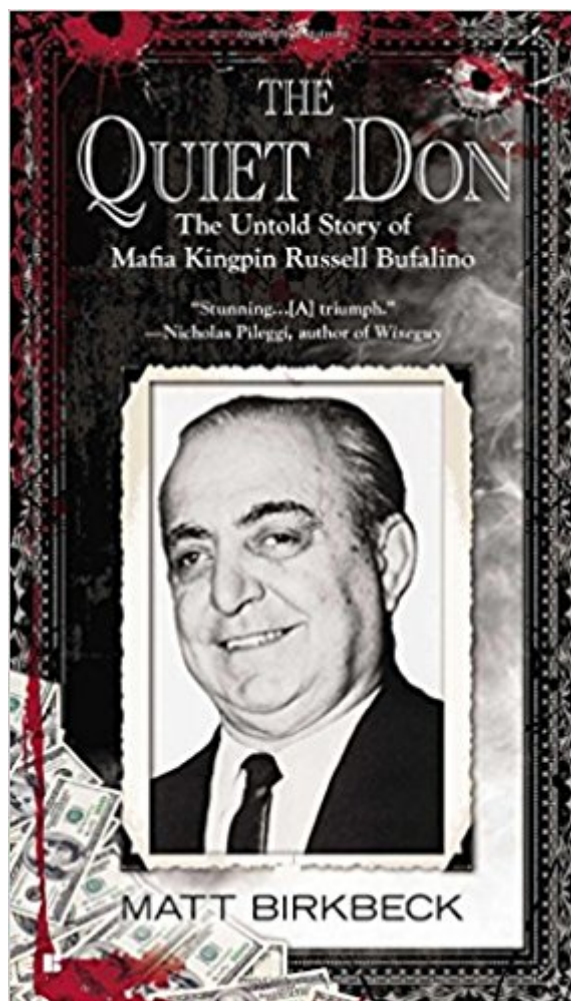


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The Quiet Don: The Untold Story Of Mafia Kingpin Russell Bufalino



Synopsis

To what extent was Rosario "Russell" Bufalino involved in the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa in 1975? In the CIA's recruitment of gangsters to assassinate Fidel Castro? In organizing the historic meeting of crime chieftains in 1957? Even in the production of The Godfather movie? Secretive—even reclusive—Russell Bufalino quietly built his organized crime empire in the decades between Prohibition and the Carter presidency. His reach extended far beyond the coal country of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and quaint Amish farms near Lancaster. Bufalino had a hand in global, national, and local politics of the largest American cities, many of its major industries, and controlled the powerful Teamsters Union. His influence also reached the highest levels of Pennsylvania government and halls of Congress, and his legacy left a culture of corruption that continues to this day. A uniquely American saga that spans six decades, *The Quiet Don* follows Russell Bufalino's remarkably quiet ascent from Sicilian immigrant to mob soldier to a man described by a United States Senate subcommittee in 1964 as "one of the most ruthless and powerful leaders of the Mafia in the United States." **INCLUDES PHOTOS**

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Matt Birkbeck is an award-winning investigative journalist and author of *Deconstructing Sammy, A Beautiful Child, and A Deadly Secret*. His work has appeared in the New York Times, Reader's Digest, Rolling Stone, People magazine, Boston magazine, and the Philadelphia Inquirer. •

Amazing book. Definitely a must read. I couldn't put it down.

I'm a NE PA native and was aware of the "Pittston Family, Medico and DeNaples. The area has a reputation for corruption that Birkbeck's book lays out for everyone to see. I was unaware of Bufalino's hold on the garment industry. I wonder how much "juice" the remnants of the family have today? The PA State Police did a good job of investigating. Unfortunately, few of the bad actors got any real jail time.

I live in Harrisburg, PA and have been to the Scranton area numerous times so many of the names and places in this book were very familiar....so interesting to learn of all the mob activity in places that I've lived so close to! And to actually recognize names from the Rendell administration was very interesting.

Compelling and fascinating ... especially having grown-up in Scranton and recognize places and names. The book helps put stories I'd heard in context. One statement by the author stays with me .. his suggestion that the mafia siphoned off much of the money from local economy to keep the area economically depressed. It was depressed for many years... It's parasitic.

good

Coming originally from NEPA, I was familiar with Russell Bufalino and many of the names in the book. I found it very informative. I gave it to someone not familiar with the area and the situation there and they found it difficult to follow and understand.

Much local history

pretty revealing. hardcore truth about people that have real power and what people will do for money....

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