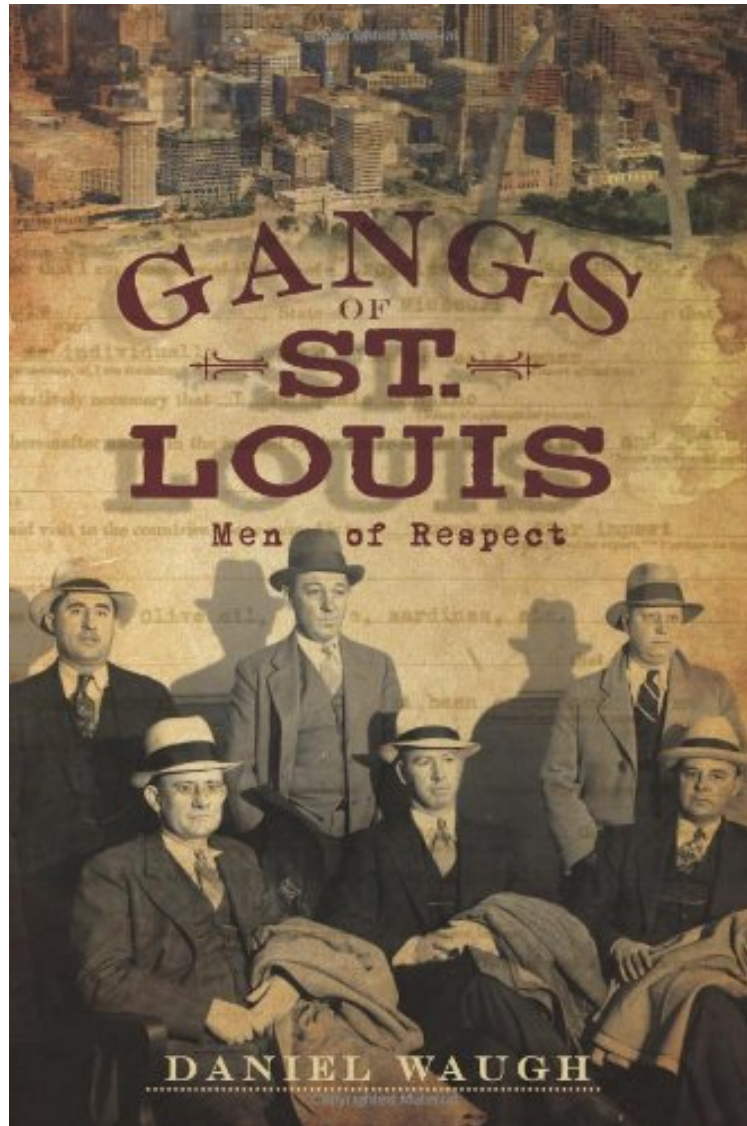


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Daniel Waugh : Gangs of St. Louis: Men of Respect before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gangs of St. Louis: Men of Respect:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If you're from St. Louis you'll probably enjoy this bookBy Mark SutterVery thorough book about all of the Prohibition era gang activity in St. Louis. You will be overwhelmed by all of the names, dates, and places which might be annoying if you aren't from St. Louis. However, if you grew up in the greater St. Louis area you will certainly recognize many of the street names as well as some of the small towns -- some

as much as 50 miles away. The writing style made it easy for me to picture what was happening but maybe some of that might be from watching TV shows like *The Untouchable* as a child. A couple of things that didn't really surprise me but things the author pointed out that reinforced some of my beliefs: the strong ties the mobsters had to the Democrat party and the complete infiltration of the labor unions. Overall I was really glad I took the time to read this book. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful detail - the story of my family! By RRussoI was absolutely shocked and excited when I stumbled upon this book. My family has shared bits and pieces of stories of their time in St. Louis, but this book really put it all together. The Russo side of the family moved from St. Louis to Ft. Worth in the late 1920's and my grandmother was the 'sister' of the Russo Brothers in the book. This book is a perfect mixture of details, personalities and overall pressures that the illegal selling of whiskey placed on families. It also explains many of our family stories. It's quite an accomplishment that the Author could write such an exciting story and it's all true! Thanks for such a great book!! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Interesting book By chrisIt was interesting to see what life was like when my parents were young. It's also interesting to see the names of the gangsters and know many people with the same names. Even my grandfather was mentioned, but unfortunately, he was a victim of one of the gangs.

St. Louis was a city under siege during Prohibition. Seven different criminal gangs violently vied for control of the town's illegal enterprises. Although their names (the Green Ones, the Pillow Gang, the Russo Gang, Egans Rats, the Hogan Gang, the Cuckoo Gang and the Shelton Gang) are familiar to many, their exploits have remained largely undocumented until now. Learn how an awkward gunshot wound gave the Pillow Gang its name and why Willie Russos bizarre midnight interview with a reporter from the *St. Louis Star* involved an automatic pistol and a floating hunk of cheese. From daring bank robberies to cold-blooded betrayals, *Gangs of St. Louis* chronicles a fierce yet juicy slice of the Gateway City's history that rivaled anything seen in New York or Chicago.

About the Author Daniel Waugh is a St. Louis cabdriver with a passion for history, particularly true crime. Despite not having a formal education, Waugh has been researching and writing about gangsters for fifteen years. He has written for true crime publications and is currently at work on a project about the Detroit underworld.