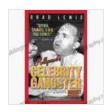
# Hollywood Celebrity Gangster: The Incredible Life and Times of Mickey Cohen

Prepare to be captivated by the thrilling tale of Mickey Cohen, a notorious gangster who ascended to the pinnacle of Hollywood's underworld while hobnobbing with the silver screen's biggest stars.



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#### **Ascension in the Criminal Underworld**

Michael "Mickey" Cohen was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1913. As a young man, he gained a reputation for his ruthless efficiency and unwavering loyalty. In the 1930s, Cohen moved to Los Angeles, where he quickly established himself as a rising star in the organized crime scene, partnering with legendary mobsters Meyer Lansky and Bugsy Siegel.

Cohen's empire extended far beyond the typical rackets of gambling and extortion. He diversified his operations, investing in legitimate businesses

and exploiting connections in the entertainment industry. From boxing to horse racing, Cohen's influence reached the highest echelons of Los Angeles society.



### **Glamorous Nights and Dangerous Liaisons**

As Cohen's power grew, so did his fascination with the glamorous world of Hollywood. He formed friendships with celebrities, including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Marilyn Monroe. Cohen's involvement in the

entertainment industry extended beyond social connections, as he invested in several movies and nightclubs.

However, Cohen's high-profile lifestyle came with risks. He became a target of law enforcement and rival gangs. In 1949, he was brutally attacked and left for dead by the notorious Dragna Family.

#### **Brushes with the Law and Demise**

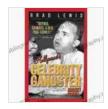
Despite his reputation as a feared gangster, Cohen also had a complex and charismatic personality. He was known for his sharp wit and sense of humor, endearing him to some while striking fear into the hearts of others.

However, Cohen's luck eventually ran out. In 1951, he was convicted of tax evasion and sentenced to five years in prison. His conviction stemmed from his illicit activities, including illegal gambling operations and tax fraud.

After his release from prison, Cohen continued to operate in the shadows but faced increasing pressure from law enforcement. In 1961, he was again convicted of tax evasion and sentenced to 15 years in prison. This time, there was no escape. Mickey Cohen died in prison in 1976, an enigmatic figure whose life of crime and celebrity left an indelible mark on the annals of Hollywood history.

Mickey Cohen's life was a whirlwind of violence, glamour, and deception. From his humble beginnings as a streetwise Brooklyn kid to his reign over Hollywood's criminal underworld, Cohen left an enduring legacy. His story serves as a cautionary tale about the allure of power and the perils of living a life outside the law.

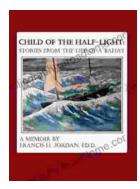
In "Hollywood Celebrity Gangster," you'll uncover the untold truths about Mickey Cohen's extraordinary life and times. You'll witness his rise to power, his brushes with the law, and his enigmatic end. It's a captivating read that will leave you spellbound.



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