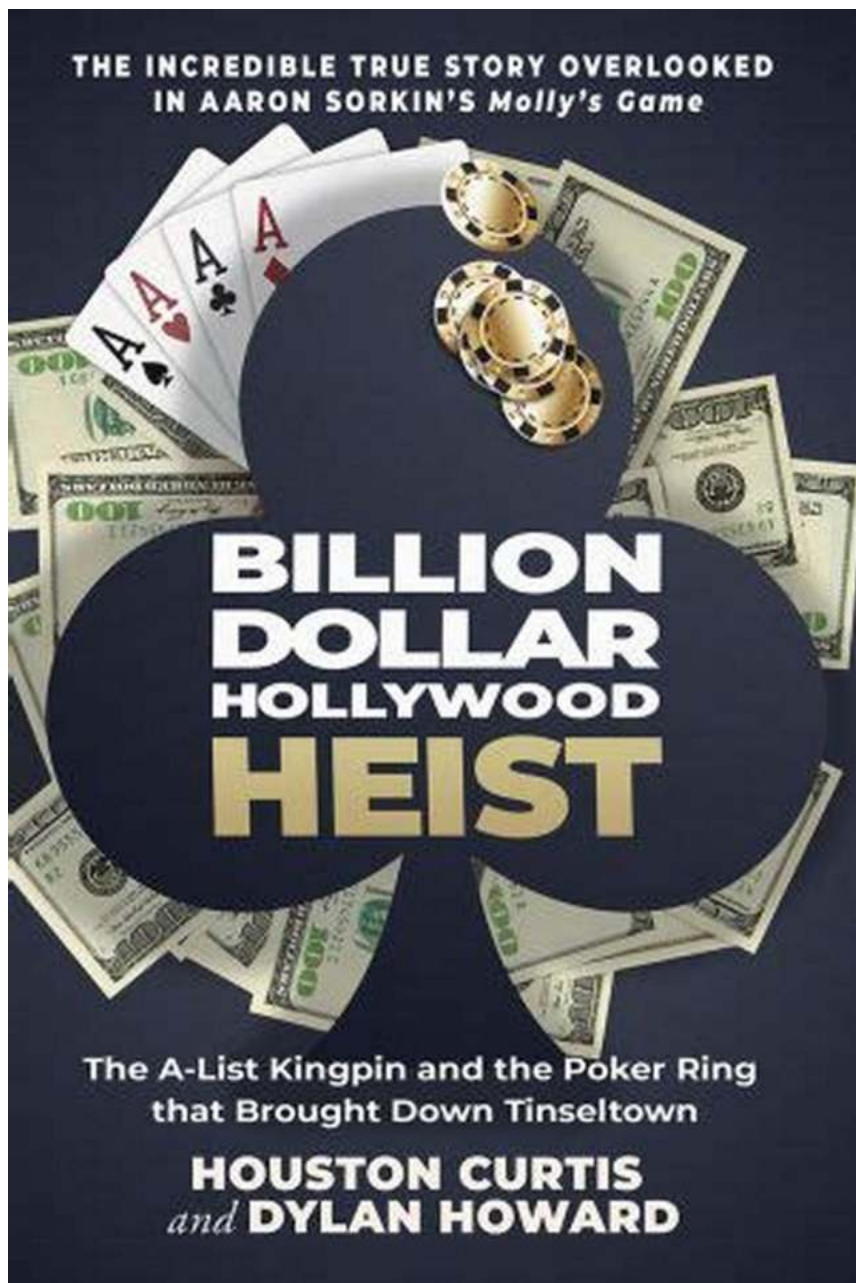


# The List Kingpin And The Poker Ring That Brought Down Tinseltown Front Page



Los Angeles is known for many things - its glamorous Hollywood movie industry, star-studded red carpet events, and luxurious lifestyles. However, beneath the glitz and glamour lies a dark underbelly that once shook Tinseltown to its core.

This is the story of the List Kingpin and the poker ring that brought down the front page of Los Angeles.

## The Rise of the List Kingpin

In the late 2000s, Los Angeles was teeming with wealthy and influential individuals who were part of an exclusive underground poker ring. This secret society, known only to a select few, operated in the shadows, hidden from the prying eyes of the public. Regular attendees included successful actors, producers, and businessmen, all seeking an adrenaline rush and a chance to win big.



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At the heart of this elusive poker ring was a man known as the List Kingpin. A master of disguise, he moved effortlessly among the elite, gaining their trust and earning a seat at their high-stakes poker games. His ability to read people and manipulate the outcome of the games made him an unbeatable opponent. He quickly rose through the ranks, solidifying his position as the kingpin of the underground poker scene.

## The Scandal That Shook Tinseltown

As the List Kingpin's influence grew, rumors began to circulate about rigged games and shady dealings. Whispers of his connections to organized crime syndicates only added to the intrigue surrounding him. However, it wasn't until an ambitious investigative journalist stumbled upon evidence of his illegal activities that the scandal unfolded and brought Tinseltown to its knees.

The journalist, who had spent months undercover, infiltrating the poker ring, documented every move and transaction. His evidence, meticulously gathered, exposed the true extent of the corruption that permeated Hollywood. The moment his exposé hit the front page, shockwaves reverberated throughout Los Angeles, sparking a media frenzy and a series of high-profile investigations.

## **The Fallout and Justice Served**

With the List Kingpin's empire crumbling, the once-invincible poker ring began to disintegrate. The powerful individuals who had reveled in their secret games now faced public scrutiny and legal consequences. The scandal brought down some of the biggest names in Tinseltown, tarnishing their reputations and sending shockwaves through the entertainment industry.

Law enforcement agencies swiftly acted upon the evidence presented by the journalist, resulting in a wave of arrests, trials, and plea deals. The List Kingpin attempted to flee the country but was apprehended at the border, his elaborate escape plan thwarted. He was finally brought to justice, facing charges ranging from fraud and money laundering to conspiracy and racketeering.

## **An End to an Era**

The downfall of the List Kingpin and the subsequent exposure of the poker ring marked the end of an era in Los Angeles. The scandal served as a wake-up call for the city, prompting widespread reforms in the entertainment industry and

beyond. Stricter regulations were put in place, ensuring transparency and accountability in high-stakes gambling activities.

As Hollywood slowly moved past the scandal, it learned valuable lessons about the dangers of unchecked power and the consequences of living in a world of illusion. The List Kingpin's reign may have come to an end, but the scars left on Tinseltown will forever serve as a reminder of the dark side lurking beneath the glimmering Hollywood lights.

## In

The List Kingpin and the poker ring that brought down Tinseltown's front page remain a significant chapter in Los Angeles' history. The scandal not only exposed the corruption within the underground poker scene but also unveiled the vulnerability of an industry that often thrives on secrecy and image. It serves as a reminder that even the most powerful individuals are not immune to the wheels of justice, and that truth will always find its way to the light.

As the years have passed, Hollywood has managed to rebuild itself, learning from its past mistakes and striving towards a more transparent and inclusive future. The List Kingpin's legacy, however, will forever be etched in the memories of those who witnessed the downfall of Tinseltown's most notorious poker ring.



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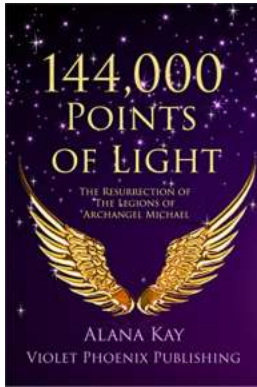
“Right out of the gate, the entire game was designed to empty the pockets of those rich, celeb-loving LA suckers.”—Houston Curtis

Leonardo DiCaprio. Alex Rodriguez. Tobey Maguire. Ben Affleck. Matt Damon. John Cassavetes.

What do these people have in common? Not just fame and fortune; all these men are also alumni of the ultra-exclusive, high-stakes poker ring that inspired Aaron Sorkin’s Oscar-nominated film, *Molly’s Game*.

But Houston Curtis, the card shark who co-founded the game with Tobey Maguire, knows that Sorkin’s is the whitewashed version. In *Billion Dollar Hollywood Heist*, Curtis goes all-in, revealing the true story behind the game. From its origins with Maguire to staking DiCaprio’s first game, installing Molly Bloom, avoiding the hookers and blow down the hall, and weathering the FBI investigation that left Curtis with a lien on his house, this is the no-holds-barred account of the world’s most exclusive Texas Hold ‘Em game from the man who started it—with all the names and salacious details that *Molly’s Game* left out.

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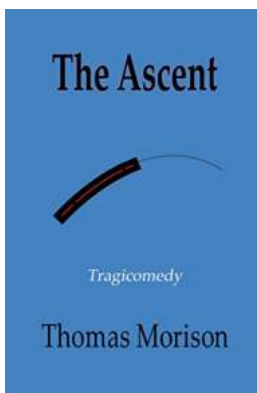
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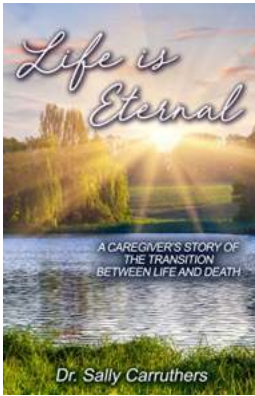
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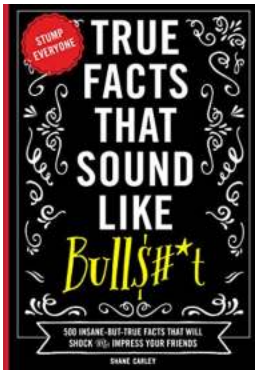
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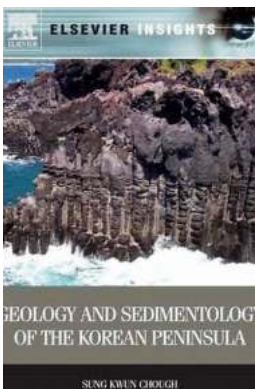
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