

GET 30% OFF!

# ROWMAN & LITTLEFIELD

## THE CON AND THE FBI AGENT

### AN UNLIKELY ALLIANCE

by David Nadolski



“The relationship between David Nadolski and Tony Romano not only led to the recovery of stolen treasures and brought down a notoriously violent criminal gang, it also stands as a testament to the power of redemption. This is an unforgettable true crime story.”— **Anthony Amore**, best-selling author of *Stealing Rembrandts and The Woman Who Stole Vermeer*

“An engrossing, exciting read, the kind of complex tale of good guys and bad, of the human condition, that could only be written by someone who was in the mix and knows the characters and the terrain of which he writes. Be prepared to stay up late.”— **Steve Horn**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *In Her Defense*

“When the cast of characters is a rogues' gallery, the reader needs a reliable narrator. They have that and more in author Dave Nadolski, whose long career with the FBI makes this astonishing account of beating assorted ne'er-do-wells and conmen at their own game read like something out of Dennis Lehane's imagination. Except it's all the more gripping and impossible to put down for being true.”— **Kelly Horan**, deputy editor of *Ideas at The Boston Globe* and co-author of *Devotion & Defiance*

#### ABOUT THIS BOOK

In this exciting account, former FBI supervisory special agent David Nadolski tells the story of an unlikely alliance between two diametrically opposed people—the con and the FBI agent. While investigating a break-in at the Stone Library in Quincy, MA that houses the personal book collection of John Quincy Adams, the FBI gets a call from prison inmate, Anthony (Tony) Romano, requesting to meet with the case agent on the burglary. Romano provides a helpful tip that leads to the apprehension of the thief and the recovery of four priceless, historically significant books. Recognizing Tony's potential as an informant, Nadolski begins to cultivate a relationship in hopes of recruiting Romano as a criminal informant.

Nadolski recruits Romano to play a very dangerous game—infiltrate the Merlino gang, controlled by Carmello Merlino, a career criminal who specialized in bank robberies, armored car robberies, and home invasions. The Merlino gang also became suspects in the largest art theft in history which took place at the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum in Boston and remains unsolved to this day. Romano, a former armed robber, agrees. With sights set on the Loomis Fargo Armored Car Company money vault, located south of Boston, the Merlino gang gets to work. Little did they know, Romano, at great personal risk, was wearing a wire and recording their planning sessions.

After two years of being joined at the hip and learning to trust each other unconditionally, special agent Nadolski and Romano run a successful criminal investigation and undercover sting operation to catch four dangerous criminals poised to launch one of the biggest armed robberies of the twentieth century.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**David Nadolski** is a retired supervisory special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He appeared in the Netflix hit series, “This Is a Robbery” plus the WBUR/Boston Globe podcast Last Seen; author Jerri Williams podcast FBI: Retired Casefile Review and Steve Gould's podcast Things Police See: First Hand Account.

Hardback: ISBN 978-1-5381-5959-0 February 2022 Regular price: ~~\$36.00, £28.00~~ After discount: **\$25.20, £19.60**  
ebook: ISBN 978-1-5381-5960-6 February 2022 Regular price: ~~\$34.00, £26.00~~ After discount: **\$23.80, £18.20**

\*eBooks can only be ordered online.

## Special 30% Discount Offer!

To get discount, use code **RLFANDF30** when ordering.

\*For US orders only. May not be combined with other offers and discounts, valid until 12/31/2022.

**EASIEST WAY TO ORDER WORLDWIDE: USE OUR WEBSITE**

<https://Rowman.com/Lexington>

**In North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean you can also**

- ✓ Call Toll Free: 1-800-462-6420
- ✓ Call: (717) 794-3800

**Outside the Americas and Caribbean, you can also**

- ✓ Call: +44 (0) 1752 202301

\*All orders from individuals must be prepaid. Prices are subject to change without notice. Shipping charges and sales tax will be added where applicable. Discount applies to these ISBNs only and may not be combined with other offers. eBooks can only be ordered online and must be purchased separately from print books at [www.rowman.com/ebooks](http://www.rowman.com/ebooks). For online purchases, apply the promotion code during the checkout process. For email or phone orders, provide the promo code **RLFANDF30** for the 30% discount in your communication.