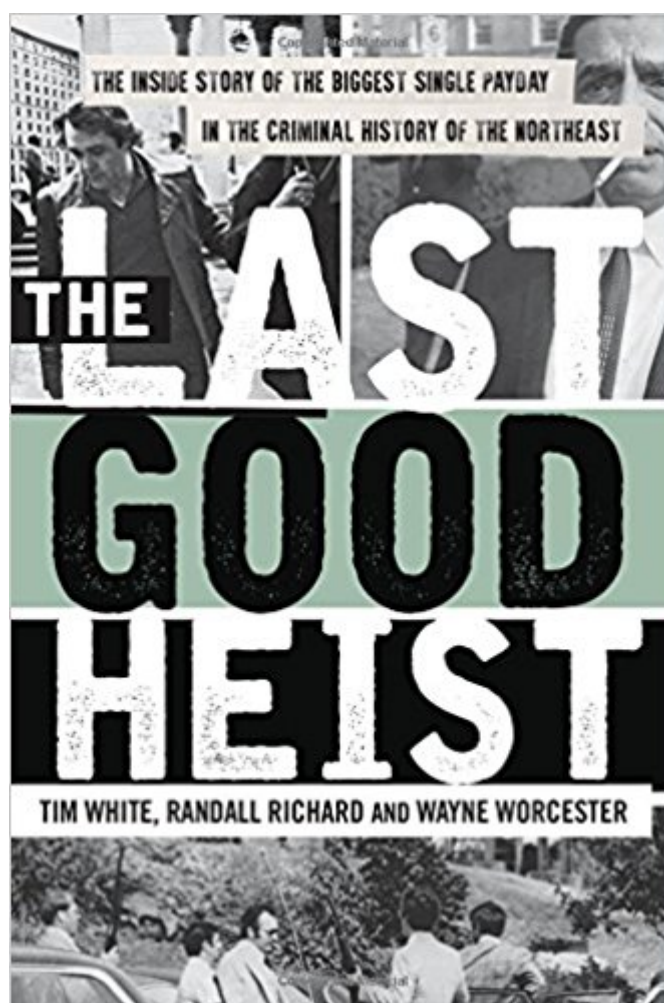


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The Last Good Heist: The Inside Story Of The Biggest Single Payday In The Criminal History Of The Northeast



Synopsis

On Aug. 14, 1975, eight daring thieves ransacked 148 massive safe-deposit boxes at a secret bank used by organized crime, La Cosa Nostra, and its associates in Providence, R.I. The crooks fled with duffle bags crammed full of cash, gold, silver, stamps, coins, jewels and high-end jewelry. The true value of the loot has always been kept secret, partly because it was ill-gotten to begin with, and partly because there was plenty of incentive to keep its true worth out of the limelight. It's one thing for authorities to admit they didn't find a trace of goods worth from \$3 million to \$4 million, and entirely another when what was at stake was more accurately valued at about \$30 million, the equivalent of \$120 million today. It was the biggest single payday in the criminal history of the Northeast. Nobody came close, not the infamous James "Whitey" Bulger, not John "The Dapper Don" Gotti, not even the Brinks or Wells Fargo robbers. The heist was bold enough and big enough to rock the underworld to its core, and it left La Cosa Nostra in the region awash in turmoil that still reverberates more than forty years later. Last Good Heist is the inside story of the robbery and its aftermath.

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"Raymond Patriarca - a mob boss more frightening and more powerful than Whitey Bulger on his best day. I thought I knew all there was to know about this major player in organized crime history

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 •Mike Stanton, bestselling author of *â œThe Prince of Providence: The True Story of Buddy Cianci, America's Most Notorious Mayor, Some Wiseguys and the Feds*.

 "The authors offer a richly detailed account of the robbery itself, the criminal and personal histories of the men who pulled it off, and the stupid mistakes and the investigative tactics that eventually brought some, but not all of them, to justice."
 •Bruce DeSilva, former Providence journalist and Edgar Award-winning author of the Mulligan crime novels

Little Rhode Island has its share of characters, and this book collects a subset of career criminals, mobsters, and law enforcement types into a real page turner. Real as in suspenseful, but also real as in ... real. These guys inhabited the RI of my childhood and adolescence - on the corners, in the social clubs, and now and then on the front page of the Providence Journal. A great re-telling of the legendary Bonded Vault robbery! Recommended for anyone that loves RI, or anyone that enjoys a true crime novel with real characters.

Very well constructed book. A real page turner!

As usual the reviews of this book like most on are total b.s. even this guy's mother wouldn't give this book 5 stars! Not even a good book let alone great. Reasonably well written but a boring story.

This was a real page turner. Nice job by the authors with providing the "back story" of the various participants. And, nice follow-up of the events that occurred after the heist.

Because I grew up in East Providence and was familiar with many of the people and places in this book I really enjoyed it. My dad worked for the Providence Journal and I remember that news room very well. It was an eye opening stroll down memory lane. It is incredible what goes on right before us and yet we never notice.

My husband liked it.

It was a treat reading a story involving people I know and work with. Providence is a fascinating place. Even the dirty underbelly.

great book brought back memories

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