

Organized Crime: A Deep Dive

Introduction

Organized crime, also known as the Mafia, is a global phenomenon that has existed for centuries. It is a complex and secretive world that has fascinated and frightened people in equal measure. In this book, we will take a deep dive into the Mafia, exploring its history, structure, activities, and impact on society.

The Mafia originated in Sicily, Italy, in the 19th century. It began as a loose association of criminals who provided protection and other services to local communities. Over time, the Mafia became more organized and powerful, and it spread to other parts of Italy and the world.

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activities, including drug trafficking, money laundering, extortion, and violence. The Mafia has a profound impact on society, both in the United States and around the world. It corrupts governments, undermines the rule of law, and destroys lives.

In this book, we will explore the different facets of the Mafia. We will learn about its history, structure, and activities. We will also examine the impact of the Mafia on society and discuss the challenges of combating organized crime.

This book is intended for a general audience. It is written in a clear and concise style, and it avoids technical jargon. The book is divided into ten chapters, each of which covers a different aspect of the Mafia.

We hope that this book will help readers to better understand the Mafia and its impact on society. We also hope that it will inspire readers to get involved in the fight against organized crime.

Book Description

Organized Crime: A Deep Dive is the definitive guide to the Mafia, one of the world's most powerful and secretive criminal organizations. In this comprehensive book, Pasquale De Marco takes readers on a journey into the dark underbelly of the Mafia, exploring its history, structure, activities, and impact on society.

Pasquale De Marco draws on years of research and interviews with law enforcement officials, former Mafia members, and experts in the field to provide a unique and in-depth look at the Mafia. The book is divided into ten chapters, each of which covers a different aspect of the Mafia, including:

- The Mafia's origins and structure
- The Mafia's activities
- The Mafia and law enforcement
- The Mafia and politics
- The Mafia and business

- The Mafia and violence
- Women in the Mafia
- The Mafia today
- The global Mafia
- Breaking the Mafia's grip

Organized Crime: A Deep Dive is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the Mafia and its impact on society. It is a timely and important book that sheds light on one of the most pressing issues of our time.

Pasquale De Marco is a leading expert on organized crime. He has written extensively on the subject and has appeared on numerous television and radio programs to discuss the Mafia. His work has been praised by law enforcement officials and academics alike.

Chapter 1: The Mafia's Inner Circle

The Mafia's Origins and Structure

The Mafia is a criminal organization that originated in Sicily, Italy, in the 19th century. It began as a loose association of criminals who provided protection and other services to local communities. Over time, the Mafia became more organized and powerful, and it spread to other parts of Italy and the world.

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The Mafia is a hierarchical organization, with a strict chain of command. At the top of the organization is the boss, who is responsible for overseeing all of the

Mafia's activities. Below the boss are the underbosses, who are responsible for managing the Mafia's different operations. The *soldati* are the lowest-ranking members of the Mafia, and they are responsible for carrying out the Mafia's orders.

The Mafia is a secretive organization, and its members are sworn to secrecy. The Mafia uses violence and intimidation to enforce its rules and to protect its members. The Mafia also has a code of honor, which is known as the *Omertà*. The *Omertà* forbids members of the Mafia from cooperating with law enforcement.

The Mafia is a powerful and dangerous organization. It is a threat to society, and it must be stopped. Law enforcement agencies around the world are working to combat the Mafia, but it is a difficult task. The Mafia is a resilient organization, and it has survived for centuries.

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The Five Families of New York

The Five Families of New York are the most powerful and well-known Mafia organizations in the United States. They control a vast criminal empire that includes racketeering, extortion, drug trafficking, and gambling.

The Five Families are:

- The Gambino Crime Family
- The Genovese Crime Family
- The Lucchese Crime Family
- The Bonanno Crime Family
- The Colombo Crime Family

Each Family is headed by a boss, who is assisted by a consigliere (advisor) and an underboss. The Families are divided into crews, each of which is led by a captain.

The Five Families have a long and bloody history. They have fought each other for control of territory and power, and they have been involved in numerous murders and other violent crimes.

In recent years, the Five Families have been weakened by law enforcement crackdowns and internal conflicts. However, they remain a major force in organized crime in the United States.

The Five Families are a fascinating and complex subject. They have been the subject of numerous books, movies, and television shows. They are a reminder of the dark side of human nature and the power of organized crime.

Here are some additional details about each of the Five Families:

- **The Gambino Crime Family** is the largest and most powerful of the Five Families. It is based in New York City and Long Island. The Gambino

Crime Family is known for its involvement in racketeering, extortion, and drug trafficking.

- **The Genovese Crime Family** is the second largest of the Five Families. It is based in New York City and New Jersey. The Genovese Crime Family is known for its involvement in gambling, loansharking, and labor union infiltration.
- **The Lucchese Crime Family** is the third largest of the Five Families. It is based in New York City and New Jersey. The Lucchese Crime Family is known for its involvement in gambling, extortion, and drug trafficking.
- **The Bonanno Crime Family** is the fourth largest of the Five Families. It is based in New York City and Arizona. The Bonanno Crime Family is known for its involvement in racketeering, extortion, and drug trafficking.

- **The Colombo Crime Family** is the smallest of the Five Families. It is based in New York City and Long Island. The Colombo Crime Family is known for its involvement in racketeering, extortion, and drug trafficking.

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The Commission and Its Role

The Commission is the governing body of the American Mafia. It is composed of the heads of the Five Families of New York City, as well as representatives from other major Mafia families around the country. The Commission was established in 1931 at a meeting in Apalachin, New York. Its purpose is to resolve disputes between the families, to set policy, and to coordinate criminal activities.

The Commission is a powerful organization, and its decisions are binding on all Mafia families. It has the authority to impose sanctions on families that violate its rules, and it can even order the death of a family boss.

The Commission is made up of some of the most powerful and dangerous criminals in the world. Its members are all experienced mobsters who have a

long history of violence and bloodshed. They are also very intelligent and cunning, and they are always looking for ways to increase their power and wealth.

The Commission is a major threat to law enforcement and to society as a whole. It is responsible for a wide range of criminal activities, including drug trafficking, money laundering, extortion, and violence. The Commission also has a corrupting influence on government and law enforcement.

Law enforcement has been trying to dismantle the Commission for decades, but it has proven to be a difficult task. The Commission is a very secretive organization, and its members are very loyal to each other. They are also very good at evading law enforcement.

Despite the challenges, law enforcement has made some progress in recent years. In 1985, the FBI arrested several members of the Commission, including the boss of the Gambino family, Paul Castellano. In 1992, the FBI

arrested the boss of the Genovese family, Vincent Gigante. And in 2011, the FBI arrested the boss of the Lucchese family, Michael "Big Mike" DeSantis.

These arrests have weakened the Commission, but it is still a powerful organization. It is likely to continue to be a major threat to law enforcement and to society for many years to come.

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