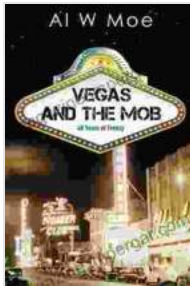


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Unveiling the Dark Side of Sin City

Welcome to the dazzling and dangerous world of Las Vegas, where glamour and grit intertwined to create a captivating tale of crime and entertainment. In "Vegas And The Mob: Forty Years Of Frenzy," you'll embark on an unforgettable journey into the shadowy underbelly of Sin City, uncovering the untold stories and infamous characters that shaped its enigmatic history.

From its humble beginnings as a dusty desert town to its transformation into the dazzling entertainment capital of the world, Las Vegas has always been a magnet for both the legitimate and the illicit. And at the heart of its rise and fall lay the powerful grip of organized crime.

The Mob's Golden Age

In the post-World War II era, Las Vegas experienced an unprecedented boom, fueled by the influx of tourists and the legalization of gambling. And with the city's rapid growth came the inevitable presence of the Mob. Figures like Bugsy Siegel, Meyer Lansky, and Frank Costello saw the potential in Las Vegas and invested heavily in its casinos, hotels, and entertainment venues.

For a time, the Mob's presence in Las Vegas was both overt and accepted. They controlled the casinos, ran the showrooms, and even had a hand in local politics. But as the city's popularity grew, so too did the scrutiny of its unsavory elements.



The Kefauver Hearings

In 1950, the Kefauver Committee hearings brought the issue of organized crime in Las Vegas to the national stage. Televised hearings exposed the

Mob's corrupting influence on the city, leading to a crackdown on their operations and the downfall of several major figures.

However, the Mob's hold on Las Vegas was not easily broken. They adapted to the changing environment, finding new ways to maintain their control. Through front companies, straw owners, and political influence, they continued to exert their presence in Sin City for decades to come.

The Rise and Fall of the Stardust

One of the most iconic examples of the Mob's influence in Las Vegas was the Stardust Hotel and Casino. Built by the Mafia-backed Argent Corporation, the Stardust was a symbol of both the glamour and the corruption of the era.

The Stardust was known for its lavish entertainment, attracting top performers like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr. But behind the glitz and glamour lay a darker reality. The casino was a haven for money laundering, prostitution, and other illicit activities.

In 1995, the Stardust was sold to a legitimate corporation, marking the end of an era. But the hotel's legacy as a Mob-controlled establishment would forever be etched in the history of Las Vegas.



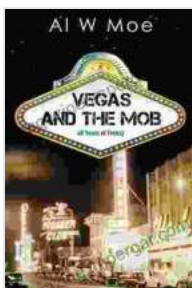
The Modern Era

Today, the Mob's presence in Las Vegas is a mere shadow of what it once was. Law enforcement efforts and increased regulation have made it much more difficult for organized crime to operate openly in the city.

However, the legacy of the Mob continues to fascinate and intrigue. Books, movies, and television shows have immortalized the era of Bugsy Siegel and the Rat Pack. And tourists still flock to Las Vegas to see the iconic casinos and hotels that were once the playgrounds of the Mob.

"Vegas And The Mob: Forty Years Of Frenzy" is an essential read for anyone interested in the captivating history of Las Vegas and its connection to organized crime. Through meticulous research and vivid storytelling, this book unveils the untold stories and infamous characters that shaped Sin City's rise and fall.

From the glamorous casinos to the seedy underbelly, "Vegas And The Mob" takes you on an unforgettable journey into the dark side of Sin City, revealing the true nature of its tumultuous past.



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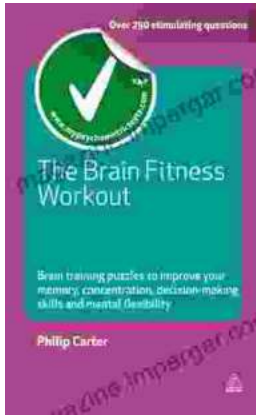
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