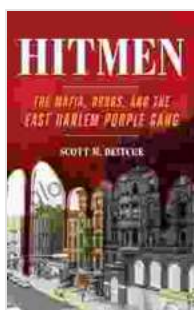


The Mafia, Drugs, and the East Harlem Purple Gang: A History of Organized Crime in New York City

New York City has a long and storied history of organized crime. From the days of the Five Points Gang in the mid-19th century to the rise of the Mafia in the early 20th century, the city has been a breeding ground for some of the most notorious criminals in American history.

One of the most fascinating chapters in the history of New York City's organized crime is the story of the Mafia, drugs, and the East Harlem Purple Gang. This book tells that story, from the early days of the Italian-American Mafia in the city to the rise of the Purple Gang, a predominantly Jewish gang that controlled the drug trade in East Harlem during the Prohibition era.



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The book is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of crime in America. It is a fascinating and well-written account of one of the most important chapters in the history of New York City's organized crime.

The Mafia

The Mafia is a criminal organization that originated in Sicily, Italy, in the 19th century. It is composed of a network of families, each of which is led by a boss. The Mafia is involved in a wide range of criminal activities, including drug trafficking, gambling, racketeering, and murder.

The Mafia first came to New York City in the late 19th century. By the early 20th century, it had established a strong presence in the city, particularly in the Italian-American neighborhoods of Little Italy and East Harlem.

The Mafia's activities in New York City were initially focused on gambling and racketeering. However, in the 1920s, the Mafia began to move into the drug trade. By the end of the decade, it had become the dominant force in the city's drug market.

The Purple Gang

The Purple Gang was a Jewish gang that was active in East Harlem during the Prohibition era. The gang was led by Schultz, a ruthless and ambitious criminal.

The Purple Gang controlled the drug trade in East Harlem. It also engaged in other criminal activities, such as bootlegging, gambling, and racketeering.

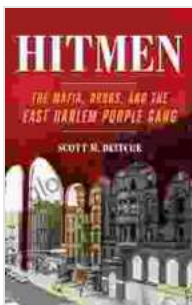
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