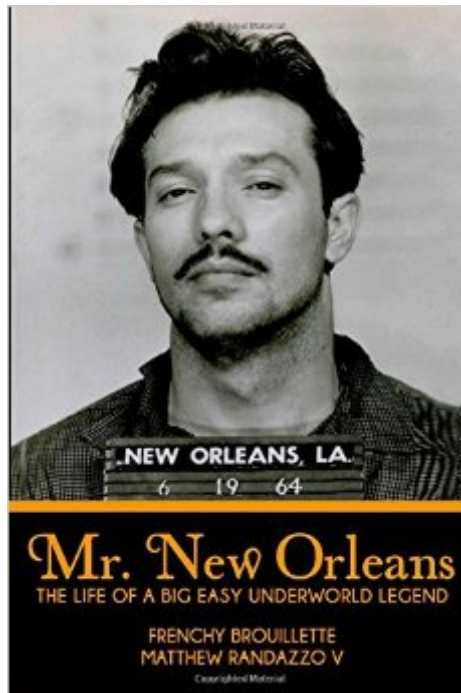


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Mr. New Orleans: The Life Of A Big Easy Underworld Legend



Synopsis

Wiseguys called him "the Keith Richards of the American Mafia" and JFK hero Jim Garrison denounced him as "one of the most notorious vice operators in the history of New Orleans" ... but you can just call him MR. NEW ORLEANS. Mr. New Orleans tells the incredible story of Frenchy Brouillette, a redneck Cajun teenager who stole his big brother's motorcycle and embarked on a 60-year vacation to New Orleans, where he became a legendary gangster and the underworld political fixer for his cousin, Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards. Written by Crescent City native Matthew Randazzo V, the wickedly funny Mr. New Orleans is the first book to ever break the code of secrecy of the New Orleans Mafia Family, the oldest and most mysterious criminal secret society in America. "Mr. New Orleans is a rollicking, disturbing ride through the underbelly of a bygone New Orleans, lined with moments of dark, side-splitting hilarity. If you're a fan of James Lee Burke, drop what you're reading and pick this one up. In an era when popular wisdom tells us T.V. has stolen all depth from the literary true-crime narrative, Matthew Randazzo has found a way to beat that trend mightily; he's gone straight to the source and captured the singular, confounding voice of the New Orleans' mafia's top political fixer with fast-paced, riveting prose and a fine journalist's eye for detail." Chris Rice, New York Times Bestselling Author "Mr. New Orleans is a total knockout: Take everything you ever imagined about the sleazy good times to be had in New Orleans -- the sleazy good times capital of America -- and quadruple it, and you have a hint of what's inside these sticky pages." Bill Tonelli, Author of The Italian American Reader and Editor for Esquire and Rolling Stone

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BUY THIS BOOK! I have several copies of the original 1st edition that I treasure but hearing that there was new material in this version, I purchased it as well. It truly is a fantastic read... especially for me as a Louisiana native and one familiar with many of the books characters... but believe me, it can be enjoyed by anyone anywhere due to the terrific writing/story telling and the amazingly vivid, colorful characters... all real people by the way. Every aspect of the way of life of the people of New Orleans in this period, not only Frenchie's, is so clearly drawn out for the reader that you will be able to see them, hear them, smell the city and most of all, want to be there!! If you love a good read... this is a must! If you don't read a lot but love a real page turner... this one will not disappoint!

I did not think I would enjoy this book but I actually liked it very much. I think it would have been 5 stars if there was more actual words from Frenchy rather than a translation and ad libbing from the co- author. Here is a guy that ran away from his upbringing but it was his upbringing that made him a survivor. No regrets with this book though. It was a great read.

I loved this book. Could not put it down. Having grown up in New Orleans in the 1960s, I get the feeling that the characters in this book were living right beside us at the time and were people we might have known. I certainly remember the political figures and larger than life crime characters as being the 'adults' of my childhood. I found out about this book only because someone mentioned in a comment on a news story about Mr. Brouillette's murder (December 2015.) I wish I had read it before he was gone and might have even had a chance to meet this fascinating man. Excellent book for anyone interested in New Orleans, organized crime, or the Kennedy assassination and its various conspiracies.

Being a voracious reader and lover of the Big Easy I saw this book on the shelf and couldn't pass it up. I read it in two days and found it to be one of the best I have read. I have recommended it to family and friends and purchased several copies as gifts. It will not disappoint you!!!

Well written book, if you know New Orleans and it's history you will recognize places and people. Lot's of local tidbits and accounts that I really liked. Recommend it to any reader of history, and New Orleans.

Thoroughly enjoyed this read. Wish Frenchy could have been on some talk shows before he left this world. And that in itself is sad after living so long on the edge of the law. I'll always wonder what

really happened...what the real story was of his death because that is how I ran across this book, reading about Frenchy murdered in New Orleans. And you really grow to love his character in the book because he was a real person even with the life he led. So farewell Frenchy thanks for a tremendous legacy of life as Mr. New Orleans!

Was so sorry I didn't get to meet him before I left New Orleans for good. And he was recently murdered in his apartment. Matthew Randazzo did a great job of putting this together. I can only imagine what it was like to try to get so much info into one book!

Southern corruption is an endlessly fascinating topic, and few books out there deal with it as fearlessly or as engagingly as Mr. New Orleans. Aside from an arguably-unnecessary reliance on vernacular to establish subject Frenchy Brouillette's character (if the book is even halfway accurate, the man's got character for days), the book sinks its tendrils in you and doesn't let up; it's simply a riotously fun book to read. Do yourself a favor and read it; I can't imagine you'll be disappointed.

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