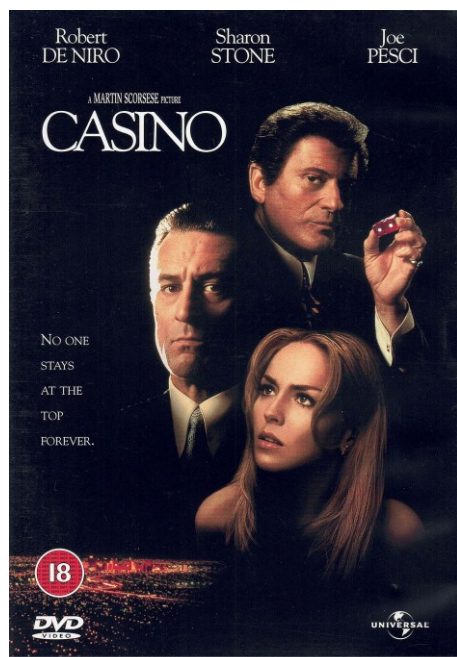


# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Casino**



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## Information

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Casino	
Theatrical release poster	
Directed by	Martin Scorsese
Screenplay by	Nicholas Pileggi Martin Scorsese
Based on	Casino: Love and Honor in Las Vegas by Nicholas Pileggi
Produced by	Barbara De Fina
Starring	Robert De Niro Sharon Stone Joe Pesci Don Rickles Kevin Pollak James Woods
Cinematography	Robert Richardson
Edited by	Thelma Schoonmaker
Production companies	Syalis D.A. Légende Entreprises De Fina/Cappa
Distributed by	Universal Pictures
Release date	November 22, 1995
Running time	178 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$40–50 million <sup>[1]</sup>
Box office	\$116.1 million <sup>[2]</sup>

## Storyline

In 1973, sports handicapper and Mafia associate Sam "Ace" Rothstein is sent by the Chicago Mafia to Las Vegas to run the Tangiers Casino with front man Philip Green. Sam quickly doubles the casino's profits, with cash skimmed directly from the count room and delivered to the Midwest Mafia bosses. Chicago boss Remo Gaggi sends Sam's childhood friend and mob enforcer Nicky Santoro to protect Sam and the casino. He recruits his younger brother Dominick and childhood friend Frankie Marino to gather a crew that specializes in shakedowns and jewelry burglaries. Nicky's criminal activities start drawing too much media and police attention and he is eventually placed in the Black Book, banning him from every casino in Nevada.

Sam meets and falls in love with beautiful hustler and former prostitute Ginger McKenna. They have a daughter, Amy, and marry, but their marriage is quickly thrown into turmoil due to Ginger's relationship with her long-time boyfriend, con artist Lester Diamond. Sam has Nicky's crew beat Lester when they catch him accepting \$25,000 from her. In the mid-1970s, Ginger's problems intensify as she turns to drugs and alcohol.

In 1976, Sam fires slot manager Don Ward for incompetence. Clark County Commission chairman Pat Webb is unable to convince Sam to hire Ward, his brother-in-law back, and Webb arranges for Sam's gaming license to be denied, jeopardizing his position. Sam starts hosting a local television talk show from inside the casino, irritating both Nicky and the bosses back home for bringing more unneeded attention. Sam blames Nicky's recklessness for ongoing police and state government pressure, and Sam's attempts to get Nicky to leave Las Vegas only result in further strain on their friendship.

When the Midwest bosses discover that people on the inside are stealing from their skim, they install incompetent Kansas City underboss Artie Piscano to oversee the operation. Disobeying orders, Piscano keeps detailed written records of the operation. Additionally, an FBI bug placed in Piscano's grocery store catches him talking in detail about the skim, prompting a full investigation into the Tangiers Casino.

In 1980, Ginger kidnaps Amy, planning to flee to Europe with her and Lester. Sam convinces Ginger to return with Amy, then overhears her planning on the phone to kill him. Enraged, Sam kicks her out of their home but relents and forgives her. Ginger confides in Nicky about the situation, and the two start an affair. Sam soon discovers the affair and confronts Ginger, also ending his friendship with Nicky. Nicky ends the affair with Ginger after she asks him to kill Sam, and Ginger threatens to go to the FBI. She leaves Sam and takes all of her money and is approached by the FBI. She does not tell them anything, but they already have all the evidence they need.

In 1982, the FBI discovers Piscano's records and closes the Tangiers, and Green agrees to cooperate. The FBI approaches Sam for help by showing him photos of Nicky and Ginger together, but he turns them down. The bosses are arrested and get ready for trial, and start arranging the murders of anyone who might testify against them. In 1983, Ginger dies of a hot dose, presumably orchestrated by the mob. That same year, Sam narrowly survives a car bomb, suspecting Nicky to be the culprit. Sam states that the bosses did not authorize the bombing, because they had "other ideas" for him.

In 1986, the bosses, finally fed up with Nicky's recklessness, order Frankie and his crew to kill Nicky and Dominick. Under the impression that they are attending a meetup in an Illinois cornfield, they are brutally beaten with baseball bats, stripped of their clothes and buried alive in a shallow grave. With the Mafia now out of the casino industry, nearly all of the old casinos are demolished, and new casinos are built with money from junk bonds. Sam laments the new impersonal, corporate-run resorts of Las Vegas. Because of his status as a reliable and high earner for the outfit, Sam is allowed to live and is last seen working as a sports handicapper in San Diego, right back where he started. Sam states, "And why mess up a good thing? And that's that."

## Cast

Robert De Niro as Sam "Ace" Rothstein  
Sharon Stone as Ginger McKenna  
Joe Pesci as Nicky Santoro  
James Woods as Lester Diamond  
Don Rickles as Billy Sherbert  
Alan King as Andy Stone  
Kevin Pollak as Phillip Green  
L. Q. Jones as Pat Webb  
Dick Smothers as Senator  
Frank Vincent as Frank Marino  
John Bloom as Don Ward  
Pasquale Cajano as Remo Gaggi  
Melissa Prophet as Jennifer Santoro  
Bill Allison as John Nance  
Vinny Vella as Artie Piscano  
Oscar Goodman as Himself  
Catherine Scorsese as Piscano's mother  
Philip Suriano as Dominick Santoro  
Erika Von Tagen as Older Amy  
Richard Riehle as Charlie Clark  
Frankie Avalon as Himself  
Steve Allen as Himself  
Jayne Meadows as Herself  
Jerry Vale as Himself  
Joseph Rigano as Vincent Borelli  
Gene Ruffini as Vinny Forlano  
Paul Herman as Gambler in Phone Booth

## Certification

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Argentina:18 Australia:R Brazil:18 Canada:R Canada:18A (British Columbia) Canada:R (Manitoba/Ontario)  
Canada:18 (Nova Scotia) Canada:16+ (original rating, Quebec) Canada:18A (2017, Alberta) Canada:13+ (2007, re-  
rating, Quebec) Chile:18 China:17 Colombia:18 Czechia:18 Denmark:15 Ecuador:18 (self-applied) Egypt:R  
Finland:K-16 (1996, VHS, cut) Finland:K-18 (1996, uncut) France:12 France:16 (recommended rating) Germany:16 (w)  
Hong Kong:III Iceland:16 India:A Indonesia:21+ Ireland:18 Israel:18 Italy:VM14 Japan:R-15 Japan:R18+  
Malaysia:(Banned) Malaysia:18 (new rating) Maldives:18+R Mexico:C Netherlands:16 New Zealand:R18 Norway:18  
Peru:18 Philippines:R-18 Poland:15 Portugal:M/16 Portugal:M/18 (Qualidade) Russia:18+ Singapore:M18 South  
Korea:18 Spain:18 Sweden:15 Sweden:15 (cut) Taiwan:R-18 Turkey:18+ United Kingdom:18 United States:TV-14  
(DLSV, TV rating) United States:R (certificate #34125) United States:TV-MA (uncut) United Arab Emirates:18+ (self-  
applied) Vietnam:C18

### Sex & Nudity

Moderate

Violence & Gore

Severe

Profanity

Severe

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Severe

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Severe

MPAA Rated R for strong brutal violence, pervasive strong language, drug use and some sexuality

