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initiation of the Ring declaring that the president 'actually stood god-father at its christening.' The demise of the Ring rivals anything that the real or fictional Elliot Ness and his 'Untouchables' ever accomplished during the prohibition era in America"--Provided by publisher.
