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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

This is a fast-paced inside look at the workings of the Chicago-based organized crime syndicate and its national and international dealings, by a highly decorated former Illinois police officer who spent his entire law enforcement career working for the Mob. Co-author Giancana covered much of the same territory in *Double Cross*, his bestselling look at the U.S. Mafia, but here his obvious model is Nicholas Pileggi's *Wiseguy*, the classic insider look at the New York crime world through the words of ex-mobster Henry Hill. Surprisingly, Corbitt's story compares favorably to that earlier classic true crime tale as he narrates his rise from the ranks of an average Chicago gang to being a player with the likes of Sam "Momo" Giancana (his co-author's uncle) and Tony Accardo—perhaps the two most important figures in the history of post-WWII Chicago crime. Giancana captures Corbitt's eye for the sleazy details of Mob life, such as the time he sees "half a million in loose diamonds" wrapped in a brown paper bag on the front seat of Momo's car, "looking like a ham sandwich." But the heart of the book is Corbitt's description of the mysterious figure of Hy Lerner, who, along with Meyer Lansky, controlled organized crime in the U.S. in the 1970s and 1980s. Corbitt's first-hand accounts of Lerner's dealings with shady figures like Lansky, the Shah of Iran and Manuel Noriega, as well as with agents of the Israeli government, the Mossad and the CIA, provide some new evidence of the extent of organized crime's involvement with the government.

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The *Double Cross*-ing Corbitt returns.

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An aptitude for juvenile delinquency inducted the author into Chicago's "Outfit" (the Mob's local moniker), and here Corbitt and coauthor Giancana, the nephew of the late Mob kingpin, reveal everything they know about its "business." This tell-all is hardly an act of contrition, however. Corbitt went over to the feds when he learned his "friends" put a contract on him and his son. This memoir shows him to be selfish, opportunistic, and greedy. He professes to hate wife beaters but describes slugging a girlfriend; he complains mightily about the injustice of being convicted of murder conspiracy but admits sinking a car he all but knew had the body in the trunk. Most reprehensible of all, Corbitt suborned the badge by protecting Outfit rackets during two decades as police chief of a Chicago suburb. With his rationalizations and bragging, Corbitt unwittingly illustrates the crass, self-serving Mob mentality amid his overt expose of Outfit operations as conducted by Sam Giancana and his successors. *Gilbert Taylor*

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