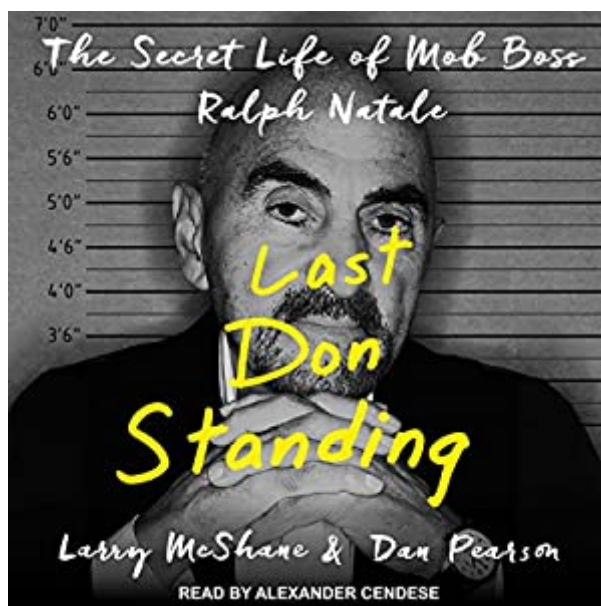


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Last Don Standing: The Secret Life Of Mob Boss Ralph Natale



Synopsis

As the last don of the Philadelphia mob, Ralph Natale, the first-ever mob boss to turn state's evidence, provides an insider's perspective on the Mafia. Natale's reign atop the Philadelphia and New Jersey underworlds brought the region's Mafia back to prominence in the 1990s. Smart, savvy, and articulate, Natale came up in the mob and saw firsthand as it hatched its plan to control Atlantic City's casino unions. Later on, after spending 16 years in prison, he reclaimed the family as his own after a bloody mob war that left bodies scattered across South Philly. He forged connections around the country and achieved a status within the mob never seen before or since, until he was betrayed by his men and decided to testify against them in a stunning turn of events. Using dozens of hours of interviews with Natale along with research and interviews with FBI agents, this book delivers revelatory insights into seminal events in American mob history, including: The truth about Jimmy Hoffa's disappearance The murder of Jewish mob icon Bugsy Siegel The identity of the man who created modern-day Las Vegas With the full cooperation of Natale, New York Daily News reporter Larry McShane and producer Dan Pearson uncover the deadly reign of the last great mob boss of Philadelphia, a tale that covers a half century of mob lore - and gore.

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Customer Reviews

Excellent book. Philly Mob is a soap opera and this guy was there for all of it, or at least in the can. Well written, intertwining Ralph's obviously biased view with facts and history. If u like Mob books, this is a must read. Not many stories left like it.

This was a outstanding book on organized crime really eye opening view into a secret world will buy fro you again

Authors McShane and Pearson relate the life of mafioso Ralph Natale and the Philadelphia mob. This is a typical mob book in which the oath of omerta is a joke with those fighting for position in the mafia end up with a severe case of paranoia and begin eliminating one another in the most gruesome ways imaginable. To join the mob you must prove yourself worthy by murdering another individual and then placing the brotherhood of the mob ahead of everything else including your family. Ironically if one is killed it will usually be done by someone you unquestionably trust. There is no loyalty in the mob; only to oneself and most anyone will become a canary in order to save their own skin including Ralph Natale. The book contains eight pages of photos many of which are group photos. I would have preferred individual photos of some of the principle mafioso members in the book.

Just finished this interesting read while on the beach in South Jersey. Very cool to learn the backstory on the local mafia, unions, Philly and AC. Great to hear the history which spanned 5 decades. The list of players in the front of the book was perfect- to be able to turn back to throughout the book and see who's who. Growing up down the shore I remember reading a lot of the names in the paper. I got the book for my mom and read it after she did. We both agreed The Last Don was a powerful family man and thoroughly enjoyed reading his commentary.

This book is outstanding, couldn't stop reading. So well written it was as if i was actually there. The tension was thick till the very last page. I can't wait to see this on the big screen. Bravo.

It's OK. Predictable mob story. Some things don't really sound plausible such as him being inducted into Mafia by two Mafia bosses. Doesn't happen!

Great read enjoyed .like hearing a persons confession in the confessional .Say 10 our fathers and 10 hail Mary's and sin no more .This is a good one.

Very insightful and full of mob history. A good read, but has some open dialogues that leaves the reader to guess.

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