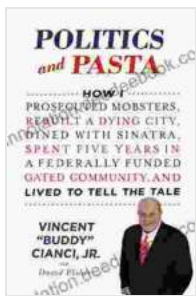


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In the early 1960s, the city of Atlantic City, New Jersey, was in a state of decline. The once-booming resort town had been hit hard by the rise of Las Vegas and other gambling destinations. The city's infrastructure was crumbling, and its economy was stagnant.

In 1964, a group of prosecuted mobsters led by Enoch "Nucky" Johnson decided to take over Atlantic City. Johnson and his associates had been convicted of racketeering and other crimes, but they were still powerful figures in the underworld.

Johnson and his crew set out to rebuild Atlantic City. They invested millions of dollars in new hotels, casinos, and other businesses. They also worked to improve the city's infrastructure and economy.

Within a few years, Atlantic City was once again a thriving resort town. The city's skyline was dominated by gleaming new casinos, and its streets were filled with tourists. Johnson and his associates had become the city's most powerful citizens.

But Johnson's reign in Atlantic City would not last. In 1973, he was convicted of extortion and sentenced to five years in prison. Johnson's associates were also convicted of various crimes, and the mob's grip on Atlantic City was broken.

After his release from prison, Johnson lived a quiet life in Atlantic City. He died in 1989 at the age of 84. Today, Johnson is remembered as a complex figure who both helped and hurt the city of Atlantic City.

The Mob's Investment in Atlantic City

The mob's investment in Atlantic City began in the early 1960s. Johnson and his associates saw the potential of the city as a gambling destination. They invested millions of dollars in new hotels, casinos, and other businesses.

One of the most important investments the mob made was the construction of the Tropicana Casino and Resort. The Tropicana was the first major casino to be built in Atlantic City since the 1920s. It was a huge success, and it helped to attract other casinos to the city.

The mob also invested in other businesses in Atlantic City, such as restaurants, nightclubs, and hotels. They also worked to improve the city's infrastructure and economy.

The mob's investment in Atlantic City had a significant impact on the city. It helped to create jobs, boost the economy, and improve the city's infrastructure. However, it also led to increased crime and corruption.

Johnson's Reign in Atlantic City

Johnson's reign in Atlantic City lasted for nearly a decade. During that time, he was the city's most powerful citizen. He controlled the casinos, the police, and the city government.

Johnson was a ruthless leader. He used violence and intimidation to maintain his control over the city. He also used his power to enrich himself and his associates.

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Johnson's Legacy

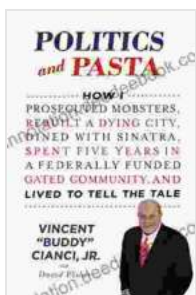
Johnson is a complex figure. He was both a criminal and a benefactor to the city of Atlantic City. He helped to rebuild the city and make it a thriving resort town. However, he also used his power to enrich himself and his associates, and he was responsible for increased crime and corruption in the city.

Johnson's legacy is still debated today. Some people believe that he was a corrupt criminal who should be condemned. Others believe that he was a complex figure who both helped and hurt the city of Atlantic City.

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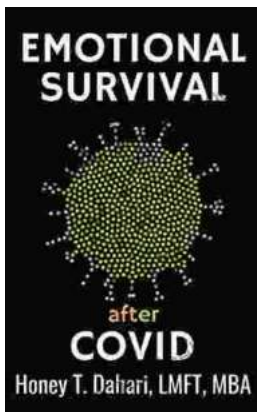
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