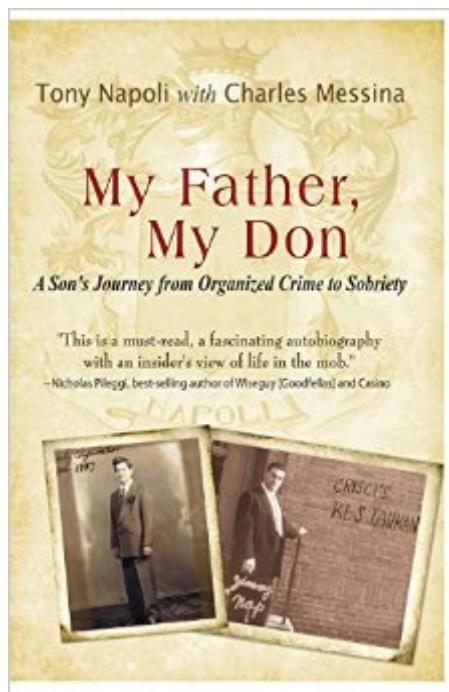


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My Father, My Don



Synopsis

Moving back and forth in time from the 1800s to the present day, *My Father, My Don: A Son's Journey from Organized Crime to Sobriety* tells the saga of the Napoli Family and takes its reader on a true-life journey, detailing one family's involvement in American organized crime. As told through the eyes of Anthony "Tony Nap" Napoli, the book follows the story of his father, James "Jimmy Nap" Napoli, who grew up in New York at the turn of the century and who ascended through the ranks of the Mafia to become one of the most powerful and respected mob bosses of all time. Jimmy Nap's career took him from street-level crime to an assassination attempt on Elliot Ness; from a relationship with Cuban strongman Fulgencio Batista to becoming a Mob Kingpin who ruled over the largest gambling empire in America for almost 40 years. Jimmy Nap's sphere of influence extended to many businesses and industries, including professional boxing, casinos, and entertainment.

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Customer Reviews

As a former member of the Patriarca Family turned author, I can relate to *My father, My Don*. Tony Napoli introduces the reader to a world many could never understand. Born to mob royalty, Tony battles the demons from the past sins of his father and into his own life. He describes his early days as a boxer, casino boss, and everything else that comes with the territory. While Tony's struggles may seem overwhelming, he manages to overcome most of his vices. A true success story. Highly recommended..

Well written and keeps the reader wanting for more will definitely be a Motion Picture or into a TV Series. This is a real Mob story about a Bond between a Father and Son in the Mob life and how the Son finds Sobriety after his Father who was a boss in the Mob dies of natural causes. The Bond becomes stronger than Omerta the oath taken by members of Organized Crime Families and how the author Tony Nap Napoli praises his Mother for being the backbone of the immediate family while his father took care of his crew in the streets and his mother took care of her crew the children in the household. An autographed copy can be purchased at [...]

This is a very informative and entertaining read. Mr. Napoli provides candid personal insights into the life of a mobster and an alcohol abuser. The fact that he survived it all is truly amazing. A must read for any organized crime buff.

My Father My Don is one of the most amazing books I have ever read. It is full of love laughter and of story of truth, passion and outstanding service to others. The story is better than fiction, it's better than a fairytale because it's real, it is about a father who loves like no other and A husband who's commitment to his family outweighs all... it is about life.

Excellent book. Would have liked more personal family included in the story. In other words, a little more "My Father" in My Father, My Don, would make it even more real.

It was my privilege to read the exciting story of Tony Napoli called My Father, My Don. This book offers all the mystique and intrigue of the Godfather, with the significant difference that Tony Napoli's story is true. This book tells the story of a man who took life by the throat and shook the life out of it. All along the way, he was learning of the misdirection of his life, while he comes to see the need of change in his life. It is a sharp edged and in- your-face story that will keep you reading to the end. As a result of my reading of this intense story, I was able to conduct an interview with Tony Napoli which found very personal and probing questions illicit the most interesting responses. You can read the interview at: [...] Read this interview and I am sure you'll want to get a copy of My Father, My Don. You will also find an excerpt of this great book and a book review. I think all this material will indeed show you a great book that is worth investing your time in. Steven Clark Bradley Author of Nimrod Rising, Stillborn, Probable Cause & Patriot Acts

One of the best books that touches on the life that I have read. Yes, it deals with a father and son and their individual travails down one of the only roads open to Italians in the early 20th century (without being relegated to blue-color, second-class citizens), but it also delves into richer meat. Battles with alcoholism, an undying love, boxing, family, all wrapped around a love-hate relationship whose overarching and supreme theme can only be a son's admiration and utmost respect for his father and the desire for that father to express pride and accompanying respect with his son. These are the morsels of life, the things that give our own stories their unique flavors... and this is why this book resounds so well with its reader. My favorite chapter is entitled 'Laura' and chronicles the whirlwind courtship of TN and his soulmate. The best part, to me at least, comes at the end of the chapter... but I'll leave that for you to discover. The story has humor, directness, and resonates with a voice that is quickly dying on the streets of New York. A must read.

Tony Napoli has written a very readable, brutally honest, often gritty story of his life. At various points in his life, "Tony Nap" was a boxer and cassino owner. His involvement in organized crime was influenced by his father, James, "Jimmy Nap," mob kingpin and Genovese Family capo, and as a result, Tony also added to his list of jobs that of hustler and enforcer. Despite his father's career in crime, Tony and his father shared a deep love and respect for each other. The ups and downs of their relationship are reoccurring themes throughout a large part of the book. Another theme is that of Tony's redemption in the face of the many odds against him. At the end of the book, you may not like Tony because of his past, but you will have respect for him by understanding how easily he could have given up and given his life over to the dark side.

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