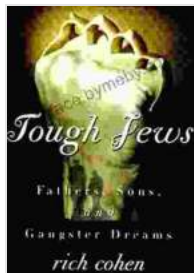


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In the early 20th century, Jewish gangsters were a major force in organized crime. They controlled gambling, prostitution, and racketeering in cities across the United States. These men were often ruthless and violent, but they also had a code of honor and a strong sense of family.

Tough Jews tells the story of three of these gangsters: Arnold Rothstein, Meyer Lansky, and Mickey Cohen. Rothstein was a brilliant gambler and businessman who was known as "The Brain." Lansky was a ruthless enforcer who helped to build the National Crime Syndicate. Cohen was a violent and unpredictable gangster who terrorized Los Angeles in the 1940s and 1950s.

Cohen's story is particularly compelling. He was born in Brooklyn in 1913 to a poor Jewish family. His father was a tailor and his mother was a

housewife. Cohen dropped out of school in the eighth grade and began working as a runner for a local bookmaker. He quickly rose through the ranks of the criminal underworld, and by the time he was in his early 20s, he was one of the most feared gangsters in Los Angeles.

Cohen was a complex and contradictory figure. He was a ruthless killer, but he also had a soft spot for his family and friends. He was a generous donor to Jewish charities, and he often helped out poor people in his neighborhood. Cohen was also a gifted boxer, and he once fought heavyweight champion Joe Louis to a draw.

Cohen's life came to a tragic end in 1961, when he was shot to death by a rival gangster. He was only 48 years old.

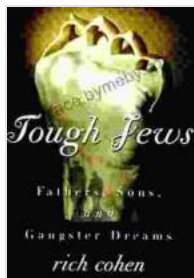
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