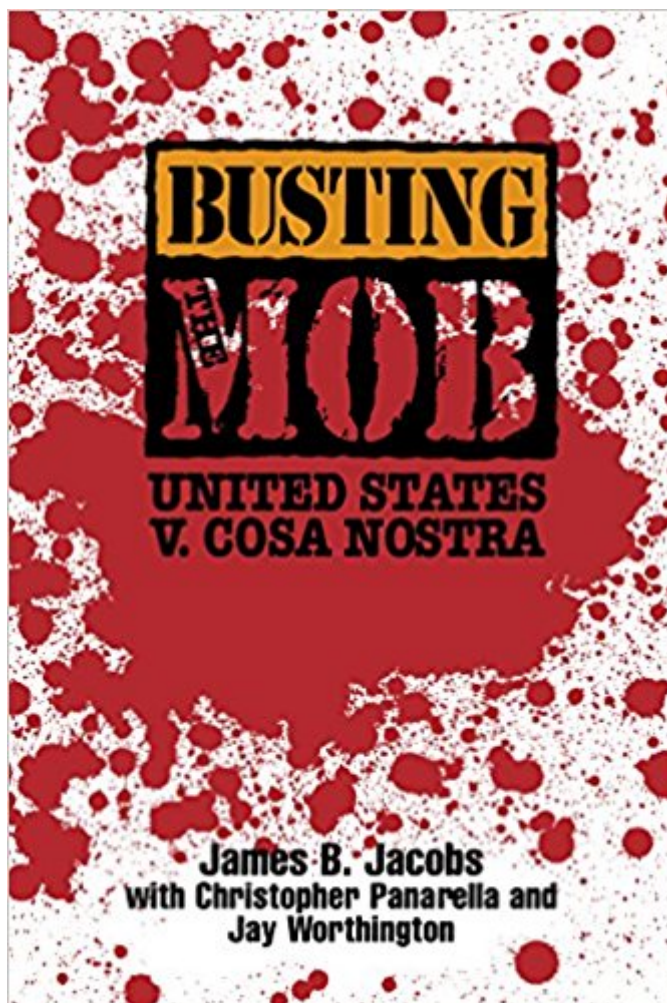


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Busting The Mob: The United States V. Cosa Nostra



Synopsis

Since Prohibition, the Mafia has captivated the media and, indeed, the American imagination. From Al Capone to John Gotti, organized crime bosses have achieved notoriety as anti-heroes in popular culture. In practice, organized crime grew strong and wealthy by supplying illicit goods and services and by obtaining control over labor unions and key industries. Despite, or perhaps because of, its power and high profile, Cosa Nostra faced little opposition from law enforcement. Yet, in the last 15 years, the very foundations of the mob have been shaken, its bosses imprisoned, its profits diminished, and its influence badly weakened. In this vivid and dramatic book, James B. Jacobs, Christopher Panarella, and Jay Worthington document the government's relentless attack on organized crime. The authors present an overview of the forces and events that led in the 1980s to the most successful organized crime control initiatives in American history. Enlisting trial testimony, secretly taped conversations, court documents, and depositions, they document five landmark cases, representing the most important organized crime prosecutions of the modern era: Teamsters Local 560, The Pizza Connection, The Commission, the International Teamsters, and the prosecution of John Gotti.

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This study of two warring entities, the U.S. government and the American Mafia, views the last 15 years of the struggle via five landmark cases brought against the Mob. Included is U.S. v. Local 560, in which the government filed civil suit against the largest Teamsters Union local in New Jersey,

successfully charging that the local was essentially a Mob-run organization. It was in this case that the Department of Justice first used the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO). An appendix follows each case, containing all manner of court documents, with testimony and judges' opinions. In presenting such detailed information, Jacobs provides insight into the mechanics of investigation and prosecution. Interestingly, Jacobs asserts that it was the Reagan administration that reinvigorated America's prosecution of organized crime. Thoughtful analysis throughout. Brian McCombie

"In Busting the Mob, Jacobs proves that sound historical and analytical criminology are not incompatible with entertaining—often gripping—narrative."-Freda Adler,Rutgers University,Former President, American Society of Criminology"John Gotti's downfall is one of the five major criminal and civil cases cited in Busting the Mob which illustrate the grand strategy devised by the Federal Government to cripple, if not destroy, America's entrenched Mafia groups. . . Jacobs believes it is premature to prepare an obituary for America's Mob families."-Times Literary Supplement"Busting the Mob by Jim Jacobs is both enlightening and entertaining. It is immensely refreshing that at long last scholarship, as distinct from sensationalism, comes to the analysis of Organized Crime—and scholarship with a sprightly style.â •Norval Morris,Professor of Law and Criminology, University of Chicago"Jacobs quotes . . . verbatim trial testimony and bugged conversations. . . . [T]renchant materials for budding prosecutors and investigators."-Times Literary Supplement"Busting the Mob is a must read on organized crime for academics, prosecutors, and concerned citizens, in particular because it includes the text of primary material: indictments, trial testimony, etc." -G. Robert Blakey,Professor, Notre Dame Law School, author of Rico, the federal anti-racketeering statute

Very Good!

James B Jacobs is the leading authority on the fight against labor racketeering, from a criminal perspective, as well as the benefits to the rank and file union member. Great read.

What mob figure is more famous than that of John Gotti? What was done to bring him down? How did the government finally manage to make the charges stick? Busting the Mob is a great insight into that very question.While this book covers organized crime connection into the teamster union as well as other major mob bosses, it was the Gotti case that had me gripping the book tightly with a

wealth of facts, witnesses and testimony. Each case presented is in fact, well laid out, with actual trial testimony. There is actual court documents, investigation notes and so much more included. This book was well put together and an excellent read. What you read about the mob versus what is fact are usually two different things, this book may shock you in some cases, but it should open your eyes in all cases. Enjoyable and amazing and the price makes it hard for you to refuse!

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