



## The Big Crowd

By Baker, Kevin.

Houghton Mifflin. 1 Cloth(s), 2013. hard. Book Condition: New. Based on one of the great unsolved murders in mob history, and the rise and fall of a real-life hero, this novel from the author of the City of Fire trilogy is the sweeping story of Charlie O'Kane, an Irish immigrant who worked his way up from beat cop to mayor of New York in the city's postWorld War II zenith. Famous, powerful, and married to a glamorous fashion model, he is looked up to by millions, including his younger brother Tom. So when Charlie is accused of abetting a shocking mob murder, Tom sets out to clear his brother's name while hiding a secret of his own. Kevin Baker gives us historical powerbrokers and gangsters, celebrities and socialites, scheming cardinals and battling, dockside priests. "Baker's writing is strongenergetic, precise and especially notable for a parade of wonderful metaphors and similes. Best of all, the novel delivers on what the title promises, a detailed rendering of the relationships within that era's power cabal. 'A city like New York,' Charlie tells Tom, 'it's got to have great mennot good mento run it. We're held together against the chaos by the grip of...

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