



Inside The Capone Family

DEIRDRE MARIE CAPONE

“I am a Capone.” So begins Deirdre Marie Capone’s recently published account of her life, family, and relationship with one of America’s most notorious gangsters. In the past, this admission of identity did not come easy to Deirdre, who was discriminated against simply because of her last name. Now she writes to share little-known stories about the family who raised her and kept Chicago stocked with liquor during the Prohibition.

Deirdre’s own story begins after the zenith of the Capone family’s fame and fortune. Born in 1940, Deirdre knew “Uncle” Al only after his incarceration in Alcatraz. By this point, he was no longer a leader of the Outfit, but rather found time to teach Deirdre how to ride a bicycle and play the mandolin. Although Uncle Al passed away in 1947, his legacy—both good and bad—remains with Deirdre. The course of her own life has been affected by the Capone family name, including losing her father to suicide at the age of ten.

Over time, the Capone family has become ensconced by myth and legend, but Deirdre alone knows truly intimate details. As the only surviving Capone member who has first-hand accounts of interactions with her notorious family members, she seeks to clear up rumors and allegations that have accumulated over the past eighty years. The world knows Al Capone as a criminal that flaunted his lawbreaking, but only Deirdre knows how compassionate and loving her “Uncle Al” could be.

“There’s a lot of people in Chicago that got me pegged for one of those bloodthirsty mobsters you read about in storybooks. The kind that tortures his victims, cuts off their ears, puts their eyes out with a red-hot poker and grins while he’s doing it. Now get me right. I’m not posing as a model for youth. I’ve had to do a lot of things I don’t like to do. But I’m not as black as I’m painted. I’m human. I’ve got a heart in me.” –Al Capone

Deirdre is the author of the recently published *UNCLE AL CAPONE: The Untold Story from Inside the Family* (Recap Publishing, 2014). Deirdre has appeared on many network television shows and will soon be seen in a major motion picture based on her book.

She is currently available for interviews and events.

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