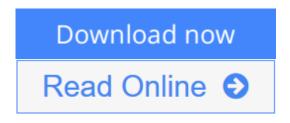


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Americans have a tendency to romanticize some of our worst criminals. Thankfully, Newark avoids that in his absorbing and well-researched biography of one of our most interesting gangsters. For the most part, he confirms that Luciano was a murderous thug. Still, as Newark illustrates, he was a cut above most of his fellow hoods in terms of intelligence and his understanding of the American political and economic landscape. Although he was born in Sicily, Luciano was Americanized in that he had contempt for most of the older, Sicilian-born Moustache Petes and their pretensions to codes of honor and disdain for working with Jewish mobsters. Perhaps it was his streak of independence that allowed Luciano to survive the viscious New York Mob wars of the 1920s and 1930s, but it also left him particularly vulnerable to Thomas Dewey's crusade against the Mob. Newark's recounting of his later career after his deportation is interesting and provocative. He clearly worked for the U.S. government, but his activities were so murky that it is unclear who was being manipulated. --Jay Freeman

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"A fascinating case of how criminals are made, broken--and made again." ?The Huffington Post

"Well written and well researched." ?The Telegraph (Books of the Year) (UK)

"This interesting book separates the truth about Luciano from the stories and movies about his life." ?*The Oklahoman* 

"A must for true-crime fans." ?News of the World (UK)

"Newark provides what is, probably, the most balanced biography of a man who often claimed to be a victim, but had little thought for his own victims." *BBC History Magazine* 

"Great detective work here. Tim Newark has uncovered fascinating new angles on the Lucky Luciano story and tells it well." ?John Dickie, author of Cosa Nostra

"Tim Newark's beautifully written and thoroughly researched studies offer new information and penetrating insights on hitherto little-known chapters in the history of American organized crime." *Robert Rockaway, author of But He Was Good to His Mother* 

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