**Cutting through the romantic aura of Hollywood films, THE LAST GODFATHERS portrays the true face of the crime family which inspired Mario Puzo to write The Godfather. Based on thousands of pages of judicial documents, wiretap transcripts, the testimony of mafiosi defectors and interviews with investigators, this is the definitive word on the world's most notorious criminal organisation.**

**As head of the Bonanno clan, Joey Massino was the last don,**

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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.

**The Last Godfathers**Hachette UK

**Vito Genovese, Mafia Boss**

**The Making of the Godfather**

**Allan Dwan and the Rise and**

**Decline of the Hollywood**

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**Most Powerful Family**

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40 or 50 families control the economies of Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia. Their interests range from banking to property, from shipping to sugar, from vice to gambling. 13 of the 50 richest families in the world are in South East Asia yet they are largely unknown outside confined business circles. Often this is because they control the press and television as well as

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everything else. How do they do it? What are their secrets? And is it good news or bad for the places where they operate? Joe Studwell explosively lifts the lid on a world of staggering secrecy and shows that the little most people know is almost entirely wrong. The FBI's most famous mafia fighter recounts the career of Tony "The Ant" Spilotro, a young thug from the streets of Chicago who became the Cosa Nostra's top

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executioner in Las  
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Vegas. By the author of  
War of the Godfathers.  
Reprint.

A vain man of good looks  
but no family ties to  
the Mob, Vincent "Vinny  
Gorgeous" Basciano  
worked his way up to  
acting boss of the  
Bonanno crime family,  
becoming its leader when  
official boss Joseph  
Massino went to prison  
in 2003. When the Mafia  
was crawling with secret  
operatives and  
informants caving to  
government pressure to

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*flip, Basciano steadfastly obeyed the code of La Cosa Nostra. "I got faith in one guy," he said during a secretly taped meeting. That man was Massino, head of the Bonanno borgata. But for all his loyalty, Basciano was still a hot-headed, cold-blooded killer, which ultimately led to his arrest and downfall. Then in a remarkable betrayal that rocked the Five Families to their foundations, Massino secretly cooperated with*



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*the FBI—the first head boss ever to roll over. As a result, Basciano faced the death penalty, but a federal jury, disturbed by the prosecution's use of deadly criminal informants, reached a surprising verdict. Here from veteran crime author Anthony M. DeStefano comes the riveting story of the last true believer in the Mob's cult of brotherhood and his betrayal at the hands of the only man he ever*

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A collected history of the 100 most notorious criminals to walk the streets of the New York City borough. Brooklyn's Most Wanted parades an impressive perp walk of 100 of the borough's most notorious, ranking them meticulously from bad to worst. From crime bosses to career criminals to corrupt politicians, pedophile priests to Ponzi scammers, this is not your usual crime chronicle. You want

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labor racketeering,  
Ponzi scheming,  
hijacking, murder, loan  
sharking, arson, illegal  
gambling, money  
laundering?

Fugetaboutit! Take this  
guided gangland tour of  
Brooklyn, the broken  
land, and meet everyone  
from the South Brooklyn  
Boys to the Soviet thugs  
of Brighton Beach's  
Little Odessa. Want to  
know what Billy the Kid,  
John Wilkes Booth and  
the Son of Sam all have  
in common? Brooklyn.

Anthony "Gaspipe" Casso,

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Al Capone, Frankie Yale,  
Paul Varrio, Roy DeMeo  
and so many more  
malicious malcontents  
and maniacs stalk these  
pages, as author Craig  
McGuire rank a rogues'  
gallery of the best of  
the worst from  
Brooklyn's crime-ridden  
past and present. This  
includes more than a  
century of screaming  
crime blotter headlines,  
spotlighting epic cases,  
like The Brooklyn  
Godmother, The Sex  
Killer of Brooklyn, The  
Nurse Girl Murder, The

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Long Island Railroad  
Massacre, The Thrill  
Kills Gang, and many  
more. From "Son of Sam"  
to "Son of Sal," "Little  
Lepke" to "Big Paulie,"  
"The Butcher of  
Brooklyn," "The Vampire  
of Brooklyn," "The Gang  
Who Couldn't Shoot  
Straight," and even "The  
Man Who Murdered  
Brooklyn Baseball,"  
they're all here. Much  
more than Murder  
Incorporated, this book  
features kingpins and  
lone wolves alike, with  
a line-up featuring many

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Russian Mafia, the  
Albanian Mafia, the  
Polish Mafia, the Greek  
Mafia—in fact, this book  
contains more mafias  
than you can shake a  
bloody blackjack at. The  
author's proprietary  
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activity, socio-economic  
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relation to Brooklyn and  
more for a final score  
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will undoubtedly spark debate. Praise for Brooklyn's Most Wanted "Never has anyone put together a look into so many of Brooklyn's worst. This is a great read I highly recommend." –Thomas Dades, retired NYPD detective, bestselling author of Friends of the Family "If you love all-things-Brooklyn like I do, this is an absolute must-read you need on your shelf. . . . A revealing, rousing, rip-roaring tour that will

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*slice you right into the underbelly of New York City's most historic borough." –Ron Valdes, co-founder, Brooklyn Creative Partners*  
*Mafia: Inside the Dark Heart*

*The Inside Story of a Publishing Phenomenon*  
*Vinny Gorgeous*  
*Five Families*

*King of the Godfathers:*  
*Godfathers of the Renaissance*

*Inside the Dark Heart*  
An, expansive, intriguing and meticulous account of the Sicilian Mafia. The pre-dawn



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Maran had always been interested in the Mafia, but it was a recently uncovered family secret that led him on a journey deeper into its dark heart. Along the way, he asks many provocative questions, including:

- Was one of the biggest errors the United States made to free and deport Lucky Luciano to Italy, where he organized the international drug trade?
- How and why did the Vatican get duped into helping the Mafia?
- Why did the Mafia murder Roberto Calvi, known as God's Banker?
- What is the relationship between the Mafia and Freemasonry?
- Why did

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successive Italian governments fail to tackle the Mafia? - Why did it take 40 years to find the Last Godfathers? These and many other riveting issues are covered in Maran's refreshing new take on a perennially enthralling subject. After a decade of exhaustive research, including interviews with his many Italian contacts, in this book Maran brings to life the story of the rise and fall of the Sicilian Mafia while also exploring its links to the Cosa Nostra in America. Bestselling crime writers Peter Edwards and Antonio Nicaso reveal the final years of Canada's top mafia boss, Vito

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Rizzuto, and his bloody war to avenge his family and control the North American drug trade. Until Vito Rizzuto went to prison in 2006 for his role in a decades-old Brooklyn triple murder, he ruled the Port of Montreal, the northern gateway to the major American drug markets. A master diplomat, he won the respect of rival mafia clans, bikers and street gangs, and criminal business thrived on his turf. His family prospered and his empire grew--until one of North America's true Teflon dons finally lost his veneer. As he watched helplessly from his Colorado prison, the murders of his son

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and father made international headlines; the killings of his lieutenants and friends filled the pages of Canadian news; and the influence of the 'Ndrangheta, the Calabrian Mafia, spread across Montreal faster than the blood of Rizzuto's crime family. In 2012, Vito Rizzuto emerged from prison, a 66-year-old man who could carefully rebuild his criminal empire or seek bloody revenge and damn the consequences. From the events leading to his imprisonment to his shocking death in December 2013, *Business or Blood* is the final chapter of Vito's story. An exhilarating and profound

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novel of tradition and violence and of loyalty and betrayal, The Family Corleone will appeal to the legions of fans who can never get enough of The Godfather. New York, 1933: The city and the nation are in the depths of the Great Depression. The crime families of New York have prospered in this time, but with the coming end of Prohibition, a battle is looming that will determine which organizations will rise and which will face a violent end. For Vito Corleone, nothing is more important than his family's future. While his youngest children, Michael, Fredo, and Connie, are

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in school, unaware of their father's true occupation, and his adopted son Tom Hagen is a college student, he worries most about Sonny, his eldest child. Vito pushes Sonny to be a businessman, but Sonny-17 years-old, impatient and reckless-wants something else: To follow in his father's footsteps and become a part of the real family business.

A brilliant examination of our forty year obsession with the classic film trilogy—and a personal reflection on what it means to be Italian-American  
Forty years and one billion dollars in gross box office

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receipts after the initial release of The Godfather, Francis Ford Coppola's masterful trilogy continues to fascinate viewers old and new. The Godfather Effect skillfully analyzes the reasons behind this ongoing global phenomenon. Packed with behind-the-scenes anecdotes from all three Godfather films, Tom Santopietro explores the historical origins of the Mob and why they thrived in America, how Italian-Americans are portrayed in the media, and how a saga of murderous gangsters captivated audiences around the globe. Laced with stories about Brando, Pacino, and Sinatra, and



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interwoven with a funny and poignant memoir about the author's own experiences growing up with an Italian name in an Anglo world of private schools and country clubs, The Godfather Effect is a book for film lovers, observers of American life, and Italians of all nationalities.

The Genuine Godfather

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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

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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-

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kings of cocaine. This book brings the story bang up to date, revealing how organised crime syndicates have infiltrated every level of the Albanian state while their godfathers escape justice, paving the way for huge profits to be made in the rest of the world. It also features gritty reportage from the front line of Britain's drug wars, detailing how Albanian drug gangs operate in the capital and beyond while maintaining close links with crime lords back home. This is a must-read for anyone who enjoys Netflix shows such as Narcos and wants to understand the emerging threat to Britain

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The Boot cut his teeth battling the Jewish gang lord Abner Longy Zwillman on the streets of Newark during Prohibition and endured to become one of the East Coast's top mobsters, his reign lasting six decades. To the press and the police, this secretive Don insisted he was nothing more than a simple man who enjoyed puttering about in his beloved vegetable garden on his Livingston, New Jersey, estate. In reality, the Boot was a confidante and kingmaker of politicians, a friend of such celebrities as Joe DiMaggio and George Raft, an acquaintance of Joseph Valachi—who informed

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on the Boot in 1963—and a sworn enemy of J. Edgar Hoover. The Boot prospered for more than half a century, remaining an active boss until the day he died at the age of ninety-three. Although he operated in the shadow of bigger Mafia names across the Hudson River (think Charles "Lucky" Luciano and Louis "Lepke" Buchalter, a cofounder of the Mafia killer squad Murder Inc. with Jacob "Gurrah" Shapiro), the Boot was equally as brutal and efficient. In fact, there was a mysterious place in the gloomy woods behind his lovely garden—a furnace where many thought the Boot



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took certain people who were never seen again. Richard Linnett provides an intimate look inside the Boot's once-powerful Mafia crew, based on the recollections of a grandson of the Boot himself and complemented by never-before-published family photos. Chronicled here are the Prohibition gang wars in New Jersey as well as the murder of Dutch Schultz, a Mafia conspiracy to assassinate Newark mayor Kenneth Gibson, and the mob connections to several prominent state politicians. Although the Boot never saw the 1972 release of *The Godfather*, he appreciated the similarities between the

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character of Vito Corleone and himself, so much so that he hung a sign in his beloved vegetable garden that read "The Godfather Garden." There's no doubt he would have relished David Chase's admission that his muse in creating the HBO series *The Sopranos* was none other than "Newark's erstwhile Boiardo crew." Curtis Warren is an underworld legend, the Liverpool scally who took the methods of the street-corner drug pusher and elevated them to an art form. He forged direct links with the cocaine cartels of Colombia, the heroin godfathers of Turkey, the

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