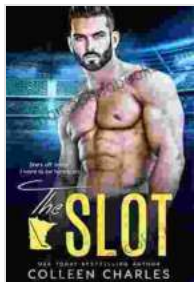


# The Slot: A Captivating Account of the Rochester Riot

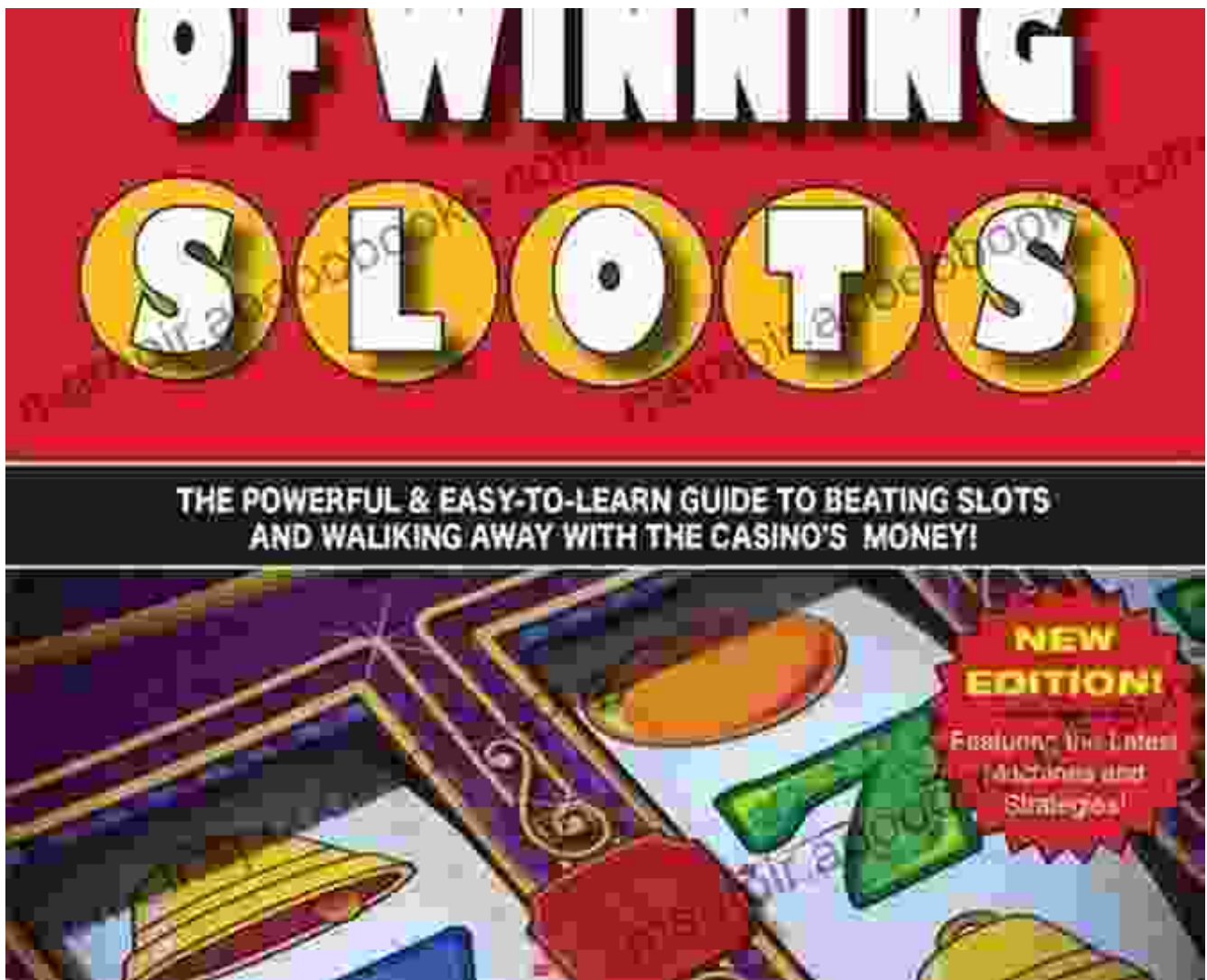


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In the annals of American history, the Rochester Riot stands as a pivotal moment of civil unrest and social upheaval. On the night of July 2, 1964, the city erupted into chaos as protesters took to the streets, igniting a three-day conflict that would forever alter the city's landscape.

Now, in the gripping new book *The Slot*, author David Harris provides a comprehensive and intimate account of this watershed event. Through meticulous research and firsthand interviews, Harris transports readers to the heart of the riot, painting a vivid portrait of the violence, the despair, and the resilience that defined those turbulent days.

## **The Spark That Ignited a Fire**

The events leading up to the Rochester Riot were a complex tapestry of racial tensions, economic disparities, and police brutality. In the years preceding the riot, the city had witnessed a steady rise in racial violence, including the infamous "Happy Valley" incident in 1961, where a group of white men attacked several black children in a public park.

The immediate catalyst for the riot, however, was the arrest of a young black man named Wesley Faulkner. On the evening of July 2, Faulkner was stopped by police for allegedly driving without a license. The arrest escalated into a violent altercation, and rumors of police brutality quickly spread throughout the city's black community.

## **The Night of Chaos**

As darkness descended upon Rochester, the city's streets transformed into a war zone. Protesters, armed with rocks, bottles, and whatever else they could find, clashed with police and National Guard troops. Fires raged, stores were looted, and buildings were vandalized.

Harris's account of the riot is both unflinching and deeply human. He vividly recreates the chaos of the streets, capturing the fear, anger, and desperation that consumed the city. But he also delves into the personal stories of those who lived through the riot, revealing the lasting impact it had on their lives.

## **The Aftermath**

The Rochester Riot ended on July 5, after President Lyndon B. Johnson sent in federal troops to quell the violence. In its wake, the city was left shattered, both physically and emotionally. More than 1,000 people were

injured, hundreds of buildings were destroyed, and the city's reputation was irrevocably damaged.

The riot also sparked a wave of social and political change in Rochester. In the years that followed, the city invested heavily in affordable housing, job training programs, and other initiatives designed to address the underlying causes of the unrest.

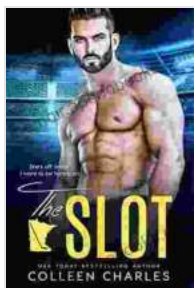
## A Legacy of Resilience

Today, Rochester is a thriving city that has overcome the scars of its past. The Slot serves as a powerful reminder of the city's resilience and its ongoing commitment to justice and equality.

David Harris's meticulously researched and emotionally resonant account of the Rochester Riot is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, race relations, and the enduring power of community.

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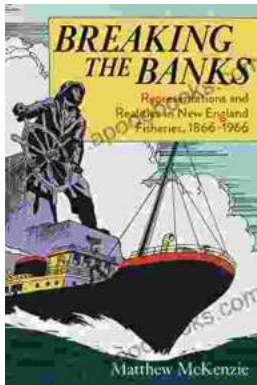
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