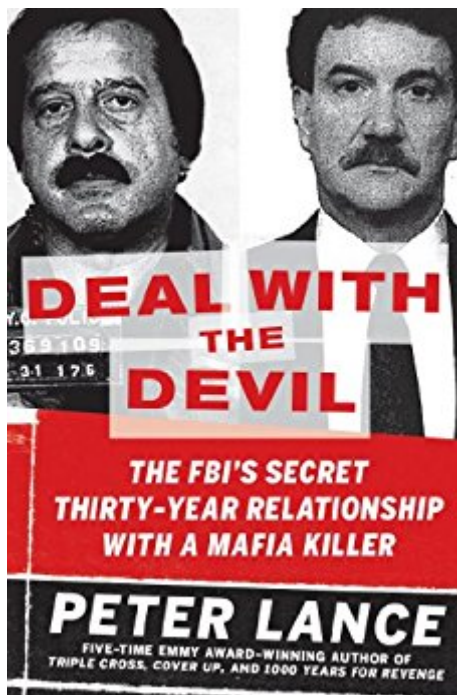




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Deal With The Devil: The FBI's Secret Thirty-Year Relationship With A Mafia Killer



Synopsis

In *Deal with the Devil*, five-time Emmy Award-winning investigative reporter Peter Lance draws on three decades of once-secret FBI files to tell the definitive story of Greg Scarpa Sr., a Mafia capo who "stopped counting" after fifty murders, while secretly betraying the Colombo crime family as a Top Echelon FBI informant. Lance traces Scarpa's shadowy relationship with the FBI all the way back to 1960, when his debriefings went straight to J. Edgar Hoover. In forty-two years of murder and racketeering, Scarpa served only thirty days in jail thanks to his secret relationship with the Feds. This is the untold story that will rewrite Mafia history as we know it—a page-turning work of journalism that reads like a Scorsese film. *Deal with the Devil* includes more than 130 illustrations, crime scene photos, and never-before-seen FBI documents.

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Customer Reviews

Unbelievable but it is true!!! Peter Lance is the ultimate investigative reporter. It tells the tale of a rogue FBI agent so intent on bringing down the whole mob that he looked the other way while Greg Scarpa literally went on a murder rampage imprisoning an innocent man for murder and framing a

good NYC police officer ruining his career and taking the poor mans retirement. It just goes to show how desperate the FBI is to make cases against low level gangsters while terrorists live amongst us and plot against all good christian Americans.

I rate this book highly because of the obvious amount of factual research not Peter Lance did for this book, and not being auspicious in his assessment of the FBI, as many journalists typically are. That being said, he basically wraps up a driving point throughout this entire book in the last paragraph: mafia murders deserve a second chance. As horrific as the FBI behaved decade after decade, that doesn't undercut the fact that any made member of the Mafia is either a murderer or a willing accomplice to murder. Vic Irena approved homicides, at the very least. Scarpa JR. was a flat out psychopathic killer who would be killing people to this day if he weren't locked up. Regardless of who influenced him to become a cold-blooded killer, he is still exactly that and deserves nothing but to be confined to prison for the remainder of his life.

This is an incredibly fabulous read with intricate detail which you wouldn't believe if it wasn't so well documented because you wouldn't want to believe that national security "stars" flunked just about any test of reliability. Our FBI under J. Edgar Hoover didn't fare as well as perceived decades ago, and the failures costs lives and dollars and credibility. For the author to have gone to the lengths he went to so accuracy was ensured speaks volumes and is evidenced in intricate detail. So much of the rumors about the five Mafia families were true because of foibles in our system and government. This should be made into a movie because people need to realize what actually happened so it never happens again in any way, shape or form. This is well written with over 80 pages of endnotes if you wish to verify anything; HarperCollins even went to extreme lengths to verify everything prior to publication. The word pictures are colorful, but even the black and white reprints of actual documents show a rainbow of false hope in our Federal Bureau of Investigation, and it could not have been documented more concisely or with the kind of lucidity that sparkles with pinpointed detail. I think one read is not enough; the information presented is complex, so it's easy to read, but maybe no one can truly understand the composition of overlapping authorities' power to fully comprehend what the challenges were or why they went unchallenged for so long. Greg Scarpa, Sr. is the Numero Uno main star with his role as a manipulative killer who quit counting the lives he's taken after 50, but he didn't mind taking regular payments from the FBI as he pleaded need for his tattle-tailing deception while misleading his FBI handler, Agent Lin De Vecchio, who was later indicted on providing confidential information to the Mafia resulting in four murders. With Scarpa Sr.

being successful in forcing death, preferably in a harsh way, why not let the government pay him to rat out his competition while he pretended he was being honest? It's tragic that Scarpa Sr. used the FBI to let him rise above La Cosa Nostra's extortion and crime as he got the FBI to do what he couldn't do alone; it's like Scarpa Sr. made DeVecchio his personal assistant in crime. Here's an excerpt from Deal with the Devil that gives you a clue: "today, as suspicion of governmental ethics and competence runs higher than ever, the fact that the FBI used such a known murderer as its secret weapon against what Lin DeVecchio calls 'the Mafia enemy' underscores the moral ambiguity that colors so much federal law enforcement in the United States." Moral ambiguity, huh? Ambiguity was much more than moral disconfiguration; the system was rotten to the core. Read DEAL WITH THE DEVIL and the wonder why; you'll already know how. ...

Very interesting account of the way one Mafia boss worked as an informer. Also interesting in that the FBI let him go on about his dirty business for years. A good read and hard to put it down.

One of the most informative & well documented books written about the unsavory, unethical & illegal relationship between a federal agent & a mafia killer. Add to that intentional misconduct by U.S. Attorneys & federal judges that suppresses evidence & you have a disturbing but insightful detail look at our failing criminal justice system and the misuse informants. Great book & must read.

Great book, very informative. If you're looking for a quick read, forget about it, this book is thorough and for good reason. A topic this controversial requires a long and meticulous explanation, an explanation your not going to get from the main street media.

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This book is hard to read, tome it is more a bbc.co out the crooked FBI than scraps I did not care for it

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