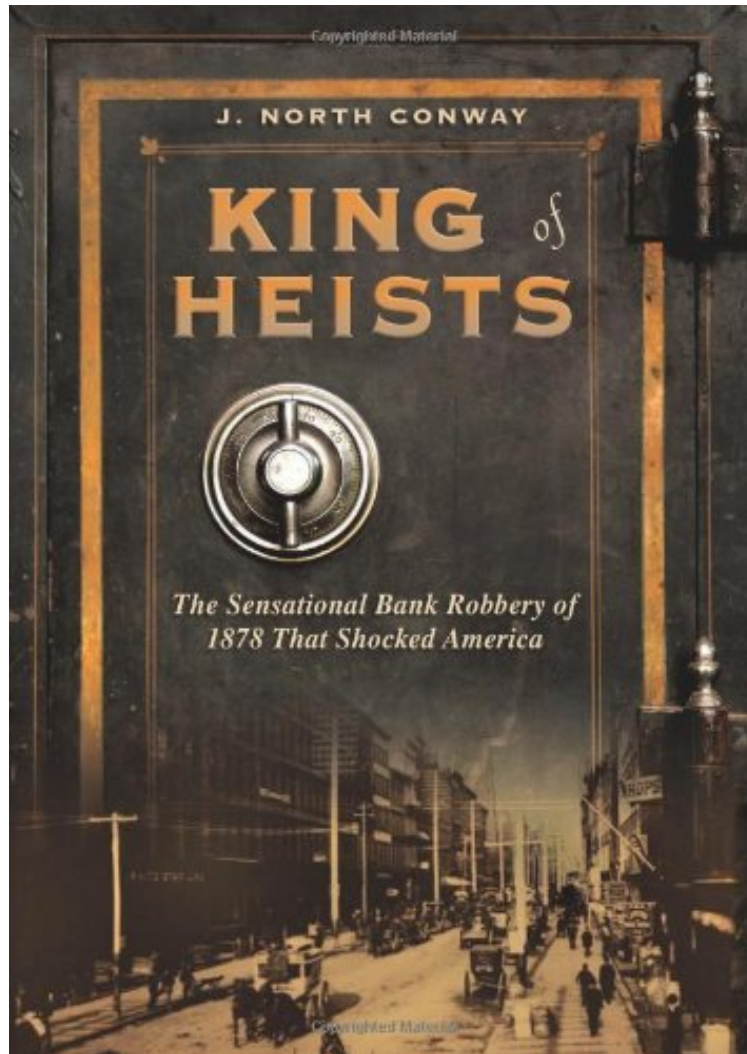


[Free] King of Heists: The Sensational Bank Robbery of 1878 That Shocked America

King of Heists: The Sensational Bank Robbery of 1878 That Shocked America

J. North Conway

**Download PDF | ePub | DOC | audiobook | ebooks*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#653484 in eBooks 2009-08-04 2009-08-04 File Name: B002MUB67M | File size: 32.Mb

J. North Conway : King of Heists: The Sensational Bank Robbery of 1878 That Shocked America before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised King of Heists: The Sensational Bank Robbery of 1878 That Shocked America:

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. it's okBy DepardieuThe story line in great- but it tells you what it's going to tell you before you get there, and once you get there there is no real detail. I am almost done, and will finish the book- but maybe I should have waited for the movie.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Two thumbs upBy Joshua OgdenI enjoyed reading this book. I think it was very well written. The author incorporates key American figures and actual excerpts from newspapers during the Gilded Age.0 of 2 people found the following

review helpful. King Of HeistsBy Elaine A. BartolThis book was not only interesting reading but very informative about the life in New York City and the corruption that went on in the 1800's, from President Grant right on down the line to the lowly bank robber. I was given a history lesson in a very intertaining way. A very good book.

An absorbing tale of greed, sex, crime, betrayal, and murder, King of Heists blends all the richness of history with the thrills of the best fiction.

From Publishers WeeklyConway (American Literacy) relates the engrossing tale of the greatest bank robbery in American history. The central figure is architect George Leslie, who was 27 when he arrived in Manhattan in 1869 seeking success and adventure. With impeccable manners and good looks, Leslie led a double life, inserting himself into the Gilded Age city's most elite circles, while assembling a gang of the cleverest criminals in New York City's underworld to carry out a series of bank robberies. His biggest was the October 27, 1878, theft from the Manhattan Savings Institution of some \$3 million in cash and securities (the equivalent of \$50 million today). Conway skillfully paints a backdrop of fierce and flamboyant personalities who paraded across the Gilded Age, from Brooklyn Bridge engineer John Roebling to Marm Mandelbaum, queen of the criminals. The author overstates his claim to be following in John Dos Passos's footsteps in quoting real newspaper headlines and stories of the period as well as song lyrics, but he capably recounts his story against a background of glitter and greed. (Aug.) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Engrossing . . . Conway skillfully paints a backdrop of fierce and flamboyant personalities who paraded across the Gilded Age, from Brooklyn Bridge engineer John Roebling to Marm Mandelbaum, queen of the criminals.rsquo; . . . [H]e capably recounts his story against a background of glitter and greed.rdquo;Publishers Weekly