

The Westies Inside New York S Irish Mob

T. J. English English (born October 6, 1957) is an American author and journalist known primarily for his non-fiction books about organized crime — both contemporary and historical — criminal justice, jazz, and the American underworld. His first book, The Westies: Inside The Hell’s Kitchen Irish Mob (1990), is a best-selling account of an Irish American gang in the Hell’s Kitchen neighborhood T. J 16db9493de

Born to Irish immigrant parents, McGrath grew up in the Gashouse District on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. In contrast to other gangsters of his era, whose childhood typically consisted of street crime and juvenile detention, his upbringing was stable. McGrath served as an altar boy and sang in the choir at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church on East 29th Street. He dropped out of school after the 10th grade to work as an office clerk. 16db9493de == Personal life == 16db9493de == Early life == 16db9493de == List == 16db9493de

Irish Americans in New York City S. Congress 19th Street Gang 40 Thieves Dead Rabbits Gopher Gang Grady Gang Kerryonians Slobbery Jim The Westies Whyos Fairytale of New York by Irish The Irish community is one of New York City's largest ethnic groups, and has been a significant proportion of the city's population since the waves of immigration in the late 19th century 16db9493de

Mickey Spillane (mobster) English, T. "The Lords of Hell’s Kitchen". (2006). Retrieved 31 July 2014. Spillane (July 13, 1933 – May 13, 1977) was an Irish-American mobster who controlled Hell's Kitchen in New York in the 1960s and 1970s. The Westies : inside New York’s Irish mob (1st St Michael J. The New York Times. Spillane, the so-called “Gentleman Gangster”, was a marked contrast to the violent Westies mob members who succeeded him in Hell's Kitchen. 1987). J 16db9493de

In his late twenties, Radonjić fled the country and immigrated to the United States in 1970. He used his friendship with Red Star Belgrade footballer Milovan Đorić to sneak onto the team bus headed for Graz, which allowed him to get across the border. 16db9493de == Life == 16db9493de Spillane left Rice after two years to help support his widowed mother. 16db9493de Today, Boston has the largest percentage of Irish-Americans of any city in the United States, while New York City has the most Irish Americans in raw numbers. During the Celtic Tiger years, when the Irish economy was booming, the city saw a buying spree of residences by native Irish as second homes or as investment property. 16db9493de == History == 16db9493de

James Coonan 21, 1946) is an Irish-American mobster and racketeer from Manhattan, New York who served as the boss of the Westies gang, an Irish mob group based in Hell’s James Michael Coonan (born December 21, 1946) is an Irish-American mobster and racketeer from Manhattan, New York who served as the boss of the Westies gang, an Irish mob group based in Hell's Kitchen, from approximately 1977 to 1988. Coonan was incarcerated and began serving a 75-year prison term in 1988 16db9493de

Though Italian mobsters dominated organized crime in the city, the Italian mob stayed out of Hell's Kitchen... 16db9493de In 1981, he moved to New York City to pursue a career as a writer, working in a series of odd jobs including bartender, janitor, and most notably, taxi driver for three years, while working as a freelance journalist. Of driving a taxi English has said, "I think of it as a metaphor for what I do as a writer." 16db9493de == History == 16db9493de Radonjić was born in 1943 in Užice. Boško's father, Dragomir, a teacher, was captured and executed during World War II by the Partisans for belonging to the Chetniks led by general Draža Mihailović. 16db9493de Edward was born in 1934. The New York Daily News August 23, 1976 death notice for Cummiskey reports that "Edward was the son of Edward Cummiskey Sr. and Mary Cummiskey nee Hyndes. He was the brother of Margaret Kagabines, Elaine McCue, Joan Ferrick, Patricia Baeza, Bernard, Robert, Lawrence and Paul. Growing up in Hell's Kitchen, he played hockey with many future Westies-aligned criminals at Hell's Kitchen Park and boxed at Boys & Girls Clubs of America and eventually started burglarizing commercial buildings in Lower East Side, Manhattan and cargo from warehouses in West Side, Manhattan.... 16db9493de Spillane was born on July 13, 1933, to Irish parents Michael Anthony Spillane and Margaret Curran. He excelled academically and was skipped two grades at the Sacred Heart School in Hell's Kitchen. At the age of 12 he was awarded a full scholarship to attend Rice High School in Manhattan. 16db9493de McGrath worked as a truck driver for Owney Madden and Bill Dwyer. He was arrested numerous times throughout the 1920s and 1930s for offenses ranging from burglary to murder. 16db9493de

Irish mob The Irish mob (also known as the Irish mafia, Irish-American mafia or Irish-American organized crime) is a collection of organized crime groups composed The Irish mob (also known as the Irish mafia, Irish-American mafia or Irish-American organized crime) is a collection of organized crime groups composed of largely ethnic Irish members which operate primarily in the United States and have existed since the early 19th century. Originating in Irish-American street gangs – famously first depicted in Herbert Asbury's 1927 book, The Gangs of New York – the Irish Mob has appeared in most major American and Canadian cities, especially in the Northeast and the urban industrial Midwest, including Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Cleveland, and Chicago 16db9493de

According to crime author T.J. English, "Although never more than twelve to twenty members—depending on who was in or out of jail at any given time— 16db9493de

Westies The Westies were a New York City-based Irish-American organized crime gang operating from the early 1960s onwards, responsible for racketeering, drug The Westies were a New York City-based Irish-American organized crime gang operating from the early 1960s onwards, responsible for racketeering, drug trafficking, and contract killing. They were partnered with the Italian-American Mafia and operated out of the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan 16db9493de

List of American mobsters of Irish descent ISBN 1-4000-5076-6 English, T. Real Detective. New York: Macmillan, 2006 This is a list of Irish-American mobsters which includes organized crime figures of predominantly Irish-American criminal organizations or individual mobsters from the early 1900s to the present. New York: Three Rivers Press, 2006. J. To be included in this list, the person must have a Wikipedia article and/or references showing the person is Irish American and a mobster. The Westies: Inside New York’s Irish Mob 16db9493de

At 17, he attempted to rob a movie theater, but was shot by a police officer. He spent four years in prison. 16db9493de the Westies became synonymous with the last generation of Irish in the birthplace of the Irish Mob." According to the NYPD Organized Crime Squad and the FBI, the Westies were responsible for 60–100 murders between 1968 and 1986. They also had little union influence except for the International Association of Machinists, The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), The Stagehands Union, Aerospace Workers, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers, and Sheet Metal Workers' International Association that Tom Devaney and Dominick Montiglio had belonged to. 16db9493de == Biography == 16db9493de After his release from prison, Spillane started as a numbers runner for various organized crime figures in Hell's Kitchen. In 1960, Mickey took over the rackets left to him by his predecessor Hughie Mulligan. He married Maureen McManus, the daughter of the powerful Hell's Kitchen Democratic district leader Eugene McManus. 16db9493de After serving a lengthy stretch in Sing Sing, McGrath ended up as an organizer for the International Longshoremen's Association on the Hell's Kitchen waterfront. With the notorious Joseph P. Ryan in control of the ILA, McGrath became the primary muscle on the waterfront, with gangsters like John "Cockeye" Dunn (who was McGrath's brother in law) and Andrew "Squint... 16db9493de As a result of the Great Famine in Ireland, many Irish families were forced to emigrate from the country. By 1854, between 1.5 and 2 million Irish had left their country. In the United States, most Irish became city-dwellers. With little money, many had to settle in the cities that the ships landed in. By 1850, the Irish made up a quarter of the population in Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Buffalo, and Baltimore. 16db9493de == Biography == 16db9493de T. J. English was born in Tacoma, Washington and grew up in an Irish Catholic family of ten children. His father's family owned a steel mill and his mother was a social worker for Catholic Charities. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles in 1980, English worked as a high school teacher in East Los Angeles. 16db9493de == United States == 16db9493de

Edward Cummiskey The Westies: Inside the Hell's Kitchen Edward "Eddie the Butcher" Cummiskey Jr. Cummiskey is reputed to have shown Coonan how to dismember and dispose of murder victims by scattering their remains into the waters around the sewage treatment plant, which was operated by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection at Randalls and Wards Islands, notably in the Hudson River. Dynasty: The Rise and Fall of the Gambino Crime Family. J. ISBN 0-06-016357-7 English, T. (1934, Hell's Kitchen, Manhattan – August 20, 1976, Chelsea, Manhattan) was a New York mobster who served as a mentor to Jimmy Coonan, leader of the Westies. Cummiskey was murdered by hitman Joseph Sullivan on August 20, 1976, in a bar. New York: HarperCollins, 1993 16db9493de

== Criminal career == 16db9493de

Boško Radonjić Radonjić was born in 1943 Boško Radonjić (Serbian Cyrillic: Бошко Радоњић, Serbian: Boško Radonjić; 17 May 1943 – 31 March 2011) was a Serbian mobster, former leader of the Westies, a predominantly Irish-American gang based in New York's Hell's Kitchen. was a Serbian mobster, former leader of the Westies, a predominantly Irish-American gang based in New York's Hell's Kitchen 16db9493de

Eddie McGrath Born Edward J. 1994) was an Irish-American crime boss from New York City, who controlled the Hell's Kitchen Irish Mob and the lucrative waterfront throughout the 1940s. was an Irish-American crime boss from New York City, who controlled the Hell's Kitchen Irish Mob and the lucrative waterfront throughout the 1940s. McGrath (born January 31, 1906 – c 16db9493de

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