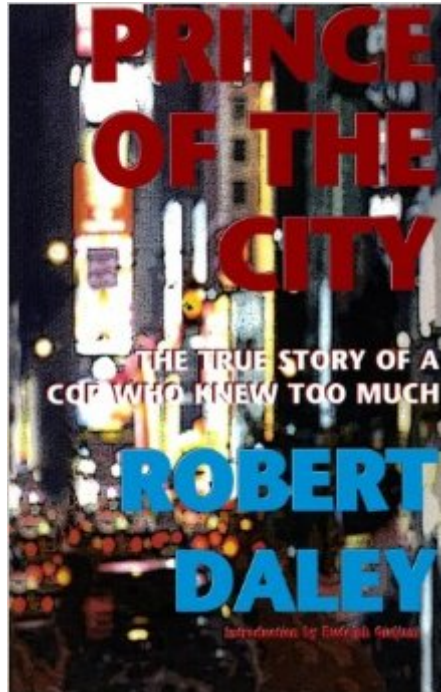


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In the early 1970s, the federal government undertook the investigation of the corruption penetrating the entire criminal justice system in New York City, particularly the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) of the Narcotics division of the NYPD. Young and enthusiastic, Detective Robert Leuci was chosen by federal prosecutors Rudolf Giuliani, Maurice Nadjari, and Tom Puccio to probe this world of corruption as an undercover agent. Operating in deep cover, with only the prosecutors and the police commissioner aware of his dual role, Leuci walked a tightrope that made his life a nightmare. He was in mortal danger from both sides. In a world where conflicting pressures are excruciating, who should bear the burden of being right when so much of the system is wrong?

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give up his fellow officers, claiming that the whole criminal justice arena, including the lawyers and the courts, were corrupt. Leuci was interviewed by Nicholas Scoppetta, a former Manhattan Assistant District Attorney with the Knapp Commission (and now the current New York City Fire Department Commissioner). After interviewing him, Scoppetta decided to leave the Knapp Commission and persuaded the federal government to undertake a probe into the entire criminal justice system of New York City with Detective Robert Leuci as its linchpin, an investigation that the federal government agreed to undertake. The book details Detective's Leuci's personal exploits, as he fearlessly helped the federal government make its cases against lawyers, bail bondsmen, and other cops.

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