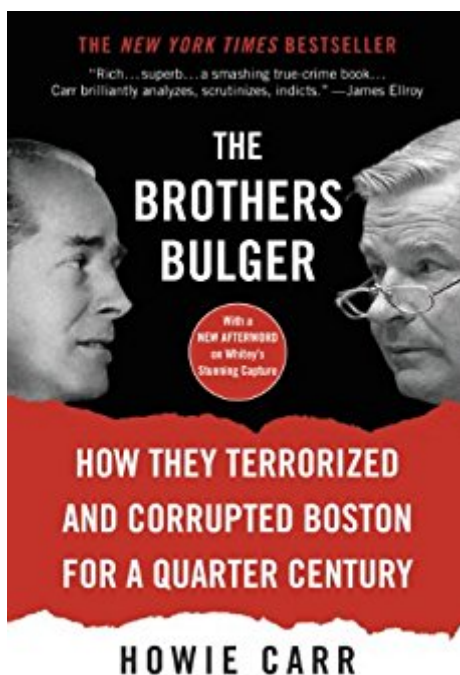


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The Brothers Bulger: How They Terrorized And Corrupted Boston For A Quarter Century



Synopsis

The riveting New York Times bestseller by award-winning columnist Howie Carr--now with a stunning new afterword detailing Whitey Bulger's capture. For years their familiar story was of two siblings who took different paths out of South Boston: William "Billy" Bulger, former president of the Massachusetts State Senate; and his brother James "Whitey" Bulger, a vicious criminal who became the FBI's second most-wanted man after Osama Bin Laden. While Billy cavorted with the state's blue bloods to become a powerful political force, Whitey blazed a murderous trail to the top rung of organized crime. Now, in this compelling narrative, Carr uncovers a sinister world of FBI turncoats, alliances between various branches of organized crime, St. Patrick's Day shenanigans, political infighting, and the complex relationship between two brothers who were at one time kings. As the film *Black Mass*, starring Johnny Depp as Whitey Bulger, hits theaters, take a deeper dive into the story of the Bulgers, and their fifty-year reign over Boston with Howie Carr's *THE BROTHERS BULGER*.

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Customer Reviews

Many hours can be spent scouring all sorts of documents in order to gain the same amount of information Howie Carr presents in his book. Howie has gathered and distilled all his knowledge on

the subject into this handy tome. Anyone moving to Massachusetts and in need to catch up on the seedy past of this Commonwealth need not go too far. And if that someone is still willing to move to Massachusetts even after reading this book, then he or she will be ready to strike up a conversation with any of the locals and fit right in. Regular listeners of the Howie Carr Show will delight in the amount of detail Howie goes into. Over the years, Howie has told many a crime tale but the book goes way beyond what he can cram into 15-minute segments. A fine read, but also an abridged encyclopaedia of crime in its own right.

Howie Carr has written a tell all book about the chronic corruption taking place in Massachusetts. I have to agree with one of the previous reviewers with regards to the FBI. They don't want to capture Whitey. He can probably put the whole FBI in prison. The only hero in this book is Keating who had the guts to stand up to Billy Bulger. I stay awake at night, thinking about the State cop who committed suicide after Billy Bulger ruined his life for doing his job. After reading this book and all the others about corruption, I hope Whitey, Billy, Kevin Weeks, and Johnny Martorano rot in hell for eternity. A great read

Carr gives a whirlwind view of Boston gangsters and politics and shows how the likes of H. Paul Rico and John "Zip" Connolly helped Whitey Bulger, and the "everything is a deal, no deal too small" political climate served Billy well. From murdering girlfriends who knew too much to hobnobbing with the likes of Kennedy and Kerry at that annual St. Patrick's Day breakfast, the Brothers Bulger got away with murder and corruption. A few amusing anecdotes, like how Gerry Anguilo, upon being informed that a fellow gangster was dead, shouted, "He can't be dead! He owes me \$30,000!!" Can't make up stuff like that. Fans of Carr's column and radio show should be delighted. He has more photos and information at his various websites.

People reviewing this book seem to think Billy Bulger is not corrupt and this book slanders him. Uh huh.....Just a few things regarding that slime.. the fact that he took at least 1 phone call that we know of from his killer brother after he was on the lam, he invoked the 5th at the committee assembled to try to get info, he has said he was disinclined to cooperate with authorities and would never be "helpful to anyone against him."...William Bulger has no more right than any other American to defy a Congressional subpoena. Further, as someone who holds a position of public responsibility -- indeed, one who has profited from public positions for most of his adult life -- he has a duty to uphold due process and respond to whatever demands it makes on him. Also the states

biggest crime figure was one brother, and the other ran the state. And it gets better. The gang had a club house. The house was next door, not down the street, or near, but right next to.....Massachusetts Senate leader Billy Bulgers house..tell me he knew NOTHING about what these people were involved with. RIIIGHT. Don't get me started on his obgoing lawsuits where he has been trying to sweeten his annual six-figure pension by \$32,000His second brother jackie lied to grand juries investigating his fugitive brother and lost his pension as a court clerk because of it. Now ONE brother is involved with the fugitive and has taken his phone calls but the other brother has not? No freakingw ay..the whole family stinks to high heaven and they all should share a cell together, but that sadly will never happen. I really dont think the FBI wants to catch Whitey because they do not want him to air all their dirty laundry..if he is prosecuted he may say things that will shake the FBI to their foundations..and that will never do.

If you grew up in South Boston this is "Inside Baseball" and a lot of it will be very familiar, with Carr filling in the details and motives. A real page turner outlining the back stabbing treachery employed by both of South Boston's infamous son's as they followed their dual paths to the top. If Whitey hadn't killed 19 people (and probably way more than that)the question of "Who is more treacherous - Whitey or Billy?" might be more of a jump ball. But treacherous or not Billy was loyal to South Boston and lots of people wouldn't have decent jobs to support their families if it wasn't for him. Patronage is not a new component of political life, Billy just perfected it to an art form. This book also seems to be a more accurate portrayal of what actually happened than the hubris and revisionist history that seems to be prevalent in a lot of auto-biographical gangster books. But note to Howie Carr: South Boston High is on G Street, not H Street. Also there are places in the book where you seem to deliberately omit names, opting instead for a general description of the speaker or source etc... Why? The theory that Whitey is gay and used to be a male hustler in the Back Bay seems hard to believe and I wonder if Howie is just busting Billy's stones but who knows? Some of the facts in this book are stranger than fiction so I guess anything is possible. Read the book. It's very good.

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