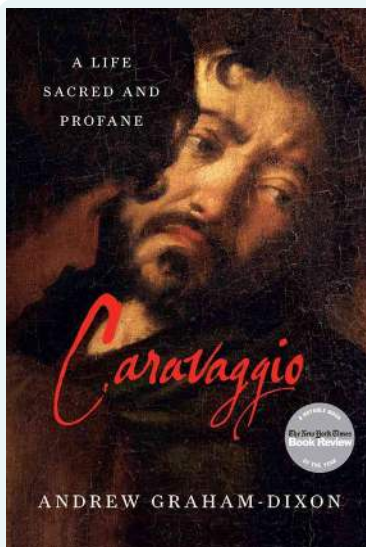




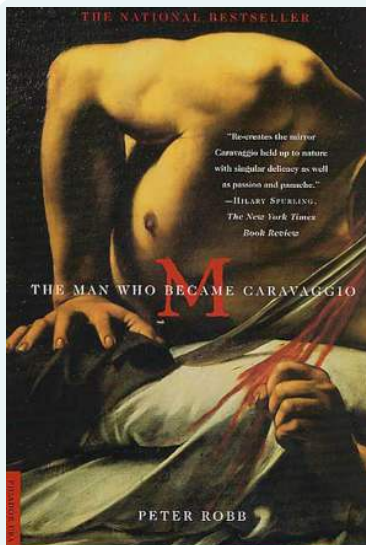
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Art, History, and Caravaggio



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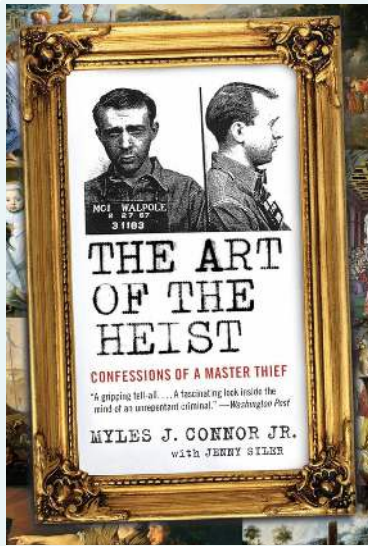
A comprehensive and accessible biography tracing Caravaggio's dramatic life and artistic development, with particular insight into his Sicilian years.



[M: The Man Who Became Caravaggio* by Peter Robb](#)

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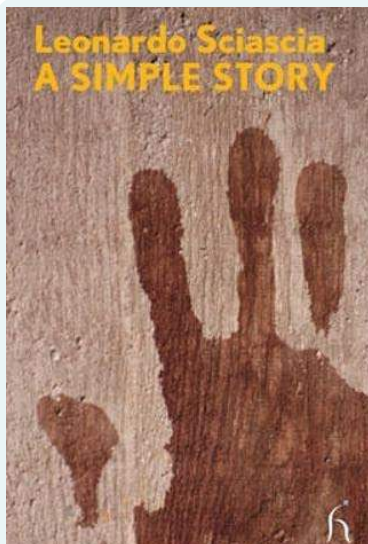
Art Crime and Cultural Loss



[The Art of the Heist* by Myles J. Connor Jr.](#)

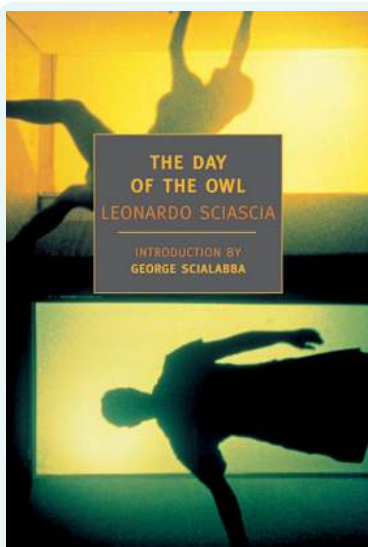
Memoir of an art thief involved in high-profile cases. Offers an insider perspective into the use of art as underworld currency.

Sicilian Mafia and Political Silence



[A Simple Story \(Una storia semplice\)* by Leonardo Sciascia](#)

A novella inspired by the Caravaggio theft—quiet, sharp, and deeply unsettling.



[The Day of the Owl \(Il giorno della civetta\)* by Leonardo Sciascia](#)

An early and bold literary investigation into Mafia influence and societal silence.



[Midnight in Sicily*](#) by Peter Robb

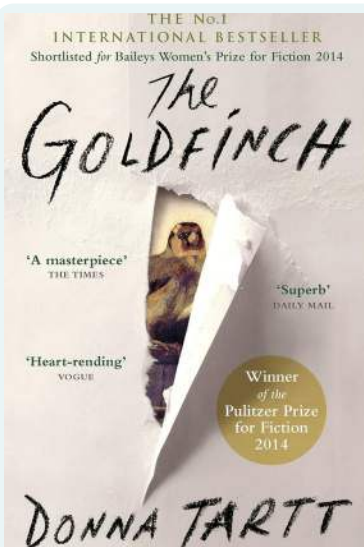
Nonfiction exploration of politics, justice, violence, and even Caravaggio in modern Sicilian history.

Literary & Fictional Explorations



[The Leopard \(Il Gattopardo\)*](#) by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa

A novel of Sicilian decline, fatalism, and beauty—essential to understanding the cultural atmosphere.



[The Goldfinch*](#) by Donna Tartt

A modern story of loss, memory, and the emotional weight of a stolen painting.