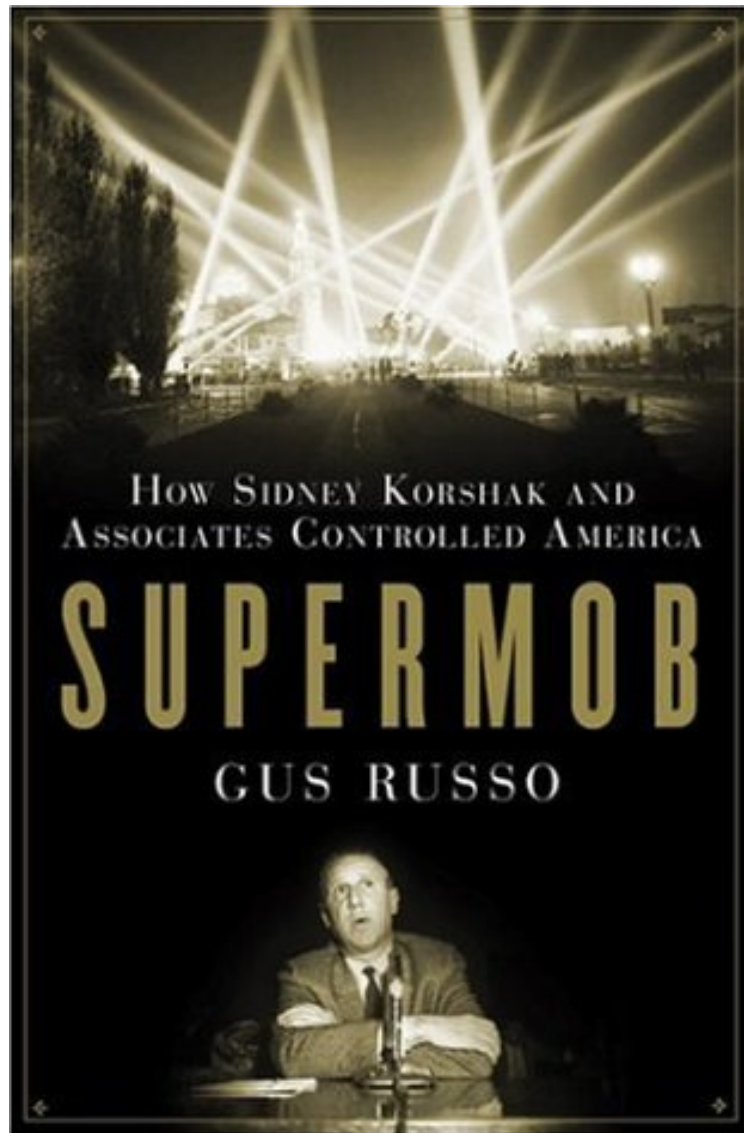


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely superbBy JoeGus Russo's Supermob is a meticulously

researched, well-crafted piece of non-fiction that fascinatingly binds together history, politics, show business, and modern business banking schemes with the Outfit, the Chicago mob that drew indelible images on American culture as we know it. Russo centers his book around Sidney Korshak, the "Fixer," the man who could settle any dispute because you didn't want to become indebted to those he represented. Korshak, known by absolutely anyone of note in Hollywood, Las Vegas, Chicago and Washington, D.C., was the primary union boss for all intents and purposes for every union there was, as all were controlled by the Mob in mid-twentieth century America. Korshak was also the life-long best friend of MCA head Lew Wasserman, the last mogul, the man who virtually ran show business. And Wasserman was a life-long friend of Ronald Reagan. (Enough said.) Las Vegas, started by the Chicago Outfit, was basically two things to the mob: unions and the illegal skim from the casinos. Korshak oversaw it all. Korshak was probably the shrewdest man who ever lived. He knew how to get things done in his world, but he was also smart enough to know that his life would go a lot smoother if he kept in the background, as anonymous as he could make himself. A lawyer who never kept notes who was on the phone if not having a meeting with someone. Even Hollywood protected him. When at a party, if someone innocently took a picture that contained even part of him in the background, that person would be met with a chorus of "You can't take a picture of Sidney's. There was not a star of any note who didn't know him. Those who didn't, certainly knew of him. Korshak's wide frame of reference also made him virtually untouchable to Federal authorities. All inquiries into his business dealings by government agencies were spiked when reviewed in Washington. How do you go after someone who knows where all the bodies are buried, both literally and figuratively? Russo's investigative research here is extremely deep. There are so many players involved it's hard to keep them straight. To me, more pictures would have helped. And this book is not running some kind of anti-Jewish bias as some like The New York Times have contended. Such claims are ridiculous. Reviews like that go in with their own agenda, written before the book is even read. Russo presents the facts as he finds them, giving no group any kind of pass or blame that begins or ends with their ethnicity. It's a competitive world. And these people banded together to increase their odds of success in it. But as Balzac said and Russo quotes "Behind every great fortune is a crime." Gus Russo's Supermob is full of them: great fortunes and great crimes. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A really impressive GANG, and smooth as silk. By bill h. T This is one of the few books that I have read twice. I read it a few years back in hardback and could not get it out of my mind. I bought it on Kindle, and reread it carefully, and it reads like a novel, and it is not. The power of the Supermob and its affect on our country and our system of government is unbelievable, and how they fix everything they want the way they want, all the way up to selecting and electing the President of the US. Sidney Korshak and his co-harts really do run the country, and take large sums of money illegally, and give back less large sums to charity, and are held forth as philanthropists, when in essence they steal and con and give some back, and even Attorney General Kennedy would not touch them, as they were in ways connected to his father, and they were useful in supplying 'entertainment' for Bobby and Jack Kennedy. Wow, what a group, and the book can only be bought used, and the asking price is 198.00. We have Chicago, General Dynamics, Hollywood, Las Vegas, and worlds of continuing corruption, thanks to Supermob, and they are smooth, and very talented. They do control the country. An unbelievable read, and not fiction. Fear not the mafia, fear the Supermob. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great book. But does edit their Ebooks? Shame on you! By ruger4 This was a well researched, in depth, complete facts book. I cannot imagine the hours spent just in the research to this book. I would have given this 5 stars but the lack of editing was atrocious. When I pay over 9 bucks for a book that I do not even own I expect to not have to decipher. Very disappointed in that respect. But that does not take away from the outstanding piece of work that Gus Russo put out. I hesitated in getting this book because I figured it would be a rehash of things made public. I was not even sure I knew who Sidney Korshak was. I do certainly know now. And it was also fact filled on things I did not know of others either. Now I know why and how certain people made their careers and money. Even with the poor job by 's people it did not take away that this is a great book.

Investigative reporter Gus Russo returns with his most explosive book yet, the remarkable story of the "Supermob" a cadre of men who, over the course of decades, secretly influenced nearly every aspect of American society. Presenting startling, never-before-seen revelations about such famous members as Jules Stein, Joe Glaser, Ronald Reagan, Lew Wasserman, David Bazelon, and John Jacob Factoras well as infamous, scrupulously low-profile members Russo pulls the lid off of a half-century of criminal infiltration into American business, politics, and society. At the heart of it all is Sidney "The Fixer" Korshak, who from the 1940's until his death in the 1990s, was not only the most powerful lawyer in the world, according to the FBI, but the enigmatic player behind countless 20th century power mergers, political deals, and organized crime chicaneries. As the underworld's primary link to the corporate upperworld, Korshak's backroom dominance and talent for anonymity will likely never be equaled. And as Supermob proves, neither will his story

From Publishers Weekly Veteran investigative author and organized crime expert Russo's magnum opus is a compelling look at one of the last century's major power players: Sidney Korshak, a "sphinxlike operator" who, despite pulling the strings of politics and industry, remained invisible to the general public. With great detail (some of

it extraneous), Russo traces the amazing course of Korshak's life from his childhood on Chicago's Jewish West Side to his role as a mouthpiece for the Windy City's Mafia leaders and, eventually, as a major league fixer who brokered labor truces and other deals for politicians and Hollywood moguls (Korshak died, aged 87, in 1996). The list of his clients and associates reads like a who's who of the last 50 years, including Ronald Reagan, MCA president Lew Wasserman, hotelier Conrad Hilton and cosmetics king Max Factor. Russo's extensive research is amply evident, and he has made use of recently disclosed records to paint a fuller picture than predecessors such as Seymour Hersh and Brian Ross were able to. His conclusions about Reagan such as that he sold out the actor's union in particular are likely to create controversy, although similar ones were drawn in Dan Moldea's *Dark Victory* 20 years ago. This worthy addition to the genre is marred only by some sensational claims concerning Reagan that lack adequate documentation. Bw photos. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Russo is the acclaimed author of three previous books on organized crime, including *The Outfit: The Role of Chicago's Underworld in the Shaping of Modern America* (2002). This thoroughly researched investigative report profiles the hidden power brokers behind the Mob's dominance of Chicago and Los Angeles throughout the second half of the twentieth century. Most notable is Sidney Korshak, known as "the Fixer," who was called the most powerful lawyer in the world by the FBI. A force behind the careers of numerous celebrities, and with connections to politicians from Henry Kissinger to Ronald Reagan, Korshak brokered some of the largest and shadiest deals in Hollywood from his private table at the Bistro restaurant in Beverly Hills. As point man for the Mob, he oversaw land grabs from interned Japanese Americans during World War II, helped create the casino monopolies in Las Vegas, and facilitated Mob domination of the film and music industries. With a colorful cast of characters and more clandestine activity than a spy thriller, the book delivers some of the juiciest Hollywood details unearthed yet. David Siegfried Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Russo knows when a story matters, is relentless in pursuing it, and he delivers. Anthony Summers, author, *The Arrogance of Power: The Secret World of Richard Nixon* Truth lives in the shadows of history, and Gus Russo takes us into those shadows with his fascinating and frightening book *SUPERMOB*. James Grady, investigative reporter for *Jack Anderson* and novelist (*Six Days of the Condor*) Gus Russo, through some remarkable investigative journalism, has uncovered a dark side American history... a riveting book. Highly recommended. Vincent Bugliosi, former Los Angeles County lead prosecutor, and author of *Helter Skelter*... exhaustive and compelling addition to the canon of seminal books on Organized Crime in America. Philip Manuel, former Chief Investigator, US Senate, Subcommittee on Investigations and Member of the President's Commission on Organized Crime *Supermob* confirms what we in law enforcement have long known, but were prevented from pursuing: the longstanding relationship between the mob and 'legitimate' politicians and corporate leaders. This is a must-read for the average citizen who wants to know how organized crime has really impacted their lives. Gus Russo has written perhaps the the most long-overdue book on crime in American society. Robert Fuesel, former Special Agent IRS Organized Crime Division, and former Executive Director of the Chicago Crime Commission Nearly all of us who have written about the underworld's penetration of legitimate institutions have given considerable thought to authoring a book about Sidney Korshak. However, it took the courageous Gus Russo, with his ground-breaking research and his fabulous rock 'n roll writing style, to accomplish that landmark feat. Simply speaking, Russo's *Supermob* is a grand-slam home run. Dan E. Moldea, author of *Dark Victory: Ronald Reagan, MCA and the Mob* *Supermob* is super, and required reading for any student of the fine art of influence peddling. Dennis McDougal, author of *The Last Mogul: Lew Wasserman, MCA, and the Hidden History of Hollywood* very original and very important. Burton Hersh, Fulbright Scholar, and author of *The Old Boys*, and *The Mellon Family* No political history of our era will be complete without referencing *Supermob*. Laurence Leamer, author of *The Kennedy Men* and *Fantastic: The Life of Arnold Schwarzenegger* Russo's chilling portrait of *Supermob* lawyer Sidney Korshak is his finest work in a brilliant career. Richard J. Whalen, former Senior Editor of the *Wall Street Journal* and *Fortune*, author of *The Founding Father: The Story of Joseph P. Kennedy* There are plenty of revelations in this absorbing book. Kirkus reviews Veteran investigative author and organized crime expert Russo's magnum opus is a compelling look at one of the last century's major power players. A worthy addition to the genre. Publishers Weekly