



FBI: From Al Capone to Al Qaeda

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Catch Me if You Can tells the story of an actual case, that of teen con artist Frank Abagnale, who cashed over \$2.5 million in forged checks while posing as a Pan Am pilot, doctor, and lawyer. He was eventually caught by agent Carl Hanratty (based on agent Joseph Shea) and later consulted with the FBI on white-collar fraud cases and lectured trainees and agents. However, the story continues long past what the film covers. Abagnale has lamented that the public seems more interested in what he did as a teenager, and not his years of service afterwards. Abagnale continues to work with the FBI as a consultant, has written several books on how to protect oneself from fraud, and developed secure checks and watermarks. The truth is certainly stranger than fiction, and Abagnale's son Scott became an FBI agent himself. Abagnale has said seeing his son graduate from the FBI Academy was one of the proudest moments of his life.



Frank W. Abagnale is featured in the Ronald Reagan's Presidential Library and Museum, special exhibit, FBI: From Al Capone to Al Qaeda. This 11,000 square foot exhibition covers the history of the FBI from its inception to today's efforts to fight domestic terrorism. Mr. Abagnale's contributions, from fugitive to celebrated crime fighter, are on display in this worldwide premiere, July 2, 2021-January 9, 2022