



Dirty Doc Ames and the Scandal That Shook Minneapolis (Paperback)

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Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The story of Albert Alonzo Doc Ames is perhaps the greatest political scandal in Minnesota history. As mayor of Minneapolis, Ames exposed the city to national humiliation-and helped jump-start an era of reform. At the turn of the twentieth century, Minneapolis was moving away from a time of political rings, frontier justice, and old boys clubs to a more civic-minded way of governing. But in 1901, the affable, degenerate Doc Ames, a former Minneapolis mayor well past his political prime, duped his way back into the office. Ames appointed his brother as chief of police, and together they assembled a rogues gallery of thieves to squeeze as much money out of the city as quickly as they could. Under Ames s leadership, criminals walked beats wearing policeman s uniforms. City detectives robbed prominent citizens. Police maintained arrangements with madams and saloonkeepers, extracting pay for the privilege of openly ignoring the law. With a card game gone bad, and a complaint to a newspaper, it all fell apart. Ames fled Minneapolis in mid-term to avoid prosecution. And at Doc Ames s spectacular downfall, the citizens of Minneapolis finally...

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