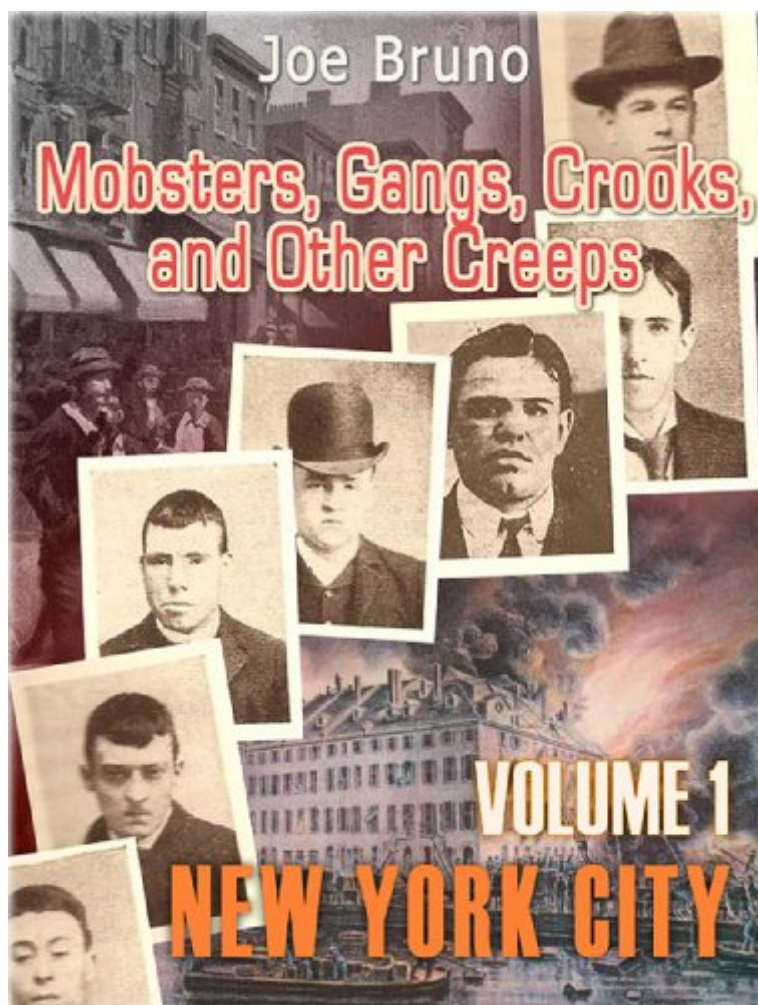


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Customer Reviews

Loved it.

The book is very informative, but jumps around a lot. It might have been an easier read if it was broken down by the mob people, the gangs, crooks, etc. I found myself having to go back and forth to keep all the information straight. The information was detailed and interesting about the people. I did enjoy reading how the "bad guys" interacted with the "good guys" or police if you can say that's what they were. I would definitely recommend it to real true crime buff or to those who are interested in gangsters.

I really enjoyed this book. It brought background to many of the characters on my favorite Tv series "Boardwalk Empire. Someone gave the book one star because "...it was not in depth enough." Whatever. The characters were covered in depth enough for me...evidently the reviewer wanted the author to write a complete biography about each person or event. I personally found it just right, and could not stop reading it until I was finished. I look forward to reading additional works from this author.

Good reading, sometimes a little confusing because of overlapping time frames. It's amazing what you will learn about tough times and guys during the late 1800, early 1900's. Reads well and passes time quickly.

This book is really a collection of short stories, about 4 or 5 pages each, on various crime figures in the early days in New York. Many of the names will be recognized by the reader and there are some little known facts. It is an easy read, interesting if you like short biographies of crime figures.

Very informative, on a subject that's hard to find these days. I do wish I could find a version in order.

3.75 stars. An encyclopedia of shady characters from New York City history, as compiled and written by your Italian uncle. :) Well, that's how it read. I quite enjoyed Mr. Bruno's less-than-dispassionate recounting of the more colorful underworld figures of the 1800's and early 1900's. The author includes an extensive bibliography if you're inclined to read more about these characters, and you probably will be, because these stories are real doozies! You can't make this stuff up. This was the perfect book to read while I was watching season 3 of "Boardwalk Empire" on HBO. I knew for example that Lucky Luciano, Meyer Lansky, and Al Capone were real, but had no idea how many other characters on the show were also drawn from real life, and I loved learning more about them. Because the book is organized like an encyclopedia, there is some repetition among the entries; however, Mr. Bruno has skillfully edited his material to keep each entry fresh and to provide new tidbits of information, so that we almost get a "Rashomon"-like view of particular events. First you see it from one character's perspective, then you get it again from another's. Nicely done. I would have liked to have had each entrant's birth year and death year listed right below their names so that I could more easily orient myself as to which time period we were in. Although this info is often given in the first few paragraphs, that is not always the case, so there were some points

where I was lost for a while regarding where we were in time. I also would have liked more thorough proofreading of the book, particularly in the last 25%, where the errors seemed to markedly increase. For example, errors like "trail" for "trial" and "McCarty" vs. "McCarthy" in one entry and the names "Dropper" and "Orgen" (if I recall correctly) being transposed in another entry tends to undermine my confidence in the accuracy of the source. I hold nonfiction to a very high standard, since less-than-stellar editing/attention to detail would seem to indicate possible mistakes with the facts themselves. That said, I do believe the book is highly accurate and makes a fine reference for someone looking for an introduction to the subject; the massive bibliography is almost worth the price alone. This book clearly is a labor of love and must have taken years to compile. Well done, Mr. Bruno!

Great entry-a-day read on NYC gangs and mobsters, and how life was in the early days. Better than any movie just for the variety.

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