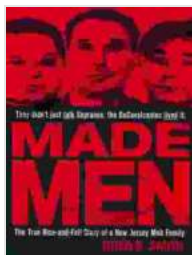


Made Men: Greg Smith, the Godfather of New Jersey's Largest Crime Family

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Smith was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1948. He grew up in a working-class family, and he dropped out of high school at the age of 16 to join the Lucchese family. Smith quickly proved to be a valuable member of the family, and he was soon promoted to the rank of caporegime. In 1986, he became the underboss of the family's New Jersey faction, and in 1991, he became the boss.

As the boss of the Lucchese family's New Jersey faction, Smith oversaw a vast criminal empire that included racketeering, extortion, and drug trafficking. He also ordered and oversaw several murders, including the 1991 murder of his own underboss, George Conte.

Smith's reign as boss of the Lucchese family's New Jersey faction came to an end in 1993, when he was arrested and charged with racketeering and murder. He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison, and he died in prison in 2017.

Smith's Rise to Power

Smith's rise to power in the Lucchese family was due in part to his ruthlessness and ambition. He was not afraid to use violence to achieve his goals, and he was always looking for new ways to expand his criminal empire.

Smith also had a knack for making connections with powerful people. He was close to several corrupt politicians and law enforcement officials, and he used these relationships to protect his criminal activities.

Smith's Criminal Activities

Smith's criminal activities were vast and varied. He oversaw a racketeering operation that extorted money from businesses throughout New Jersey. He also ran a drug trafficking operation that smuggled drugs into the United States from Canada and Mexico.

Smith was also responsible for several murders. In 1991, he ordered the murder of his own underboss, George Conte. Conte had been cooperating with the FBI, and Smith feared that he would be arrested and convicted.

Smith's Arrest and Conviction

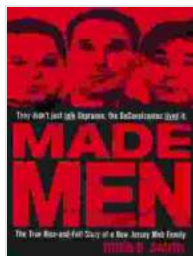
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Smith's Legacy

Smith's legacy is one of violence and greed. He was a ruthless gangster who used his power to enrich himself and his associates. He was also responsible for several murders, including the murder of his own underboss.

Smith's story is a cautionary tale about the dangers of organized crime. It shows how a life of crime can lead to violence, prison, and even death.

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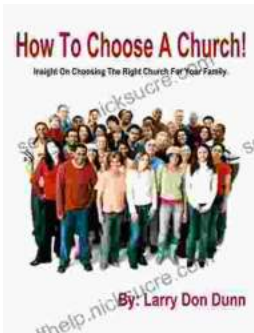
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