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The Starlight Club (Starlight Club Series Book 1)



Synopsis

The Starlight Club-A World Full Of Movie Stars, Gentlemen and Killers..."..He draped the kid's legs carefully over the curb, got back into the car, put it into gear, and slowly pulled forward until the car bounced once, then a second time. Trenchie could feel the crunch of bone against rubber, of joints separating, of tendons stretching and snapping, legs turning to mush..."Welcome to the mob world, a world where cold-hearted killers treat murder as if it's "just business" but at the same time, women are treated like ladies.Meet Trenchie, who is just released from his ten year prison sentence for manslaughter. A new life is waiting â " complete with envelopes of money and a steak house to call his own. Everything And hit man "Jimmy The Hat", who finds unexpected fame in the most unlikely of places, yet he always stays true to "the boysâ •, especially Big Red. â œCrazy Joey Galloâ • and his brothers break away from the Profaci family and go rogue, on their own now. Just remember: don't mess with "the boys". It could be hazardous to your health. "The Colt 45 caliber bullet did its deed, taking with it a sizable portion of brain, forming a pink mist, mixed with bone and grey matter." It is real. It is true. I should know.Set in 1960's, this tale of NYC mobsters will have you captivated from start to finish. Based on true events. Buy "The Starlight Club" today and get a chance to go back in time and experience what it's like to be a mobster in 1960's New York and hang with "the boys".

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Customer Reviews

Fans of Mafia stories will have a free-for-all with "The Starlight Club" by Joe Corso: plenty of capos, consiglieris, and made men; bruisers and tough guys willing to rescue maidens in distress; cosa nostra family feuds. It's all here, unwound in excruciating detail. While providing important insight into the complicated relationships among the key characters, the backstory unfortunately yanks the action to a near-standstill, and long explanations by characters keep the novel from being the fast-paced, tightly plotted book it might otherwise be. Ignore if you can the haphazard paragraphing and misspellings (most noticeable: the plural of "Gallo" is spelled "Gallo's") and grant this new writer some slack when it comes to giving us more "tell" than "show" and a scattered point of view. If you can do that, the wayward adventures of Trenchie, Crazy Joe, Jimmy The Hat, Big Red, Johnny Eight Fingers and others -- cold hearted killers for whom murder was "just business" but women were treated like "ladies" -- make for an entertaining enough romp through gang wars of the early 1960s.

it was one of the best mob book i read. i was up middle of night with my kindle. this book should be made into amovies. joe corso six*****. keep them coming

An elderly Bobby Valentine returns to the Starlight Club with his daughter in the present in a prologue to this excellent saga. Trenchie gets out of prison and returns to his roots in the Queens and the Italian mafia way of life. Things have changed in the past ten years. He saves a girl from a beating and befriends her. Other interesting characters accumulate, Jimmy the Hat, Big Red, and Yip along with other Italians with names sounding like real gangsters. Murders and revenge killings abound. Jimmy the Hat goes to Hollywood and gets signed for a major movie. Red moves up the ranks, replacing Yip, who is murdered by another family. A gang war ensues, and is settled. All the while, the unique ethics of these mobsters entice you to like them. One of the characters becomes a hero. You must read this riveting book to find out whom.

Reviewed by Alice D. for Readers Favorite Elderly Bobby Valentine has his daughter drive him back into the Spanish section of Queens. They park and eat lunch at a cafe which features Italian food

and Bobby remembers when a long ago time this cafe was the Starlight Club where Mafia "made" Yip and Red were the owners and ran their illegal businesses out of back private rooms. Yip and Red take really good care of their loyal followers, rewarding Trenchie for his unjust ten years in prison with a restaurant of his own, even letting the young meat deliverer, Bobby Valentine, place discreet bets while they lent him money that he needed for his family. Colorful unforgettable characters pass through these pages like Jimmy the Hat, a handsome hitman who actually succeeds as a movie star. Violence is the norm with rival Mafia organizations like the Gallos and the Profacis looking to move in on Yip's territory. Those were the days."The Starlight Club" is an enjoyable, well-written and well-edited book that tells accurately how, decades ago, the Italian Mafia were kings, with connections in politics, police and even Hollywood. Character portrayal is first-rate and the reader will come to appreciate, if not love, Yip, Red, Trenchie, Joey Gallo and the many other "wise guys". Author Joe Corso has created a memorable look into a world long gone as the streets of our country now see not just the Mafia but gangs from countries all over the world. The Prologue and Epilogue with Bobby Valentine looking back on his life as a young man are effective in telling the story. Finally, the plot moves smoothly, if rather violently, to its conclusion making "The Starlight Club" a must read for mystery and Mafia history lovers everywhere.

This was a good read about the Mafia...some good guys and some not so good. It was set in Chicago with all the names of the famous and infamous Mafia. The story line was an old one with the gangs at war and who would be killed next and fights over territory. The movies got an exMafia man since he was so good looking and a smooth operator. The "Starlight Club" was a major hangout and not far from the police station...and you guessed it!! The cops were on the take! I felt it was a well written novel with believable characters. Trenchie who had just gotten out of prison and came to assist a lady in distress was my favorite character. He was emotionally dead after his prison term and learned to be alive again and got married. I actually stayed up all night reading the book on my Kindle and most unlikely for me to read a 'mob' story. I got my book from and downloaded onto my Kindle. It is a most enjoyable read!!!

Bobby Valentine used to deliver meat to The Starlight Club a place where deals are made and hits are ordered. As he reminisces he shares his memories with his daughter. The time was the 1960s when the mobs ruled the streets and the police. A time of nicknames as no one used their real names Trenchie, Red, Frankie the Cop, Jimmie the Hat and so many more. A story like no other as it swirls around Trenchie. He has just been released from prison serving ten years for a

murder he didn't commit to protect his boss Yip. Trenchie is ready to step back into the role he had before of protecting the mob family around him. Then he meets Mary..Intense, captivating and intriguing can't begin to describe this amazing story. With a writing style similar to Mickey Spillane I couldn't help but fall in love with the writing of Joe Corso. He writes with a flair that draws his readers in and whisks them back to the 1960's mob scene a page-turner that you'll never want to leave. Not only is the main story amazing but even the underlying tale is superb. From excellent characters, rich and powerful storyline this tale has it all. As great as "The Starlight Club" is I can't wait to read more!

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