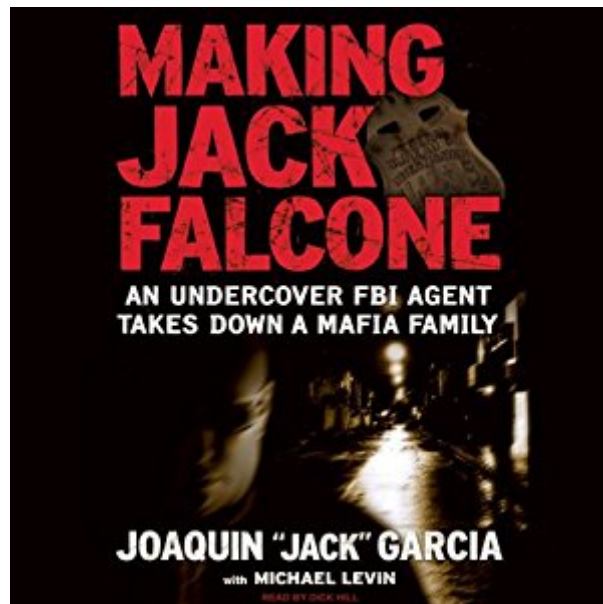


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# Making Jack Falcone: An Undercover FBI Agent Takes Down A Mafia Family



## Synopsis

At six-foot-four-inches and 375 pounds, Jack Garcia looked the part of a mobster, and he played his part so perfectly that his Mafia bosses never suspected he was an undercover agent for the FBI. "Big Jack Falcone," as he was known inside La Cosa Nostra, learned all the inside dirt about the Gambino organized crime syndicate and its illegal activities-from extortion and loan-sharking to assault and murder. The result was a string of busts and a quarter-million-dollar contract put out on his life. Making Jack Falcone tells the incredible true story of Garcia's audacious attempt to become only the second agent (after "Donnie Brasco") to become a made man in the Mafia. Readers will join Garcia as he attends "Mob School," an intensive course of study designed to teach him everything he needs to know about the Mafia, its operations, and its attitudes. An unprecedented glimpse into the inner workings of the FBI, the book also pulls no punches as Garcia reveals how sometimes the agency ran smoothly and criminals were collared according to plan, while other times tempers flared over the progress of cases. A fascinating inside look at the struggle between law enforcement and organized crime, Making Jack Falcone sheds new light on two organizational cultures that continue to exert an unparalleled grip on the American popular imagination. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

The author Jack Garcia has retired after twenty-six years as a special agent for the FBI. The preponderance of that time was spent undercover infiltrating every type of organized crime

imaginable... drug distribution... weapon sales... jewelry theft... counterfeit money... counterfeit cigarettes... government corruption... police corruption... and in perhaps his greatest achievement of all... not only infiltrating the infamous Gambino Mafia crime family... but being next in line to be crowned a "MADE-MAN"... "A WISE GUY"... "A-KNOCK-AROUND-GUY"... but then the FBI pulled the plug on the operation despite Jack's vociferous objections. Jack was only the second FBI agent to ever be accepted as a Mafia undercover "ASSOCIATE". The first was the legendary Joe Pistone: aka Donnie Brasco. What helped Jack be so successful in his undercover status, in addition to ice cubes in his veins and a giant pair of "brass-ones" was the fact that he just DID NOT LOOK LIKE AN FBI AGENT. The FBI has strict physical guidelines that must be met including a certain height and weight ratio. It took Jack two tries to make it into the FBI because of his weight. Jack was originally six-feet-four and two-hundred-fifty pounds. Jack was told he had to lose forty pounds and come back. Jack lost the weight... came back and made the cut... but that weight class would be a forgotten memory down the road. The FBI actually conducted a "MOB-SCHOOL" to teach potential undercover agents how to be a mobster. How to talk... how to walk... how to dress... proper slang... and... how to eat like a Mafioso. As Jack would learn firsthand, eating was almost a full-time job in the Mafia. So eat is what Jack did... and at one point his weight came very close to the FOUR-HUNDRED-FIFTY-POUND MARK! Like I said...

This is one of my favorite books ever written. I have lent this book out on numerous occasions to numerous people and they all return it with the same comment, "I could not put this book down." Now in the interest of full disclosure, I do know the author of this book. I had the pleasure to work with him after his law enforcement career was over. But by knowing him I can tell you that this book is not just an exercise of a person patting themselves on the back. Jack is one of the most down to earth, humble, and genuine people I have ever met. That's surely what made him such a great agent, and probably one of the best undercover law enforcement officers in the history of this country. If anything Jack downplayed himself, as that is his nature. But ask any FBI agent who knows worked with him, and they will all sing his praises. The book itself is a great read and a page turner, a quick read that you will not want to put down. It is one of those books that when it ends you are sad because it is over. You think to yourself "I could have read another 300 pages of this book." One of the facts of this book that had me sitting there in amazement was the fact that multiple cases were worked at the same time. Mob cases are notorious for their time commitment, and yet the author somehow found time to work 3-4 other serious cases simultaneously. This being after Joe Pistone had embarrassed the mob and they installed a significantly greater vetting process. It's by

understanding that, and you can understand the great peril the author put himself in with the intention of crippling it. Think about if you would be willing to sign up for a life of looking over your shoulder for the rest of it.

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