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Synopsis

Reno was the first US city to fully embrace its destiny as a gaming capital, and even before gaming was legalized in 1931 the city was the one place gangsters from Chicago and the Midwest wanted to go for safety, sanctuary, and of course the booze, the broads, and the banking services to launder their kidnapping and hold-up loot. This book tells it all, from the first casinos in 1931, to the changes that came in the 1960's. Bank robbers like Alvin Karpis, kidnappers like Ma Barker and her sons, and even "Baby Face" Nelson came to stay, play, and enjoy the show. Reno had it all, and they had their own Mob who controlled the vices, legal or otherwise. Eventually, Lucky Luciano, Tony Accardo, Sam Giancana and others took note and joined the easy profits and the skim in Reno. This is the true story. The story of four men who ran things with no remorse. Coercion, arson, murder. This is a fun, easy-reading book, not as detailed about Goldfield and Tonopah as "The Roots of Reno." Mob City: Reno centers on the gangs, the swindles, and the casinos. Enjoy!

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Customer Reviews

Probably a bit mistitled. Grammatical errors notwithstanding, it's actually a well researched book on

the history of corruption in Reno, just not necessarily a history of the mafia in Reno. There's a simple explanation for this. There never was much of a mafia in Reno. Like San Francisco, Reno had a tight knit law enforcement and business community that just didn't leave doors open for the syndicate. That being said, Reno wasn't mob-free, either. The usual suspects made their way through town, from Siegel to Lanskey to Sam Giancana, but they just did not have the inroads in Reno that they had in Vegas. In fact, much of the content about the Italian and Jewish gangsters really involves Lake Tahoe more than Reno. 3 bucks on kindle, however. It was worth a "skim" (no pun intended!).

Regardless of your opinion of organized crime you will find this book fascinating and exciting. Nevada in the early days really had nothing to offer until the mob saw its potential. This book details the dealing of the east coast and the west coast mafia and their battles for the control of Reno, Nevada. This book tells you where the bodies and who done it. You will learn so much about the mob you might be afraid to start your car in the morning. This was one of the most enjoyable books I have read in a long time.

Excellent book and endlessly fascinating.

Have visited Reno many times and never understood the Mob hook up in this city. Always thought of Vegas as the Mob capital in Nevada, and here I found out that Reno was as important and big.

Enjoyed the San Francisco connectionsThe clubs and then the cal Neva and Sinatral recommend this short book with many stories

A fascinating read, laid out nicely, with plenty details on the rise of the mafia in the "biggest little city" Reno, Nevada. Great book for people interested in the old casinos of Reno. I really enjoyed reading it.

Use to live in Reno and this was an interesting read. We all know how Las Vegas started but never knew about Reno.

Mob City by Al Moe is a good descriptive history of the rise of the mafia in Reno, Nevada. I enjoyed reading this book and learning how the mob infiltrated Reno. The book also shows how in many

ways the mob made Reno.

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