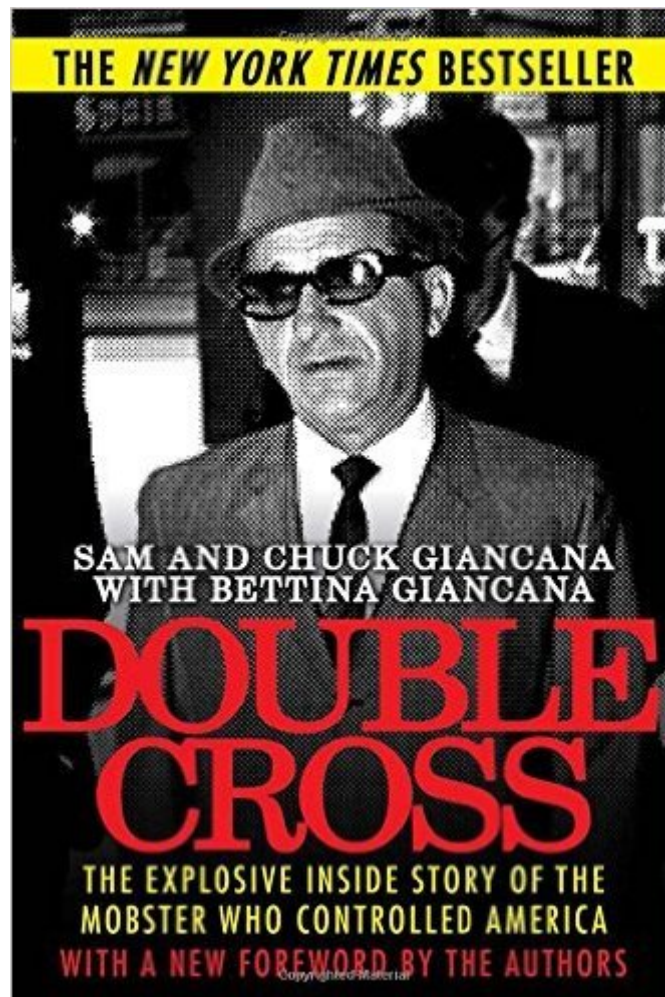


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Synopsis

Featuring a brand-new introduction by the author, this New York Times bestseller presents an inside exposé of mob boss Sam Giancana—talented businessman, Las Vegas entrepreneur, ruthless killer, and outside player for the CIA's dirtiest deeds. Giancana clawed his way to the top of the Mafia hierarchy by starting as a hit man for Al Capone. 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 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-scale war on organized crime throughout the United States, and Giancana found himself going after the Kennedys. Undoubtedly, his story, written with suspense and truthful conviction, changed the course of American history. This shocking, inside-the-syndicate tell-all reveals Giancana's first-person testimony regarding his involvement in the deaths of Monroe and others, among other shocking secrets

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Customer Reviews

This book is a biography of Momo "Sam" Giancana, the head of the Chicago Outfit who

succeeded Al Capone in the forties and stayed the head of not only Chicago but almost every other organized crime syndicate outside of New York until his assassination in the 1970's. There was a lot to like about this book and a lot to think about. First of all, it is very much an insider's opinion of Sam, known to his family as Mooney and referred to as Mooney throughout the book. It outlines his rise from the street gangs on Taylor Street in the South Side of Chicago, all the way through his involvement in international organized crime, with a particular, but not exclusive, interest in Latin America. Chuck Giancana is Sam's younger brother. He is 11 or 12 years younger and looked upon Sam as not only an older brother but also as a mentor and father figure. Through his eyes, we are able to see that Sam exerted control over his own family, including his father; his neighborhood; the gangs and through his intelligence and ruthlessness, the Chicago Outfit. The book does an excellent job of explaining the intricate inter-relationships between the Chicago players as well as the different cities. These include the traditional members of the New York five families, Joe Kennedy and the Boston Irish mob, Santo Trafficante in Tampa Florida, Carlo Marcello in New Orleans, the establishment of the syndicate players in Dallas and Kansas City, Bugsy Siegel in Las Vegas and Johnny Roselli in Los Angeles. Of all the "mafia" books I have read, this one really shows the way each player came into their position of power post prohibition. It definitely concurs with much I have already read and explained much better other things that have been alluded to in other biographies.

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