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Hey welcome to the show Thank you for being here Big surprise to me to say hello And here I am here to say hello And here you are What I love about this studio is Andy has always told me to expect the unexpected and he was totally right I had no idea So you're the author of this amazing book The Accidental Gangster which which we're gonna get into in a moment Uh But we just started talking and you said you're from Rome And I said I spent most of my summers in Utica New York And he asked is it any relation um to the family Like Judge Murad And I said yes And then he talked about and I said that's my cousin and even he's in this book I can I just read an excerpt I don't know if I can how much I can read about this But this is me learning about my actual family with This is unreal This is unreal for me Um OK Louie dad are you watching this Right This is my dad's first cousin had an office in Utica and a reputation as a top notch criminal Attorney at the time he was rated the third best criminal defense lawyer in the in the state Set it up I did not know that he was the best criminal defense attorney I had no idea Frank Bob and I met Louie at Grimaldi's restaurant I know that restaurant in Utica the next day I mean the Bank of Utica I think my my grandfather my Papa Tony he um uh worked in real estate and he made sure that the Bank of Utica stayed open um later in the years Um which is so cool But ok so tell me how this book came to be Well I uh I was indicted in 2008 on a crime family racketeering indictment out of Brooklyn New York And uh I ended up doing 62 months in federal prison and upon my release you know I'm an avid reader I've been an avid reader all my life and I read over 300 books in prison while we are in prison You know you got a lot of time and I'd be walking the yard and I thought if I ever wrote a book I call it the accidental gangster not dreaming I ever would But you know just the name I came up with upon my release I was having dinner at the four seasons with my entertainment lawyer George Ham And uh we were talking people were coming from Hollywood want me to do reality shows this and that and I wasn't interested And George looked at me and he said write a book and we'll get the movie made Wow When was this And this was 2013 How long does it take to write this book It took me a couple of years and uh I wrote the book I mean it's a line in between But you know I couldn't find a co writer immediately So I wrote about two thirds of the book I had done when I met Dennis Griffin on my first book This is my second Yeah And hopefully there's gonna be a third book coming out but it's not going to be about

Gangsters It's gonna be totally different It's gonna be about the evolution of the con of the new con man I love that And I'll go back in history to what men are I'll name some of the comment in history You're gonna be surprised you won't gonna be ok because they're heroes are a lot of people but they were con men And I'm gonna bring it up to the evolution of the comment today on social media Well right particularly Clubhouse and Apps like that It is loaded with comment I got an email from today from a lady who gave \$50,000 All right Not 71 year old woman out of Maryland They were your mother No no no it's not my mom She's a clinical psychologist and um not with us anymore But if it was maybe she's from she was originally from Jersey so I wouldn't put it past her So she got robbed at 70 of \$50,000 No way and want me to try to get her back But uh jeez so that's gonna be my next book I I was just gonna I was gonna ask you are any more of my family in any more books that I'm gonna need to know about I'm also gonna put this out there I I would love to audition for some part in it because I feel like maybe play Louis for uh like secretary or something It's so wild to me It's so wild You know I hear it's so funny because I'm not that close to that side of the family but Utica like that is all I mean my Andrew my brother if he's watching is gonna like lose his mind It's so cool It's so cool I literally my uncle Tony Uncle Tony If you're watching couldn't get a job But Louis he teamed up with his cousin Louis Bei and took him on I would hear that you know not the greatest stories but like nothing you know nothing like this which is so fun Thanks for thanks for educating me You got an education about your family who would have ever thought there's some guy walking in here to say hello to say hello and and it is amazing I I believe very much in in there are no accidents or coincidences and I was very much supposed to come into contact with you in this book And I'm very excited for you and and and the journey that this is has come and and now you've got a movie coming out like pretty soon which is very very exciting I mean what does that feel like for you Did you ever think that you were gonna write a movie I didn't write the movie No David wrote it along with my son Anthony and they were both producers on the on it George Gallo is directing it George Gallo did uh uh midnight Run uh Middle Man 29th Street Bad Boys OK Awesome All right And then Nick Villano is a producer and Nick is an Oscar winner for Greenbelt He wrote that and Nick is a great guy producer director also and writer And so uh but it's based off of this book It's all based on this This is amazing And my family and I stop talking about my family It's kind of hard It's like I have to pinch myself It's it's unreal So my question is how

how did how do you know Andy how did this how did you all met Andy through a very dear friend of mine Paul Paul Paul Paul lives in uh Nashville Tennessee He's in real estate He done really good uh trains people in real estate Actually He's in Arizona with a good friend of mine I introduced him to him and they bought a home there for a million and a half dollars that they're renovating Then there is a flip and they'll sell it And uh that's how I met Andy Andy and Natasha and and we did an interview over here and uh and here you are And we went and we had dinner the place I haven't been in years Oh that's where I that's where I went the other night I brought my laptop That's where I was Uh someone said what is this a Starbucks He said I'm sorry when I get excited about writing and and creating I just and he was like bring your laptop So I was just like you know typing away about the show and all the great things that are happening out of here So neighborhood today I said let me stop in and say hello to Andy and boom Here we are Yeah we we we we know that Michelle's family in the book You know why you wrote the book But like can we talk about what the book is about a little bit Uh or do you not want to give anything away Well no I'll tell you a little bit It's it's my life story Every word in that book is the truth Alright Uh I did offend a couple of people in it uh too bad but you know I tell the truth and uh I'm not here to paint any roses for anybody Uh it's my life story It's not somebody else's life story And I when I wrote that book I wanted it when the people read it that they hear my voice coming off the pages and I wanted to be able to accomplish that and everybody tells me I did it The other thing that I said if I help one young man stay out of a Life of Crime and writing this book is well worth it Well I have helped several all around the world You stay out of a life of crime I met that a couple of young men and I shall do And uh it's very gratifying for anything you can do to help make this world a better place And that's amazing I've been doing since they got out of prison So their curiosity about being a gangster they just get it all out by reading your book essentially And they don't have they they can read my book and they could learn they'll learn things about Hollywood I was a Hollywood fixer I only mentioned one or two names of people in Hollywood They don't like to mention names I don't slander nobody Uh You know I got no regrets of anything in my life It was my life I lived it it was my destiny So you know regrets is the negativity I don't believe in negativity I love that Me either This is great This is so exciting Did you know that was also from New York in New York I did not know that Yes she did And you see Jack Gil on the back of my book that was in the child's husband the Children and I'm very close to

their Children Jack passed away a couple of years ago Sorry to hear that Also my friend John Connolly two people wrote blurbs and Nick who did Casino and Goodfella He's the oldest of everybody he still like and he's got a movie coming out with De Niro That's amazing as well He should you know Nick helps you with this one Nick Nick was one of the first people who read my manuscript Uh along with my lawyer and Jack they were the first ones to read it before it was a book They read the manuscript and then Nick came out here we had dinner and he had a great idea I had to read my story that it should be around the lines of Catch Me if You Can Yeah And uh so uh in the uh in real life you're reading the book It was the FBI agent was in 1997 He told me I will see the day your chain shackled put on and brought to Brooklyn Wow And this was in my home in Beverly Hills California in 1997 OK 2008 he made it a reality OK 11 years later 11 years 11 years And that relationship between you and this guy is in here as well That's amazing This is so you're not a bad guy He had to do his job You know I understand that That's so profound to hear you say that he's not that guy I just had to do his job I mean it's one thing that people don't understand that people like me and my friends we have a deep respect for law enforcement that we don't go with this bullshit Just spitting on them beat them up and all that There you're the good guy and a bad guy You catch me doing something wrong you rush me fair play fair play the game fair OK This thing today going on in the world defund the police Yeah Uh What would you say to those that want to write a book or aspiring to write a book What should they do if you're aspiring you want to write a book then by all means write it today Publishing is easier than it's ever been It's gonna cost you a few bucks OK Uh Writing the book you will find is the easy part because the tough part is selling the book Now I sold thousands of books The average author in their lifetime will only sell 250 books and make an average of \$500 in their lifetime And you know if you check my social media I'm on every platform and that's you know I treat social media as free advertising and you got to use it and you gotta let people know they don't buy the first time They see they might not buy the fourth time I got people who are buying a year later after seeing it Ok They see me constantly they eventually buy the book love it And you know they can purchase from my website they can get an autograph book Oh where can you um can you look into this camera and tell all that information Let them know where to go where to follow Uh go to [www dot the Accidental Gangster dot com](http://www.theAccidentalGangster.com) And this is only gonna be I'll only be doing this for a limited time now uh because I've been out for a while and the movie's coming out and I got a

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