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Without repeating what other reviewers have covered, the following are the areas in which I learned the most from the book.


2) The economics of organized crime. The end of Prohibition created a major economic problem, similar to that faced by any large business structure which loses significant market share, except that downsizing by layoffs present a major challenge when disgruntled employees can do more than file for unemployment compensation.

3) The structure and practice of labor racketeering as practiced by Nitti's Outfit, far-ranging into Hollywood unions, among others, including shakedowns of the major film studios.

If Al Capone contended that he only provided a service people wanted to buy, Nitti's Outfit imposed a tax on unwilling union members and consumers, as the Outfit learned quickly to take advantage of the Wagner Labor Relations Act, turning procedures designed to protect union
members from their bosses into tools of corruption that took the government many years to learn to counterbalance.

Finally, corruption and tax investigations closed in on the Outfit, Nitti essentially faced a rebellion by his closest subordinates and was told to "take the heat" as Al Capone had. The next day, age 57, Nitti committed suicide.

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