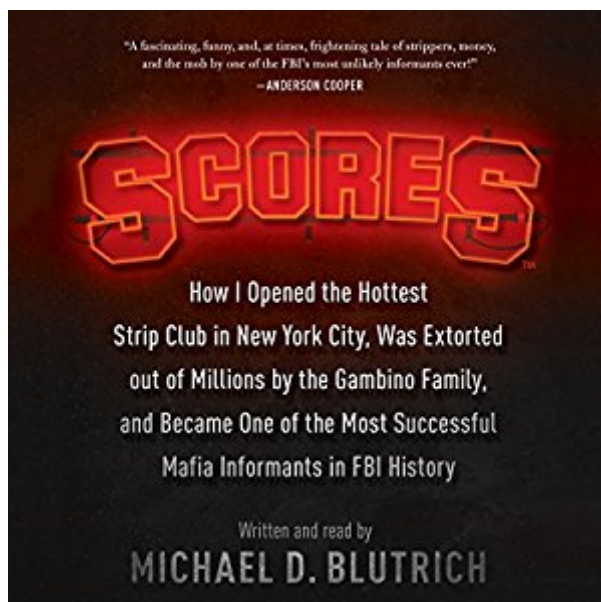


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# Scores: How I Opened The Hottest Strip Club In New York City, Was Extorted Out Of Millions By The Gambino Family, And Became One Of The Most Successful Mafia Informants In FBI History



## Synopsis

Meet Michael Blutrigh, mild-mannered New York lawyer and founder of Scores, the hottest strip club in New York City history, funded by the proceeds of an insurance embezzlement scheme. All Blutrigh wanted was to lay low, make the club a success, and put his criminal acts behind him. But the Mafia got involved, and soon the FBI came knocking. Scores became wildly popular, in part thanks to Blutrigh's ability to successfully bend the rules of adult entertainment. It was the first club in Manhattan to feature lap dancing by ignoring existing requirements. He also sidestepped statutes requiring topless dancers to wear pasties. His formula worked, and Scores grew into the hottest club in Manhattan, frequented by sports superstars, Oscar-winning actors, television icons, Grammy-winning singers, and political notables alike. Unfortunately for Blutrigh, it would all soon implode. Scores was located in a neighborhood controlled by the Gambino crime family, and it became a hotbed for illicit mob activity, culminating in a double murder of two of his employees. When federal prosecutors started sniffing around for potential crimes, he went from carefree club owner to undercover spy in a heartbeat. To obtain maximum leniency for his insurance fraud, Blutrigh became an unlikely but highly successful undercover FBI informant. He wore body wires and placed ceiling cameras in his offices, and he was eventually credited with more than 30 Mafia convictions, including a crime-family head and associates from multiple international families. For his cooperation, the Department of Justice and the FBI assured him he would avoid any significant jail time - or so they said. Here, Blutrigh tells it all: recording armed gangsters in the act of committing felonies, stealthily evading discovery, living with death threats, revealing long-covered-up celebrity doings, enduring a psychotic break from the pressures, and losing everything in his life in the name of earning redemption.

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## Customer Reviews

This is written to allow the reader to experience the emotional roller coastal each of the characters went through. A good book for those who have an interest in the workings of the Mafia.

I do not consider myself a book reader by any means. Mostly in part because they worked better as a sleep aid rather than providing any entertainment value. I was fortunate enough to come across a copy of Scores and it was apparent after the first few hours that this one was pretty useless in the providing any relief to sleep deprivation. From the moment I picked it up the chapters fell off like I could imagine the dancers wardrobe would. An insider's look behind the scenes of an era that made history. Would make a phenomenal movie a must read !!!

Picked this book up after seeing Anderson Cooper's rave review. Couldn't have been any happier that I did! This book / story is a true page turner and is incredibly well written. I highly, wholeheartedly recommend it and hope Michael writes a follow-up about his life post incarceration! I may go back and reread it, it was that good!

The moment you start reading it you cant put this book down!! I loved it, it's a regular NYC mob story drama classic. This book was a great read and went by in the blink of an eye.

Holy cow what a story. If you grew up in Brooklyn in the '80's or if you didn't live under a rock, you will know every player in this book. Mob rule was martial rule and the author provides a first hand account right from the thick of it. This is one incredible story but do not start this book unless you have 48 or more hours straight to spare because you will absolutely NOT be able to put it down. It's an incredibly exciting read and you will not care that the author is not an author by trade. A truly amazing story that makes you feel like you were the one wearing the wire at the table with the bad guys.

I was never a big Howard Stern fan, and never visited Scores, but I found this book mesmerizing. I couldn't put it down. The writing is compelling and the plot is totally engaging. You feel like you're

getting a real behind-the-scenes view of the workings of the Mafia, as well as the FBI in dealing with them. Blutrigh comes across as a compelling and complex character, with a sense of humor and perspective about his increasingly complicated situation. Finally, there is something quintessentially "New York" about this book, which will make it of interest to fans of other crime writers, like Lawrence Block. Highly recommended!!

I am amazed at how much I enjoyed this read. I was hesitant to buy the book. I'd heard of Scores but I didn't think details of the inner workings of the place sounded all that interesting. A magazine article, sure. An entire book on the subject seemed a bit much. First and foremost: this book is so much more than a day in the life of a strip club owner. I get that the club brought Mr Blutrigh into the mob's orbit and it is a unique enterprise, but the insane existence outside of Scores he ends up living is really the dominant theme of the book. There are so many twists and turns to Blutrigh's story and he really does a great job of taking the reader along for the ride. I also found the guy likable which really makes the ending even harder to swallow. Even if you saw the 60 Minutes piece on him a few years back ( I did but had really forgotten the details) or are somewhat familiar with the story, there's no way you could have a true insight into the hell ( fascinating as it was) he went through. It was so well done I have to admit ( since the guy is a lawyer by trade) I was surprised there wasn't a co author credit. Good job, Michael.

Scores, the men's club made famous by Howard Stern and celebrities in the 90s. But what's the real story behind the venue. This is the book. BUT, it starts slow for the first 17% jumping around without great cohesion. Then it tells the Scores story by half the book. The real story here is the FBI investigation that leads him to wearing a wire and busting major Mafia members. Stunning and fascinating like the movie Goodfellas. But, there is one more trial for the owner and this legal maneuver will not end so well. Personally I would have preferred more of Scores. But this is more a Mafia book which was slightly tedious. Don't get me wrong. I read and recommend. But know what you are buying.

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