

# Mobsters, Gangs, Crooks, and Other Creeps: Volume 1 - New York City Mobsters and Gangs

New York City has a long and storied history of organized crime. From the early days of the Five Points Gang to the modern era, the city has been home to some of the most notorious gangsters, mobsters, and crooks in the world.



## Mobsters, Gangs, Crooks, and Other Creeps - Volume 3 – New York City (Mobsters, Gangs, Crooks and Other Creeps) by Joe Bruno

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In this fascinating book, author and historian Rick Porello takes readers on a journey through the criminal underworld of New York City. From the Bowery Boys to the Mafia, from the Purple Gang to the Westies, Porello tells the stories of the most colorful and dangerous criminals who have operated in the city.

Mobsters, Gangs, Crooks, and Other Creeps is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of organized crime in New York City. Porello's writing is engaging and informative, and his research is impeccable. This book is a valuable addition to the literature on the subject.

## **The Early Days of Organized Crime in New York City**

The history of organized crime in New York City dates back to the early 19th century. At that time, the city was a haven for immigrants from all over the world. Many of these immigrants were poor and uneducated, and they struggled to find work. As a result, they often turned to crime as a way to make a living.

One of the first organized crime gangs in New York City was the Five Points Gang. The gang was based in the Five Points neighborhood of Manhattan, which was one of the most dangerous slums in the city. The Five Points Gang was led by Paul Kelly, and it was known for its violence and brutality.

In the late 19th century, the Italian Mafia began to emerge as a major force in organized crime in New York City. The Mafia was a secret society that was based on family ties. Mafia members were known for their loyalty and their willingness to use violence to achieve their goals.

By the early 20th century, the Mafia had become the dominant force in organized crime in New York City. The Mafia controlled a wide range of criminal activities, including gambling, extortion, and racketeering.

## **The Modern Era of Organized Crime in New York City**

In the post-World War II era, organized crime in New York City underwent a number of changes. The Mafia remained a major force, but new gangs emerged to challenge its dominance.

One of the most notorious gangs to emerge in the post-war era was the Purple Gang. The Purple Gang was based in Brooklyn, and it was known for its violence and its involvement in bootlegging.

Another major gang that emerged in the post-war era was the Westies. The Westies were based in Hell's Kitchen, and they were known for their involvement in gambling, racketeering, and murder.

In recent years, organized crime in New York City has declined. However, the city remains home to a number of active gangs, including the Mafia, the Purple Gang, and the Westies.

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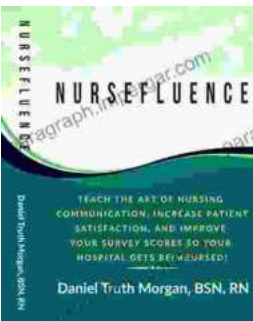
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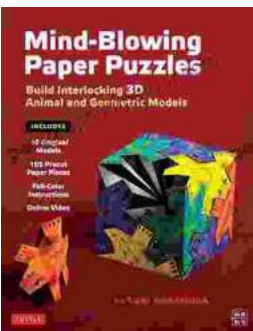


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