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Durham, NC – **Once Upon A Time In Harlem** chronicles the exploits of John Williams, a simple soul from a simple country background who soon becomes caught up in the complicated mix of the 1960s Harlem numbers racket. Together with his younger brother, Sam, John soon overwhelms the existing money-changing hierarchy, shifting the balance of power almost overnight through swift violent action.

Miller's recounting of Williams' rise to power is strikingly similar to Coppola's depiction of Vito Corleone in *Godfather 2*: underestimated by his foes, John's savvy and fearless cunning wills him to the top of the underworld establishment, from which he rules with an iron hand. He is not, though, a complete savage: he donates a substantial amount of funding to an old friend for the creation of a youth community center, and he even refuses to "handle business" with his debtors while they're out with family. Altogether, John can be seen as a benevolent dictator of sorts; a shrewd dealmaker with a humble country spirit. Sam, on the other hand, quickly gains notoriety for his quick temper and even quicker trigger finger. The perfect yin to his brother's cool, even-tempered yang, Sam adds just the right flavor to the overall "Country Boys" paradigm - just what's needed to keep their growing list of nemeses guessing.

Where money leads, though, envy, chaos, and ultimately death are sure to follow, and, among all the back-biting and eminent betrayal, John and Sam must learn to adapt to the ever-changing landscape of The Grand Hustle before all they've worked hard for is caught up in its wake.

**Once Upon A Time In Harlem** (ISBN: 0979703107, USD \$14.95) is available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and [Barnesandnoble.com](http://Barnesandnoble.com).