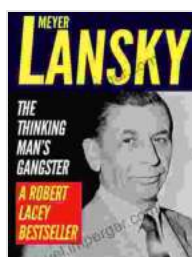


Meyer Lansky: The Thinking Man Gangster Who Masterminded Organized Crime



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Meyer Lansky was a Jewish mobster who was one of the most influential figures in organized crime in the United States. He was known as "The

Thinking Man Gangster" because of his intelligence and business acumen. Lansky was born in Grodno, Russia, in 1902. He immigrated to the United States with his family in 1911. Lansky's family settled in New York City, where he grew up in the Lower East Side. Lansky dropped out of school at a young age and began working as a runner for a local gambling operation. He quickly worked his way up the ranks of the organization and eventually became one of the top earners.

In the 1920s, Lansky became involved with the National Crime Syndicate, a consortium of organized crime families. Lansky was one of the syndicate's top leaders and helped to oversee its operations. He was also involved in the development of the Las Vegas Strip, which became a major center for gambling and organized crime.

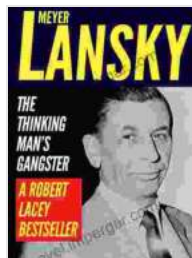
Lansky was a ruthless businessman, but he was also known for his intelligence and his ability to think strategically. He was a master of negotiation and was able to build relationships with people from all walks of life. Lansky was also a generous benefactor to Jewish charities, which made him a popular figure in the community.

In the 1950s, Lansky was indicted on federal charges of tax evasion. He was convicted and sentenced to prison. Lansky served several years in prison, but he was eventually released. He continued to live in New York City until his death in 1983.

Meyer Lansky was a complex and controversial figure. He was a ruthless criminal, but he was also a brilliant businessman. He was a master of negotiation and was able to build relationships with people from all walks of

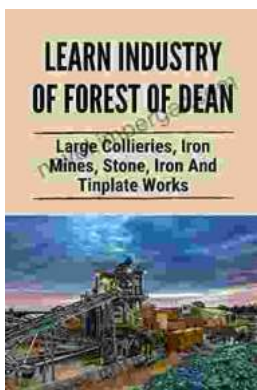
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Meyer Lansky's story is a fascinating one that provides a glimpse into the world of organized crime. His intelligence, business acumen, and ruthlessness made him one of the most influential figures in the history of organized crime.



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