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Kill the Messenger-Nick Schou 2009-04-28 Soon to be a major motion picture! Kill the Messenger tells the story of the tragic death of Gary Webb, the controversial newspaper reporter who committed suicide in December 2004. Webb is the former San Jose Mercury News reporter whose 1996 "Dark Alliance" series on the so-called CIA-crack cocaine connection created a firestorm of controversy and led to his resignation from the paper amid escalating attacks on his work by the mainstream media. Author and investigative journalist Nick Schou published numerous articles on the controversy and was the only reporter to significantly advance Webb's stories. Drawing on exhaustive research and highly personal interviews with Webb's family, colleagues, supporters and critics, this book argues convincingly that Webb's editors betrayed him, despite mounting evidence that his stories were correct. Kill the Messenger examines the "Dark Alliance" controversy, what it says about the current state of journalism in America, and how it led Webb to ultimately take his own life. Webb's widow, Susan Bell, remains an ardent defender of her ex-husband. By combining her story with a probing examination of the one of the most important media scandals in recent memory, this book provides a gripping view of one of the greatest tragedies in the annals of investigative journalism.

Whiteout-Alexander Cockburn 2015-01-01 The explosive truth behind the CIA and its dirtiest secrets. On March 16, 1998, the CIA's Inspector General, Fred Hitz, finally let the cat out of the bag in an aside at a Congressional Hearing. Hitz told the US Reps

that the CIA had maintained relationships with companies and individuals the Agency knew to be involved in the drug business. Even more astonishingly, Hitz revealed that back in 1982 the CIA had requested and received from Reagan's Justice Department clearance not to report any knowledge it might have of drug-dealing by CIA assets. With these two admissions, Hitz definitively sank decades of CIA denials, many of them under oath to Congress. Hitz's admissions also made fools of some of the most prominent names in US journalism, and vindicated investigators and critics of the Agency, ranging from Al McCoy to Senator John Kerry. The involvement of the CIA with drug traffickers is a story that has slouched into the limelight every decade or so since the creation of the Agency. Most recently, in 1996, the San Jose Mercury News published a sensational series on the topic, "Dark Alliance", and then helped destroy its own reporter, Gary Webb. In *Whiteout*, Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St. Clair finally put the whole story together from the earliest days, when the CIA's institutional ancestors, the OSS and the Office of Naval Intelligence, cut a deal with America's premier gangster and drug trafficker, Lucky Luciano.

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Department eventually vindicated Webb, he had by then been pushed out of the Mercury News and gone to work for the California State Legislature Task Force on Government Oversight. He died in 2004. The updated edition of *Dark Alliance* features revelations in reports from the Department of Justice, internal CIA investigations, and a cache of declassified secret FBI, DEA, and INS files—much of which was not known to Webb when first writing the book. After years of career-damning allegations leveled at Webb, joined by glowing reviews of the hardcover edition of *Dark Alliance* from shore to shore, the core findings of this courageous investigative reporter's work—once fiercely denied—are now a matter of public record. The updated edition of *Dark Alliance* adds yet another layer of evidence exposing the illegality of a major CIA covert operation.

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The Big White Lie-Michael Levine 1994-04-22 A memoir by a former undercover DEA agent

Cocaine Politics-Peter Dale Scott 1998 When the San Jose Mercury News ran a controversial series of stories in 1996 on the relationship between the CIA, the Contras, and crack, they reignited the issue of the intelligence agency's connections to drug trafficking, initially brought to light during the Vietnam War and then again by the Iran-Contra affair. Broad in scope and extensively documented, *Cocaine Politics* shows that under the cover of national security and covert operations, the U.S. government has repeatedly collaborated with and protected major international drug traffickers. A new preface discusses developments of the last six years, including the Mercury News stories and the public reaction they provoked.

The Death of Ben Linder-Joan Kruckewitt 2011-01-04 In 1987, the death of Ben Linder, the first American killed by President Reagan's "freedom fighters" -- the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan Contras -- ignited a firestorm of protest and debate. In this landmark first biography of Linder, investigative journalist Joan Kruckewitt tells his story. In the summer of 1983, a 23-year-old American named Ben Linder arrived in Managua with a unicycle and a newly earned degree in engineering. In 1986, Linder moved from Managua to El Cuá, a village in the Nicaraguan war zone, where he helped form a team to build a hydroplant to bring electricity to the town. He was ambushed and killed by the Contras the following year while surveying a stream for a possible hydroplant. In 1993, Kruckewitt traveled to the Nicaraguan mountains to investigate Linder's death. In July 1995, she finally located and interviewed one of the men who killed Ben Linder, a story that became the basis for a New Yorker feature on Linder's death. Linder's story is a portrait of one idealist who died for his beliefs, as well as a picture of a failed foreign policy, vividly exposing the true dimensions of a war that forever marked the lives of both Nicaraguans and Americans.

Freeway Rick Ross-Rick Ross 2014-06-11 A notorious drug kingpin reigning over Los Angeles, California and operating across numerous other states, Rick was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1996. But following the discovery his drug source was linked to the CIA and he had been used as a pawn in the Iran-Contra scandal, he received a reduced sentence.

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The 39 Deaths of Adam Strand-Gregory Galloway 2013-02-21 Adam Strand isn't depressed. He's just bored. Disaffected. So he kills himself—39 times. No matter the method, Adam can't seem to stay dead; he awakes after each suicide alive and physically unharmed, more determined to succeed and undeterred by others' concerns. But when his self-contained, self-absorbed path is diverted, Adam is struck by the reality that life is an ever-

expanding web of impact and forged connections, and that nothing—not even death—can sever those bonds. In this hyper-edgy coming-of-age story told in stark, arresting prose, Alex Award-winning author Gregory Galloway finds hope and understanding in the blackest humor.

Pharmaceuticals, Corporate Crime and Public Health-Graham Dukes 2014-06-27 The pharmaceutical industry exists to serve the community, but over the years it has engaged massively in corporate crime, with the public footing the bill. This readable study by experts in medicine, law, criminology and public health documents the pr

Drug War-Dan Russell 2000 The definitive, and most entertaining, general history of the Drug War. 420 photos illustrate 675 annotated & indexed pages.

Clinton Bush and CIA Conspiracies-Shaun Attwood 2019-11-14 In the 1980s, George HW Bush imported cocaine to finance an illegal war in Nicaragua. Governor Bill Clinton's Arkansas state police provided security for the drug drops. For assisting the CIA, the Clinton Crime Family was awarded the White House. The #clintonbodycount continues to this day, with the deceased including Jeffrey Epstein. This book features harrowing true stories that reveal the insanity of the drug war. A mother receives the worst news about her son. A journalist gets a tip that endangers his life. An unemployed man becomes California's biggest crack dealer. A DEA agent in Mexico is sacrificed for going after the big players. The lives of Linda Ives, Gary Webb, Freeway Rick Ross and Kiki Camarena are shattered by brutal experiences. Not all of them will survive.

Crack House-Harry Keeble 2010-05-13 The bastard offspring of cocaine, crack first entered the UK in the early 1990s. By the end of the decade Britain's inner cities were in the midst of a crack epidemic, with users being responsible for a massive proportion of crime -- 95% of street shootings are crack-related, for example. Communities, especially in London, were crying out for help, but

there were only two specialist units in the whole of the capital. One of them, Haringey Drugs Squad, embarked on a war on crack, aiming to shut down all 100 crack houses in their borough in one year. Amazingly, they did it. Even more amazingly, in the subsequent twelve months all black-on-black killings in Haringey ceased, and burglaries and muggings fell massively. Narrated by the leader of this team, CRACK HOUSE describes in heart-stopping fashion a series of breathtaking raids as well as arrests, beatings, stabbings and shootings. Featuring a colourful team of family men who regularly faced death, CRACK HOUSE takes the reader into the dark heart of our cities' most violent and terrifying places, showing how the war on drugs can only be won by constant and forceful vigilance.

You are Being Lied to-Russell Kick 2001 This book acts as a battering ram against the distortions, myths and outright lies that have been shoved down our throats by the government, the media, corporations, organized religion, the scientific establishment and others who want to keep the truth from us. A group of researchers - investigative reporters, political dissidents, academics, media watchdogs, scientist-philosophers, social critics and rogue scholars - paints a picture of a world where crucial stories are ignored or actively suppressed and the official version of events has more holes in it than Swiss cheese. A world where real dangers are downplayed and nonexistent dangers are trumpeted. In short, a world where you are being lied to. You'll discover that a human being has already been cloned; Joseph McCarthy was not paranoid; museums refuse to display artifacts that conflict with the theory of evolution; the CIA has admitted to involvement in the drug trade; parents don't affect who their children become; plus further revelations involving Columbine, WWII, textbooks, Al Gore, George W. Bush, Timothy Leary and much more.

Blond Ghost-David Corn 1994 A biography of CIA agent Shackley is also a critical look at the CIA and its conflicting roles of

objective intelligence gathering and counter-espionage operations
Crack-David Farber 2019-10-10 The crack cocaine years: from deviant globalization to the 'get money' culture of late twentieth-century America.

Crossing the Rubicon-Michael C. Ruppert 2004-09-15 The acclaimed investigative reporter and author of *Confronting Collapse* examines the global forces that led to 9/11 in this provocative exposé. The attacks of September 11, 2001 were accomplished through an amazing orchestration of logistics and personnel. *Crossing the Rubicon* examines how such a conspiracy was possible through an interdisciplinary analysis of petroleum, geopolitics, narco-traffic, intelligence and militarism—without which 9/11 cannot be understood. In reality, 9/11 and the resulting "War on Terror" are parts of a massive authoritarian response to an emerging economic crisis of unprecedented scale. Peak Oil—the beginning of the end for our industrial civilization—is driving the elites of American power to implement unthinkably draconian measures of repression, warfare and population control. *Crossing the Rubicon* is more than a story of corruption and greed. It is a map of the perilous terrain through which we are all now making our way.

The Republican Takeover of Congress-Dean McSweeney 2016-07-27 An electoral earthquake hit the American political landscape in 1994. As the Republican Party won control of the House of Representatives for the first time since 1954 and control of the Senate for the first time since 1986, the longest uninterrupted period of single party rule in the entire history of the United States Congress came to an end. The new congressional majorities were the most conservative in 50 years and immediately proceeded to dominate the political agenda in Washington. Scholars from Britain and the United States document these momentous developments, evaluating their impact on America's political institutions and political culture and their significance for the future development of American politics

and government.

Powderburns-Celerino Castillo 1994 The truth about the remaining dark secret of the Iran-Contra scandal- the United States government's collaboration with drug smugglers.

Powderburns is the story of Celerino Castillo III who spent 12 years in the Drug Enforcement Administration. During that time, he built cases against organized drug rings in Manhattan, raided jungle cocaine labs in the Amazon, conducted aerial eradication operations in Guatemala, and assembled and trained anti-narcotics units in several countries. The eerie climax of Agent Castillo's career with the DEA took place in El Salvador. One day, he received a cable from a fellow agent. He was told to investigate possible drug smuggling by Nicaraguan Contras operating from the Tingo air force base. Castillo quickly discovered that Contra pilots were, indeed, smuggling narcotics back into the United States - using the same pilots, planes, and hangars that the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Council, under the Direction of Lt. Col. Oliver North, used to maintain their covert supply operation to the Contras.

Queen of the Summer Stars-Persia Woolley 2011-06-01 "Once again we are captivated by the magic of the legend that has long fed our appetite for pageantry and romantic adventure." - Washington Post

In a country still reeling from the collapse of the Roman Empire, the young King Arthur and his wife Guinevere struggle to keep the barbarians at bay even as they establish the Fellowship of the Round Table. The spirited and outspoken Guinevere skillfully combats an accusation of planning to poison Arthur in a country simmering with unrest and scandal. But Guinevere's greatest battles are dangers Arthur cannot see-ones she'll have to fight on her own. And all the while, she must reconcile her thirst for freedom with her duties as queen, and her growing love for Lancelot with her loyalty to her husband. Vibrantly human and touchingly real, Guinevere reigns as a woman poised to discover the true peril and promise of the

human heart. Praise for Persia Woolley's Guinevere Trilogy "In Queen of the Summer Stars, Woolley employs the same sensitive revelation of character and attention to cultural detail that made Child of the Northern Spring such an enchantment." -San Francisco Chronicle "Richly textured, evoking the sights and sounds of castle and countryside, the qualities of knight and servant. Highly recommended." -Library Journal "A marvelous sense of daily life...the details of tribal differences among Briton, Saxon, and Pict, as well as the uneasy mixture of pagan and Christian ritual and belief. Enjoyable for all fans of Arthurian romance." -Booklist "Persia Woolley is a born storyteller. Her love and enthusiasm for Guinevere and her times shimmers from every page." -Parke Godwin, author of Beloved Exile and The First Rainbow

The Massacre at El Mozote-Mark Danner 2005 The story of the 1989 massacre of civilians in El Salvadore by US-trained soldiers. Harold!-Salim Muwakkil 2007 This handsome book captures in words and pictures the powerful emotions that have circled around Chicagos popular mayor, Harold Washington, and gives readers a glimpse of a man who has won over an entire city. Doc Holliday-Gary L. Roberts 2011-05-12 "You can't beat this story for drama. . . . An omnibus of everything ever known, spoken, or written about Doc Holliday." -Publishers Weekly "An engagingly written, persuasively argued, solidly documented work of scholarship that will surely take its place in the literature of the Old West." -Booklist In Doc Holliday: The Life and Legend, the historian Gary Roberts takes aim at the most complex, perplexing, and paradoxical gunfighter of the Old West, drawing on more than twenty years of research-including new primary sources-in his quest to separate the life from the legend. Doc Holliday was a study in contrasts: the legendary gunslinger who made his living as a dentist; the emaciated consumptive whose very name struck fear in the hearts of his enemies; the degenerate gambler and alcoholic whose fierce loyalty to his

friends compelled him, more than once, to risk his own life; and the sidekick whose near-mythic status rivals that of the West's greatest heroes. With lively details of Holliday's spirited exploits, his relationships with such Western icons as Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson, and the gunfight at the O.K. Corral, this book sheds new light on one of the most mysterious figures of frontier history.

Urban Smuggler-Andrew Pritchard 2011-03-04 Urban Smuggler chronicles the rollicking life story of one of the most prolific smugglers of our time. After leaving school at 14, Andrew Pritchard started out selling weed at house parties before moving on to run some of the biggest warehouse raves of the acid-house era. The money began to roll in, but with it came trouble, and when someone was murdered at one of his parties he was forced to go on the run to Jamaica. It was there that Pritchard learned the tricks of the smuggling trade, and with corrupt UK Customs officers in his pocket it seemed that nothing could go wrong. But then someone in his network used his supply chain to start shifting industrial amounts of cocaine. When he went to meet a shipment of counterfeit cigars, he was seized by a Customs task force and arrested when the goods turned out to be half a ton of premium-grade cocaine. Following two controversial trials, Pritchard was acquitted after eighteen months on remand. In Urban Smuggler, he reveals just how easy it can be to import shiploads of contraband into the UK and exposes the corruption within the law-enforcement agencies tasked to tackle this kind of crime. Here, then, is the inside story of how to become an 'urban smuggler'.

Reclaiming Her Time-Helena Andrews-Dyer 2020-10-20 Named a Best Political Book of the Year by The Atlantic In the tradition of Notorious RBG, a lively, beautifully designed, full-color illustrated celebration of the life, wisdom, wit, legacy, and fearless style of iconic American Congresswoman Maxine Waters. "Let me just say this: I'm a strong black woman, and I cannot be intimidated. I

cannot be undermined. I cannot be thought to be afraid of Bill O'Reilly or anyone."—Maxine Waters To millions nationwide, Congresswoman Maxine Waters is a hero of the resistance and an icon, serving eye rolls, withering looks, and sharp retorts to any who dare waste her time on nonsense. But behind the Auntie Maxine meme is a seasoned public servant and she's not here to play. Throughout her forty years in public service and eighty years on earth, U.S. Representative for California's 43rd district has been a role model, a crusader for justice, a game-changer, a trailblazer, and an advocate for the marginalized who has long defied her critics, including her most vocal detractor, Donald J. Trump. And she's just getting started. From her anti-apartheid work and support of affirmative action to her passionate opposition to the Iraq War and calls to hold Trump to account, you can count on Auntie Maxine to speak truth to power and do it with grace and, sometimes, sass. As ranking member of the House Financial Services Committee and one of the most powerful black women in America, she is the strong, ethical voice the country has always needed, especially right now. Reclaiming Her Time pays tribute to all things Maxine Waters, from growing up in St. Louis "too skinny" and "too black," to taking on Wall Street during the financial crisis and coming out on top in her legendary showdowns with Trump and his cronies. Featuring inspiring highlights from her personal life and political career, beloved memes, and testimonies from her many friends and fans, Reclaiming Her Time is a funny, warm, and admiring portrait of a champion who refuses to stay silent in the face of corruption and injustice; a powerful woman who is an inspiration to us all.

The Mark of Criminality-Bryan J. McCann 2017-06-06 The Mark of Criminality illustrates the ways that the "war on crime" became conjoined—aesthetically, politically, and rhetorically—with the emergence of gangsta rap as a lucrative and deeply controversial subgenre of hip-hop. In *The Mark of Criminality: Rhetoric, Race, and Gangsta Rap in the War-on-Crime Era*, Bryan J. McCann

argues that gangsta rap should be viewed as more than a damaging reinforcement of an era's worst racial stereotypes. Rather, he positions the works of key gangsta rap artists, as well as the controversies their work produced, squarely within the law-and-order politics and popular culture of the 1980s and 1990s to reveal a profoundly complex period in American history when the meanings of crime and criminality were incredibly unstable. At the center of this era—when politicians sought to prove their “tough-on-crime” credentials—was the mark of criminality, a set of discourses that labeled members of predominantly poor, urban, and minority communities as threats to the social order. Through their use of the mark of criminality, public figures implemented extremely harsh penal policies that have helped make the United States the world's leading jailer of its adult population. At the same time when politicians like Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and Bill Clinton and television shows such as COPS and America's Most Wanted perpetuated images of gang and drug-filled ghettos, gangsta rap burst out of the hip-hop nation, emanating mainly from the predominantly black neighborhoods of South Central Los Angeles. Groups like NWA and solo artists (including Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, and Tupac Shakur) became millionaires by marketing the very discourses political and cultural leaders used to justify their war on crime. For these artists, the mark of criminality was a source of power, credibility, and revenue. By understanding gangsta rap as a potent, if deeply imperfect, enactment of the mark of criminality, we can better understand how crime is always a site of struggle over meaning. Furthermore, by underscoring the nimble rhetorical character of criminality, we can learn lessons that may inform efforts to challenge our nation's failed policies of mass incarceration.

The 3-0-Liborio Lungaro - Retired NYPD 2020-09-29 Based on a True Story of the Largest Police Corruption Scandal in New York City's History - The Dirty Thirty The 3-0 is a thrilling, cat and mouse story that's based on the true story of the largest police

corruption scandal in the history of the New York City Police Department - The Dirty Thirty - It's also a story of bringing a divided community together. The actual events led to the arrest of 33 police officers. The story is set in the 1990's in the 30th Precinct in Harlem. But the story of "The 3-0" is not just about police corruption. It's the story of what happens when the social order collapses under the weight of politics, race, fear, drug cartels, illegal immigration, the rights of citizens, and the role of law enforcement to protect and serve. Because of this the NYPD responded by creating a new specialized unit that revolved around a decorated cop, Sergeant Liborio Lungaro and his team of beat officers. This story sheds light on the riveting back story of Lungaro's character and how he's taken on a journey that will change his life forever. It's a story of twist and turns. Who's good and who's dirty. This story will keep you on the edge of your seat. Van Gogh Self Portraits-Pascal Bonafoux 1989 Excerpts from Van Gogh's letters share his views on his profession, technique, other artists, solitude, and suicide

Operation Gladio-Paul L. Williams 2015-02-03 This disturbing exposé describes a secret alliance forged at the close of World War II by the CIA, the Sicilian and US mafias, and the Vatican to thwart the possibility of a Communist invasion of Europe. Journalist Paul L. Williams presents evidence suggesting the existence of "stay-behind" units in many European countries consisting of five thousand to fifteen thousand military operatives. According to the author's research, the initial funding for these guerilla armies came from the sale of large stocks of SS morphine that had been smuggled out of Germany and Italy and of bogus British bank notes that had been produced in concentration camps by skilled counterfeiters. As the Cold War intensified, the units were used not only to ward off possible invaders, but also to thwart the rise of left-wing movements in South America and NATO-based countries by terror attacks. Williams argues that Operation Gladio soon gave rise to the toppling of governments,

wholesale genocide, the formation of death squads, financial scandals on a grand scale, the creation of the mujahideen, an international narcotics network, and, most recently, the ascendancy of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, a Jesuit cleric with strong ties to Operation Condor (an outgrowth of Gladio in Argentina) as Pope Francis I. Sure to be controversial, Operation Gladio connects the dots in ways the mainstream media often overlooks. A Twilight Struggle-Robert Kagan 1996 A prominent architect of Latin American policy in the Reagan Administration presents a detailed history and analysis of the Nicaraguan Revolution and the American response to it, including the arming of the Contra rebels.

Where Did the Towers Go?-Judy D. Wood 2010 "Summary: To determine what happened on 9/11, all available evidence must be considered. We cannot pick and choose which observable facts we may want to explain and then ignore the others. Any explanation must consider all the available evidence... None of the facts, events, anomalies, or phenomena that have been listed, discussed, and analyzed in this book can be explained by airliner crashes, jet fuel fires, or any scheme of controlled demolition. A comparison of the 911 evidence collected with the evidence of results produced by the well-established Hutchison Effect shows that a similar technology was employed in the destruction of the towers..."--P. 483-484.

Snowblind-Robert Sabbag 2010-06-08 A look at the supercharged life of American drug smuggler Zachary Swan. "An extremely rare cut of dry wit, poetry, rock-hard fact and relentless insight" (Rolling Stone). Robert Sabbag's Snowblind, the true story of an American smuggler whose intricate, ingenious scams made him a legendary figure in the cocaine world of the late sixties and early seventies, is a modern classic. In this "witty, intelligent, fiercely stylish, drug-induced exemplary tale" (Los Angeles Times), Sabbag masterfully traces Zachary Swan's Roman-candle career, from his first forays into smuggling marijuana to his jaunts to

Colombia to buy pure cocaine, and his ever more elaborate plans to outwit the police and customs officials. Updated by the author, this captivating portrait of a dashing antihero and enthralling look at a turbulent age is sure to reach a new generation of readers. "A flat-out ball buster. It moves like a threshing machine with a fuel tank of ether." —Hunter S. Thompson

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