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Pasta Fazool for the Wiseguy's Soul - Brian M. Thomsen 2009-01-01

After all that theft, racketeering, adultery, murder, and going to the mattresses, even a wiseguy needs a little pasta fazool for the soul. A hilarious self-help parody based on the exploits of Don Corleone, Anthony Soprano, and those other "made" guys. If your conscience is growing weary because you've had to off your best friend or you've recently learned exactly what was inside that envelope you were asked to deliver, take heart: Brian M. Thomsen and his associate, Don Minestrone, have got your back with more than 100 tales of redemptive goomba guidance and mobster lore. In the tradition of Chicken Soup for the Soul meets The Departed comes tales of family loyalty, mobster morals, and criminal compassion. So the next time you or someone from your clan goes to the mattresses on some trumped-up racketeering charge, we suggest you leave the gun and take the cannoli-and this book, of course.

Harlem Shuffle - Colson Whitehead 2021-09-14

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Underground Railroad* and *The Nickel Boys*, this gloriously entertaining novel is "fast-paced, keen-eyed and very funny ... about race, power and the history of Harlem all disguised as a thrill-ride crime novel" (San Francisco Chronicle). "Ray Carney was only slightly bent when it came to being crooked..." To his customers and neighbors on 125th street, Carney is an upstanding salesman of reasonably priced furniture, making a decent life for himself and his family. He and his wife Elizabeth are expecting their second child, and if her parents on Striver's Row don't approve of him or their cramped apartment across from the subway tracks, it's still home. Few people know he descends from a line of uptown hoods and crooks, and that his façade of normalcy has more than a few cracks in it. Cracks that are getting bigger all the time. Cash is tight, especially with all those installment-plan sofas, so if his cousin Freddie occasionally drops off the odd ring or necklace, Ray doesn't ask where it comes from. He knows a discreet jeweler downtown who doesn't ask questions, either. Then Freddie falls in with a crew who plan to rob the Hotel Theresa—the "Waldorf of Harlem"—and volunteers Ray's services as the fence. The heist doesn't go as planned; they rarely do. Now Ray has a new clientele, one made up of shady cops, vicious local gangsters, two-bit pornographers, and other assorted Harlem lowlifes. Thus begins the internal tussle between Ray the striver and Ray the crook. As Ray navigates this double life, he begins to see who actually pulls the strings in Harlem. Can Ray avoid getting killed, save his cousin, and grab his share of the big score, all while maintaining his reputation as the go-to source for all your quality home furniture needs? *Harlem Shuffle's* ingenious story plays out in a beautifully recreated New York City of the early 1960s. It's a family saga masquerading as a crime novel, a hilarious morality play, a social novel about race and power, and ultimately a

love letter to Harlem. But mostly, it's a joy to read, another dazzling novel from the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning Colson Whitehead.

Patrol, Wiseguy Cop - Mitch Goldminz 2011-01-30

Nine out of ten police chiefs recommend you NOT read this book. Mike finds plenty of trouble on "Patrol, Wiseguy Cop," the sequel to "Vice, Wiseguy Cop." This novel gives the reader insight into the unquestioned bravery and questionable sanity of at least one Dallas police officer. You'll laugh, be shocked, learn and be titillated by this personally revealing historical novel about the anatomy of a wiseguy cop on patrol.

Wiseguy for Wisekids - 2010-09-25

The Predator - Anthony V. Aqua 2014-07-16

He was about to take Julie against her will. Having her body would not be the same as having her heart and mind, but Don didn't realize it at the time. Obsession takes on terrifying form in Anthony V. Aqua's *The Predator*. This sexually explicit cat-and-mouse game will take readers into the mind of a man who will stop at nothing to get what he wants. Don Ricci is handsome, rich...and a psychopath. After a humiliating rejection by Julie, an old classmate, he kidnaps her at knifepoint and locks her away in a homemade dungeon. Determined to make Julie into his idealized version of the perfect "wife," Don's violently sexual encounters with his traumatized captor are interrupted only by his intermittent carousing around town. As his tempter spirals out of control, Don runs into more and more trouble both in and out of his underground lair. His erratic behavior eventually brings him to Black Jack Roma, a grizzled veteran of the New England mafia who assumes Don is there to silence him for good. But as Black Jack realizes the true nature of Don's derangement, he decides to make the rich playboy an offer that he simply can't refuse.

From Wiseguys to Wise Men - Fred Gardaphe 2013-01-22

The gangster, in the hands of the Italian American artist, becomes a telling figure in the tale of American race, gender, and ethnicity - a figure that reflects the autobiography of an immigrant group just as it reflects the fantasy of a native population. *From Wiseguys to Wise Men* studies the figure of the gangster and explores its social function in the construction and projection of masculinity in the United States. By looking at the cultural icon of the gangster through the lens of gender, this book presents new insights into material that has been part of American culture for close to 100 years.

The War-Hawk Biological Threat - H. D. Campbell 2012-04-01

Sergeant Wiseguy is back again to fight terrorism and a plot against his own life. An international terrorist group hires a professional killer known only as "War-Hawk" to assassinate Sergeant Wiseguy while on vacation in San Francisco.

Meanwhile, the terrorists plot to recreate and improve on one of the world's most deadly plagues and unleash it upon the East Coast with a strong ultimatum. While Sergeant Wiseguy's team assembles to stop the threat, War-Hawk's attempt to assassinate him takes several exciting turns that goes from San Francisco to Mexico and finally ending up on an island off the Coast of Italy. The War-Hawk Biological Threat is a book of action twists and turns and will leave you wanting more. This will build you up for book three in the series due to be released in 2013.

On the Run - Gregg Hill 2007-10-15

The children of notorious Mafia wiseguy and informant Henry Hill—the real-life subject of *Goodfellas*—tell their own story of danger, hurt, and family in this extraordinary account of growing up with an out-of-control father in the federal witness protection program. Henry Hill's business partner, Jimmy Burke, has whacked every person who could possibly implicate him in the infamous Lufthansa robbery at JFK airport. On his way to prison, lifelong gangster Henry is given two options: sleep with the fishes, or enter the FBI's Witness Protection Program. Unfortunately for his children Gregg and Gina, they're dragged along for the ride. Like nomads, they're forced to wander from state to state, constantly inventing new names and finding new friends, only to abandon them at a moment's notice. They live under constant fear of being found and killed. But Henry, the rock Gregg and Gina so desperately need, is a heavy cocaine user and knows only the criminal life. He is soon up to his old tricks and consistently putting their identities in jeopardy. And so it continues until the kids, now almost grown, can no longer ignore that the Mob might be less of a threat to them than remaining under the roof of their increasingly unbalanced father.

Wise Guy - Guy Kawasaki 2019-02-26

Silicon Valley icon and bestselling author Guy Kawasaki shares the unlikely stories of his life and the lessons we can draw from them. Guy Kawasaki has been a fixture in the tech world since he was part of Apple's original Macintosh team in the 1980s. He's widely respected as a source of wisdom about entrepreneurship, venture capital, marketing, and business evangelism, which he's shared in bestselling books such as *The Art of the Start* and *Enchantment*. But before all that, he was just a middle-class kid in Hawaii, a grandson of Japanese immigrants, who loved football and got a C+ in 9th grade English. *Wise Guy*, his most personal book, is about his surprising journey. It's not a traditional memoir but a series of vignettes. He toyed with calling it *Miso Soup for the Soul*, because these stories (like those in the *Chicken Soup* series) reflect a wide range of experiences that have enlightened and inspired him. For instance, you'll follow Guy as he . . .

- Gets his first real job in the jewelry business—which turned out to be surprisingly useful training for the tech world.
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- Reevaluates his self-importance after being mistaken for Jackie Chan by four young women.
- Takes up surfing at age 62—which teaches him that you can discover a new passion at any age, but younger is easier!

Guy covers everything from moral values to business skills to parenting. As he writes, "I hope my stories help you live a more joyous, productive, and meaningful life. If *Wise Guy* succeeds at this, then that's the best story of all."

Made Men - Glenn Kenny 2020-09-15

A Library Journal Best Book of the Year A Sight and Sound Best Film Book Of 2020 For the thirtieth anniversary of its premiere comes the vivid and immersive history behind Martin Scorsese's signature film *Goodfellas*, hailed by critics as the greatest mob movie ever made. When *Goodfellas* first hit the theatres in 1990, a classic was born. Few could anticipate the unparalleled influence it would have on pop culture, one that would inspire future filmmakers and redefine the gangster picture as we know it today. From the rush of grotesque violence in the opening scene to the iconic hilarity of Joe Pesci's endlessly quoted "Funny how?" shtick, it's little wonder the film is widely regarded as a mainstay in contemporary cinema. In the first ever behind-the-scenes story of *Goodfellas*, film critic Glenn Kenny chronicles the making and afterlife of the film that introduced America to the real modern gangster—brutal, ruthless, yet darkly appealing, the villain we can't get enough of. Featuring interviews with the film's major players, including Martin Scorsese and Robert De Niro, *Made Men* shines a light on the lives and stories wrapped up in the *Goodfellas* universe, and why its enduring legacy is still essential to charting the trajectory of American culture thirty years later.

The Lufthansa Heist - Henry Hill 2015-08-01

The inside story—from the organizer himself—of the largest unrecovered cash haul in history. This full account brings readers behind the heist memorialized in *Goodfellas*, a crime that has baffled law enforcement for decades. From Henry Hill himself, *The Lufthansa Heist* is the last book he worked on before his 2012 death. On December 11, 1978, a daring armed robbery rocked Kennedy Airport, resulting in the largest unrecovered cash haul in world history, totaling six million dollars. The perpetrators were never apprehended and thirteen people connected to the crime were murdered in homicides that, like the crime itself, remain unsolved to this day. The burglary has fascinated the public for years, dominating headlines around the globe due to the story's unending ravel of mysteries that baffled the authorities. One of the organizers of the sensational burglary, Henry Hill, who passed away in 2012, in collaboration with Daniel Simone, has penned an unprecedented "tell-all" about the robbery with never-before-unveiled details, particulars only known to an insider. In 2013, this infamous criminal act again flared up in the national news when five reputed gangsters were charged in connection to the robbery. This latest twist lends the project an extraordinary sense of timing, and the legal proceedings of the newly arrested suspects will unfold over the next year, continuing to keep the Lufthansa topic in the news.

Undercover Wiseguy - M. M. Cox 2013

"Having survived his first brush of death with the Mafia, Danny Esposito's life seems to be settling into a steady routine until a figure from his past sets him back on a collision course with the local mob. With disaster threatening him at every turn, Danny makes a dangerous decision to go undercover, hoping to find out whom he can trust. While Danny struggles to keep his girlfriend, the FBI, and his godfather at arm's length, he and his friends discover that the new mob leadership is more ruthless than ever and that Danny's own family is on their hit list. With the loyalty of Danny's godfather, Gino, unclear, and law enforcement closing in, Danny must face his past and his fears to stay one step ahead of those who would hurt the people he loves the most."--Back cover.

Wiseguy - Nicholas Pileggi 2011-09-27

Nicholas Pileggi's vivid, unvarnished, journalistic chronicle of the life of Henry Hill—the working-class Brooklyn kid who knew from age twelve that "to be a wiseguy was to own the world," who grew up to live the highs and lows of the mafia gangster's life—has been hailed as "the best book ever written on organized crime"

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The Wise Guy Cookbook - Henry Hill 2002-10-01

Now, in his inimitable style, Henry Hill tells some spicy stories of his life in the Mob and shows you how to whip up his favorite dishes, Sicilian style—even when you're cooking on the run. Learn delicious recipes that make even the toughest tough guy beg for more... Henry Hill was a born wiseguy. At the pizzeria where he worked as a kid, he learned to substitute pork for veal in cutlets—which came in handy later when the bankroll was low. At thirteen, he got his first percentage from a local deli—that lost business when he started supplying the neighborhood wiseguys with his own heroes. And what great heroes they were. Once he entered Witness Protection, though, Hill found himself in places where prosciutto was impossible to get and gravy was something you put on mashed potatoes. So he learned to fake it when necessary (for example, Romano with white pepper took the place of real pecorino-siciliano cheese), and wherever he found himself, Hill managed to keep good Italian food on the table. He still brings this flair for improvisation to his cooking. No recipe is set in stone. And substitutions are listed in case you need them for these recipes and many more: Mom's Antipasto • Sunday Gravy (Meat Sauce) • Cheater's Chicken Stock • Striped Bass for Paulie • Fat Larry's Pizza Dough • Henry's Kickback Antipasti Hero • Sicilian Easter Bread with Colored Eggs • Clams Casino • Osso Buco • Oven Penitentiary Sauce with Sausage • Michael's Favorite Ziti with Meat Sauce

Warners Wiseguys - Scott Allen Nollen 2016-04-28

As three of the most prominent actors of the early studio system, James Cagney, Edward G. Robinson, and Humphrey Bogart played an unparalleled role in the rise of the Warner Brothers Studio. These "Warners Wiseguys" are now virtually synonymous with the studio's era of gritty gangster films. This study of their interwoven studio-contract careers highlights the similarities of their personalities and their struggles with harsh typecasting. It details and comments critically on each of their combined 112 Warners films. Complete with commentary from the author and other film buffs. An appendix provides a filmographic guide to the films discussed, including lists of primary actors, release dates, directorial credits, and running times for each film.

GoodFellas - Nicholas Pileggi 2011-11-03

'At the age of twelve my ambition was to be a gangster. To me being a wiseguy was better than being president of the United States. To be a wiseguy was to own the world.' *GoodFellas* is Henry Hill's own story, telling the fascinating and sometimes brutal details of the day-to-day life of a working New York mobster - the violence, wild spending sprees, his wife, his mistress, his code of honour. From the small-time scamming of his early years, his first arrest at the age of sixteen and initiation into the dealings of his wiseguy friends and bosses, Henry Hill tells of the good times, dodgy dealings, indulgences, and the insularity of the mob-controlled neighbourhoods. But things start to go too far. To save his own life, Hill turns into a Federal witness, and the mob is to this day still hunting him down for revealing their involvement in hundreds of crimes including arson, extortion, hijacking, the six-million dollar Lufthansa heist (the most successful cash robbery in US history), and murder.

Harry Anderson - Mike Caveney 1993-01-01

Leave the Gun, Take the Cannoli - Kurt Luchs 2003

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The Way of the Wiseguy - Joseph D Pistone 2001-01-01

This book furthers the international adventures of the New York Times Bestseller and hit movie, giving readers an always-shocking look at the psychology, mindset and traditions that make wiseguys such a unique breed. The book has stories from FBI agent Pistone about Scotland Yard, the Russian Mob and Chinese Triads and it also includes an audio CD on FBI surveillance tapes.

Goodfellas - Nicholas Pileggi 1999

The Bloomsbury Film Classics, The Original Novel series presents books from a number of films from the last 40 years that have been considered to have shown great cinematic merit.

Almost a Wiseguy - Bob Puglisi 2014-04-23

Almost A Wiseguy is the gritty life-story of Vince Ciacci, a hair stylist, with ambitions to become a made-man in the Mafia. But his alcohol and drug abuse kept that from happening. Ciacci grows up without the love and acceptance he needs from his parents and seeks that from the wrong type of people. It isn't until the birth of his daughter, his only child, that he realizes the destructive nature of his life. In an effort to stop his downward spiral, he reluctantly seeks and finds help in AA, but his road to recovery isn't an easy one, with many starts and setbacks.

Jack Parker's Wiseguys - Tim Rappleye 2018-01-02

Over the winter of 1977-78, anyone within shouting distance of a two-mile stretch of Boston's Commonwealth Avenue - from Fenway Park to the trolley curve at Packard's Corner - found themselves pulled into the orbit of college hockey. The hottest ticket in a sports-mad city was Boston University's Terriers, a team so tough it was said they didn't have fans - they took hostages. Eschewing the usual recruiting pools in Canada, Jack Parker and his coaching staff assembled a squad that included three stars from nearby Charlestown, then known as the "armed robbery capital of America." *Jack Parker's Wiseguys* is the story of a high-flying, headline-dominating, national championship squad led by three future stars of the *Miracle on Ice*, the medal-round game the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team won against the heavily favored Soviet Union. Now retired, Parker is a thoughtful statesman for the sport, a revered figure who held the longest tenure of any coach in Boston sports history. But during the 1977-78 season, he was just five years into his

reign - and only a decade or so older than his players. Fiery, mercurial, as tough as any of his tough guys, Parker and his team were to face the pressure-cooker expectations of four previous also-ran seasons, further heightened by barroom brawls, off-the-ice shenanigans, and the citywide shutdown caused by one of the biggest blizzards to ever hit the Northeast. This season was to be Parker's watershed, a roller-coaster ride of nail-biting victories and unimaginable tragedy, played out in increasingly strident headlines as his team opened the season with an unprecedented twenty-one straight wins. Only the second loss of the year eliminated the Terriers from their league playoffs and possibly from national contention; hours after the game Parker's wife died from cancer. The story of how the team responded - coming back to win the national championship a week after Parker buried his wife - makes a compelling tale for Boston sports fans and everyone else who feels a thrill of pride at America's unlikely win over the Soviet national team - a victory forged on Commonwealth Avenue in that bitter, beautiful winter of '78.

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The Unofficial Story of the Making of a Wiseguy - Edward A. Gross 1990-03-01

Gives the background on the television series, profiles the principal people involved, and summarizes each episode from the first two seasons

Vampire Wiseguy - Jon Langione 2014-05-16

Frances Dracul, the undead vampire, survives a hit by two wiseguys from the Ernie Dutch Getti family. She starts to exact her revenge against the mob. Avi Asher and his team of human vampires are called in to assist the police of West Haven, Connecticut, and become immersed in the culture of the Contralto family of gangsters. The team is on the trail of Frances and her new partner Vinny, and are pulled into a mob war of Connecticut made guys and a New York crime family.

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Wiseguy Murders - Bob Moats 2014-03-24

Jim Richards' dream of building a shelter for the homeless of Las Vegas has come true. The shelter is finally open and operating well, but Buck and Mac find something that may mar the good intentions. They find a murdered man in one of the rooms. Deacon comes in to investigate and Jim discovers the victim is a cousin of one of his friends. Why was the man murdered and what did the warning that was left mean. The mob is suddenly everywhere as a search for one man starts rolling and more bodies are found. Will the mob get involved or just wait patiently for Jim and Deacon to solve the mystery before they do something rash. Angelo and Jim visit an old school Mob boss who may be the key and find more than they planned. More wiseguys enter into the picture confusing the issue and finally the case comes to a head, but at what expense when Deacon is shot.

The Mob and Me - John Partington 2010-09-14

This revealing first-person narrative, by one of the founders of the Witness Protection Program and a personal protector to more than five hundred informants, offers an eye-opening, dead-on authentic perspective on the safeguard institution. How did law enforcement's frustration with the criminal underworld and a serpentine series of hit-or-miss rules and mistakes give rise to one of the most significant and endlessly fascinating government-run programs of the 20th century? In 1967, U.S. Marshal John Partington was given the task of overseeing the protection of the wife and young daughter of renowned mobster Joe “The Animal” Barboza, now an informant with a bounty on his head. It wasn't Partington's first time guarding underworld witnesses. But this time was different. It was at the behest of Senator Bobby Kennedy that Partington became the architect of a new high-threat program to get the bad guys to testify against the worse guys. Lifelong protection in exchange for the conviction of the upper echelon of organized crime would require a permanent identity change for every member of the witness's family, a battery of psychological tests for re-assimilation, and a total, devastating obliteration of all ties with the past. With no blueprint for success, it created a logistical nightmare for Partington. He would have to make up the rules as he went along, and he did so without the luxury of knowing whom he could really trust at any given time. And so, the Witness Protection Program was born. The account John Partington tells of the next thirty years of his life is a never-before-seen portrait of members of the underworld and law enforcement—from Joe Valachi, the first mobster to violate the “omerta,” the sacrosanct code of silence, to high-profile informant and NYPD narcotics detective Bob Leuci, immortalized in *Prince of the City*. He reveals the details of the protection provided such significant figures as Watergate players to Howard Hunt and John and Maureen Dean. Ultimately, Partington delivers the unvarnished truth of the Program, from the heavily-shielded delivery of witnesses to trial, to countless death threats, to managing an ever-rotating crew of U.S. Marshals, to the step-

by-step procedure of reinventing his sometimes dangerous, sometimes terrified charges and their families as uncomplicated suburbanites. These would be the guarded new neighbors just across the street bearing secret histories—uncomfortable actors in a play that would run for the rest of their lives. Lifting a cloak of confidentiality and controversy, *The Mob and Me* immerses readers in the rarified, misunderstood world of Witness Protection—at once human, dangerous, intimate, surprising, and stone-cold violent.

Radical Advice from the Ultimate Wiseguy - Lorraine Peterson 1990

Presents devotional readings for teenagers, based on the wisdom of King Solomon as expressed in the Book of Proverbs.

Wise Guy - M. D. Usher 2005-11-02

A biography of Socrates, a philosopher and teacher in ancient Greece who held that wisdom comes from questioning ideas and values rather than simply accepting what is passed on by parents and teachers.

Mafia Wiseguys - Robert Rudolph 1994-07

Describes how "Fat Jack" DiNorscio and the Lucchese crime family emerged victorious from the longest Mafia trial in American history and turned the courtroom into a three-ring circus. Reprint.

Good Guys, Wiseguys, and Putting Up Buildings - Samuel C. Florman 2012-03-13

Good Guys, Wiseguys, and Putting Up Buildings is an engaging memoir about one man's career in construction—rising to the top of an industry renowned for crime, corruption, violence, physical danger, and the chronic risk of financial catastrophe. Starting in the Navy Seabees at the end of WWII, Samuel C. Florman made his way as a general contractor in New York City through the period of explosive development, private exuberance and the historic growth of publicly supported housing—all amidst the rise of the notorious Mafia families, and evolution of the Civil Rights Movement. His storied career brought him into contact with a variety of personalities: politicians and civil servants, developers and technocrats, saintly do-gooders and corrupt rascals. Along with the rousing adventures there were satisfactions of a different sort: the enchantment of seeing architecture made real; the pride of creating housing, hospitals, schools, places of worship—shelter for the body and nourishment for the spirit.

French Country Cooking - Mimi Thorisson 2016-10-25

A captivating journey through off-the-beaten-path French wine country with 100 simple yet exquisite recipes, 150 sumptuous photographs, and stories inspired by life in a small village. "Francophiles, this book is pure Gallic food porn." —The Wall Street Journal Readers everywhere fell in love with Mimi Thorisson, her family, and their band of smooth fox terriers through her blog, Manger, and debut cookbook, *A Kitchen in France*. In *French Country Cooking*, the family moves to an abandoned old château in Médoc. While shopping for local ingredients, cooking, and renovating the house, Mimi meets the farmers and artisans who populate the village and learns about the former owner of the house, an accomplished local cook. Here are recipes inspired by this eccentric cast of characters, including White Asparagus Soufflé, Wine Harvest Pot au Feu, Endives with Ham, and Salted Butter Chocolate Cake. Featuring evocative photographs taken by Mimi's husband, Oddur Thorisson, and illustrated endpapers, this cookbook is a charming jaunt to an untouched corner of France that has thus far eluded the spotlight.

Wiseguy to Writer - Duane Rasey 2021-01-04

You expect your parents to take care of you when you're a child. But if that doesn't work out you have to step up and take things into your own hands. I had a

criminal record a mile long by the time I was 16. The story you're about to read is real of course, some of the names had to be changed, not so much to protect the innocent as to protect my butt. I believe I was about 10 when I learned things weren't safe at home. It was the normal crap, parents arguing all the time. Originally my mother left when I was five, but for some ungodly reason my father took her back, and that's when the fireworks really started. My mother, who was born and raised in a small town in Maine, called Bath, is about as insane as one can get, that's why I'm bringing her up. Ok, I think I'm going to get ahead of myself. But let's just say that she's playing an intricate part in this crazy circus that I call my life. It was June 1, 1978, when I heard my parents argue again. It was the same garbage every day and by now I was sick of it. Yet things were about to change, everything was about to change. When I woke up that morning, everything I had was gone. At some point in the middle of the night, my mother left taking my younger sister with her. Of course, by that time, my father told me they were halfway to Maine. Looking back, I'm not really sure how I got involved in organized crime. I think if I had to make an educated guess, it was out of desperation. Because within just 2 short years, I found myself standing in front of a movie theater in Newport Rhode Island. And when I realized, I was on my own. My mother had brought me to an afternoon matinee, and handed me a five-dollar bill, told me to use the rest to get something to eat and she would be back at five when the movie ended. Well, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what happened next. The fucking bitch, never came back.

Mafia Hit Man - Frank Dimatteo 2021-09-28

WHO REALLY KILLED "CRAZY JOE" GALLO? AT LAST, THE TRUTH CAN BE TOLD. AND IT WASN'T FRANK "THE IRISHMAN" SHEERAN AS HE CLAIMED. This is the shocking and brutal story of Carmine DiBiase—aka Sonny Pinto—the elusive Mafia killer who went from small-time street punk to FBI's Most Wanted list to Death Row—only to be released on the streets to kill and kill again . . . among those who died by his gun was Joey Gallo. "Sober, he was nothing, but drunk he would blow your head off." That's how Pete the Greek described Carmine "Sonny" DiBiase, the Colombo crime family hitman who'd been terrorizing Manhattan's Little Italy since he was a kid. After beating and robbing a local tailor and doing time in reformatory, Sonny set up operations at The Mayfair Boys Civic and Social Club, an illegal poolroom where he shot and killed his best friend on Christmas day . . . A prime suspect of this and other crimes, Sonny went on the lam and off the grid for seven years. He then surrendered himself to police, was tried for murder and sentenced to death. But after a second trial, he walked away a free man—free to kill again. Joey "Crazy Joe" Gallo and his President Street mob waged a deadly Mafia civil war with the Colombo crime family, and in particular, Carmine "the Snake" Persico. A contract was put out for Gallo and his gang. And on that fateful night of April 7, 1972, in a Little Italy restaurant, Gallo was assassinated . . . by Carmine "Sonny" DiBiase. This is the true story of who really whacked Crazy Joey Gallo on that fateful night of April 7, 1972.

Some Kind of Wise Guy - Bill Ervolino 1997

Wiseguy - Nicholas Pileggi 1987

Casino - Nicholas Pileggi 2016-10-18

The true story behind the Martin Scorsese film: A "riveting . . . account of how organized crime looted the casinos they controlled" (Kirkus Reviews). Focusing on Chicago bookie Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal and his partner, Anthony Spilotro, and

drawing on extensive, in-depth interviews, the #1 New York Times–bestselling author of the Mafia classic Wiseguy—basis for the film Goodfellas—Nicholas Pileggi reveals how the pair worked together to oversee Las Vegas casino operations for the mob. He unearths how Teamster pension funds were used to take control of the Stardust and Tropicana and how Spilotro simultaneously ran a crew of jewel thieves nicknamed the “Hole in the Wall Gang.” For years, these gangsters kept a stranglehold on Sin City’s brightly lit nightspots, skimming millions in cash for their bosses. But the elaborate scheme began to crumble when Rosenthal’s disproportionate ambitions drove him to make mistakes. Spilotro made an error of his own, falling for his partner’s wife, a troubled showgirl named Geri. It would all lead to betrayal, a wide-ranging FBI investigation, multiple convictions, and the end of the Mafia’s longstanding grip on the multibillion-dollar gaming oasis in the midst of the Nevada desert. Casino is a journey into 1970s Las Vegas and a riveting nonfiction account of the world portrayed in the Martin Scorsese film of

the same name, starring Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci, and Sharon Stone. A story of adultery, murder, infighting, and revenge, this “fascinating true-crime Mob history” is a high-stakes page-turner (Booklist).

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.