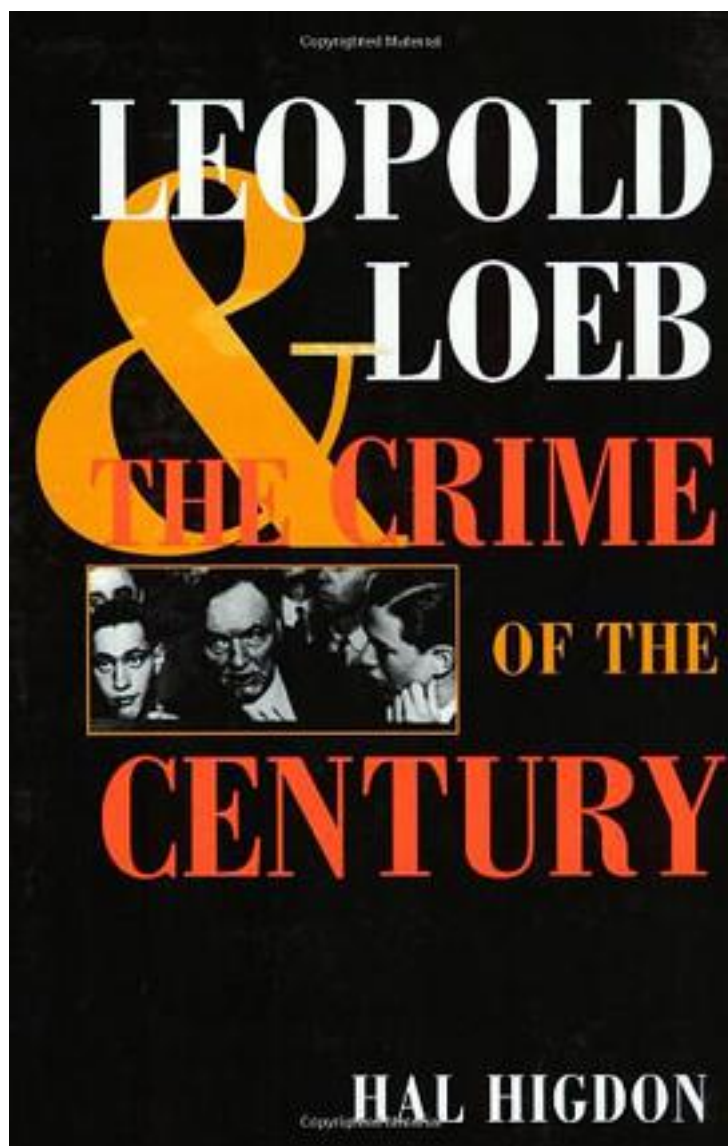


# Leopold and Loeb



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Among the criminal celebrities of Prohibition-era Chicago, not even Al Capone was more notorious than two well-educated and highly intelligent Jewish boys from wealthy South Side families. In a meticulously planned murder scheme disguised as a kidnapping, Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb chose fourteen-year-old Bobby Franks at random as their victim, abandoning his crumpled body in a culvert before his parents had a chance to respond to the ransom demand. Revealing secret testimony and raising questions that have gone unanswered for decades, Hal Higdon separates fact from myth as he unravels the crime, the investigation, and the trial, in which Leopold and Loeb were defended by the era's most famous attorney, Clarence Darrow. Higdon's razor sharp account of their chilling act, their celebrity, and their ultimate emergence as folk heroes resonates unnervingly in our own violent time.

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断断续续看了一个月多，终于在地铁上看完了最后几页。作者的文献做得很扎实，故事写得有趣，难得的是写出了大时代感，感觉可以更加理解为什么这个案子在当时引起了那么多关注。可惜的是Clarence Darrow的庭审部分还是简单了些，法律问题和分析写得不够清晰不够深，当然这是个人偏好了。

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