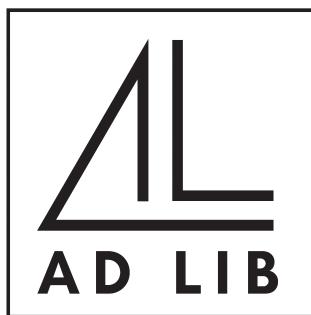


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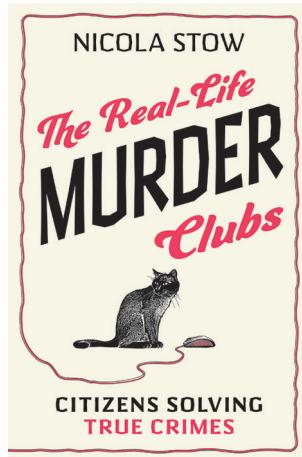
What happens when ordinary people, in real-life murder clubs, set out to investigate cold cases and other crimes?

The Netflix hit *Don't F**k with Cats* was based on the 2012 Montreal murder of Lin Jun by his porn-star boyfriend, Luka Magnotta. Previously Magnotta had anonymously posted videos of himself killing kittens. This spurred horrified Facebook sleuths into working tirelessly to uncover his identity and location.

A self-taught forensic artist uses software and coroners' photographs to show what victims looked like when alive; a mother fulfils her graveside promise to her daughter to get the gang who had killed her; Websleuths matched the IP address of a suspicious contributor to a lottery-winning victim's financial advisor – his body was found in his advisor's boyfriend's garden.

Sometimes citizen sleuthing goes wrong, though, with innocent people being accused of crimes they haven't committed, with tragic results. This real-life version of Richard Osman's *The Thursday Murder Club* is grittier, with intrepid amateur investigators delving into truly gruesome unsolved crimes in pursuit of justice.

Nicola Stow is the bestselling co-author of a number of books. She has over twenty years of experience as a national newspaper and magazine journalist.



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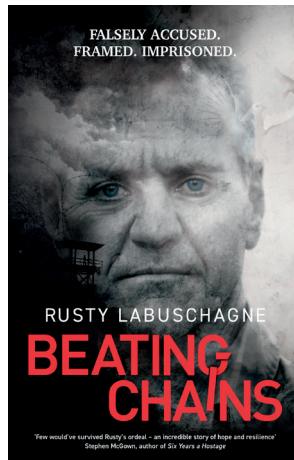
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In 2003, Rusty Labuschagne, a successful Zimbabwean businessman, who ran a safari outfit, flew his own aircraft and had a fishing resort on Lake Kariba, was framed by a poacher, the police, and the courts and wrongfully convicted of drowning a poacher. Rusty lost everything he had worked so hard for, but most of all, his freedom, serving ten years in Zimbabwe's prisons.

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Rusty Labuschagne was released in 2013 and has since become a speaker on the international circuit, delivering a dramatic account of his transformational experience in Zimbabwe's prisons. He lives in Cape Town, South Africa.



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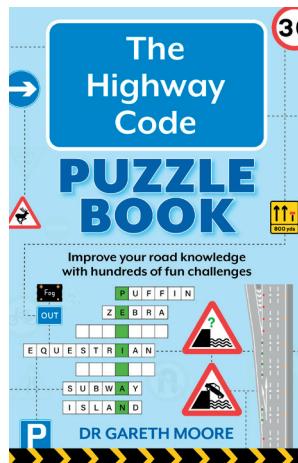
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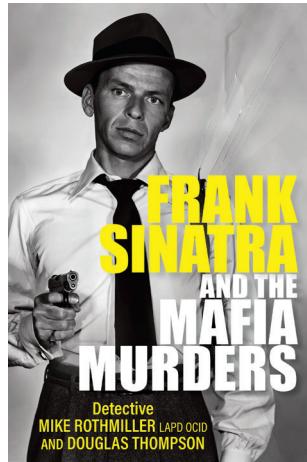
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Frank Sinatra and the Mafia Murders draws on previously secret Los Angeles Police intelligence files, a cache of FBI documents released to the authors in 2021 and extensive interviews with prime sources, to reveal the extent to which Sinatra's life and career were inextricably linked with the Mafia. Includes the shocking true story of how the Mafia killed nine people in trying to find Sinatra's kidnapped son, and how Sinatra twice offered to spy for the CIA, but was turned down because the CIA was already working with the Mob and was afraid Sinatra would leak information about this.

Detective Mike Rothmiller has worked across US Federal and State agencies and with American and international intelligence services. He served for ten years with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), including five years as a deep undercover detective with the Organised Crime Intelligence Division (OCID). He is a bestselling author whose books include

L. A. Secret Police: Inside the Elite LAPD Spy Network (Pocket Books, 1992), a *New York Times* bestseller.

Douglas Thompson is the author of many non-fiction books. He divides his time between a medieval Suffolk village and California, where he was based as a Fleet Street correspondent and columnist for more than twenty years.



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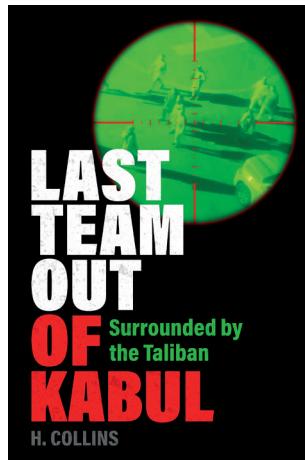
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H. Collins served as a Royal Marine Commando in Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2021, he was providing security for the Japanese embassy in Kabul when the hurried withdrawal of US and other forces began. He would be responsible for the last remaining security team on the ground in a city rapidly filling with Taliban fighters.

Last Team Out of Kabul focuses on the final, fraught six days that H and his team spent in Kabul. Their first attempt to reach the security company's HQ ran into a firefight between Afghan government forces and the Taliban. With all routes blocked, it had to be aborted.

H's small team was surrounded by the Taliban. No help would come and the Taliban's intentions were far from clear. H knew that his ability to keep his team calm and focused would be key. If they made it, they would be the last team out of Kabul.

H. Collins now lives a more peaceful life in rural Lincolnshire enjoying motorbikes, CrossFit, boxing and time with his family.



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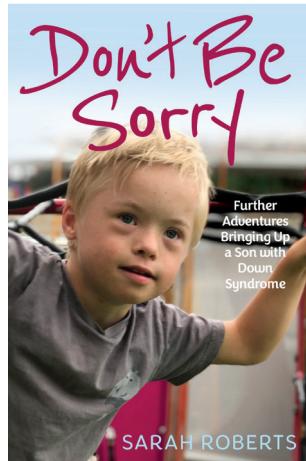
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In *For the Love of Oscar*, Sarah tells the story of her first child Oscar's postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome and his adventures up to the age of four. *Don't Be Sorry* continues Oscar's story, from age four to nine.

Sarah's story is one for any parent; it is not just about the highs and lows of having a child with additional needs.

Sarah may have found herself on a different path to the one she'd imagined — there has been sadness, certainly, and there have been struggles along the way; but there has been so much laughter and happiness, too.

Sarah Roberts lives in Surrey with her husband Chris and their three children, Oscar, Alfie and Flo. Sarah writes a multi-award-winning blog called *Don't Be Sorry*, which she's told helps others in a similar position to herself but is also her take on parenting, which many will find relatable. She has since become a social-media influencer and spends a great deal of her time advocating for Down Syndrome, regularly talking to health-care professionals about the importance of education on the subject.



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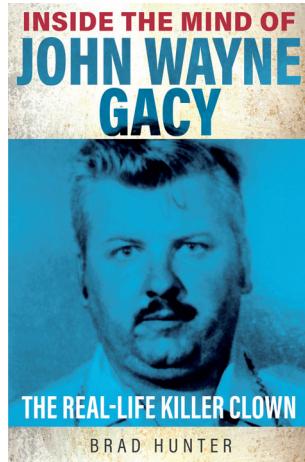
Often said to be the inspiration for Stephen King's evil Pennywise in *It*, John Wayne Gacy was the original, real-life Killer Clown.

Gacy would lure victims to his home with the promise of work or a warm bed, then dupe them into putting on handcuffs to show them a trick. But instead, he would rape and torture them for hours before killing them.

He buried twenty-six victims in the crawl space beneath his home. When that was full, he disposed of some bodies in the Des Plaines River. Gacy was executed in 1994, but at least five of his victims remain unidentified, and detectives have always suspected that there were many more.

Drawing on his many years' experience writing about some of America's most horrific crimes, author Brad Hunter seeks to understand what drove Gacy to unleash a reign of terror in suburban Chicago.

Brad Hunter is the National Crime Columnist for the *Toronto Sun*. Previously he worked for the *New York Post*.



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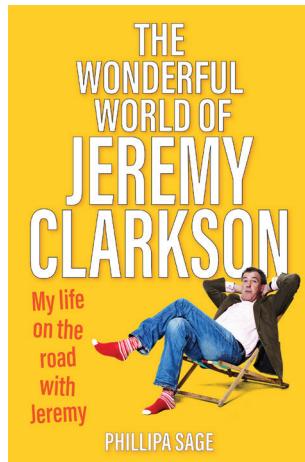
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In *The Wonderful World of Jeremy Clarkson*, Phillipa Sage reveals the extraordinary private world of Jeremy Clarkson – a decadent, never-ending world tour by supercar, helicopter, private jet and superyacht, fuelled by caviar, champagne and... Château Léoube Rosé.

She shares her continuing adventures – the ongoing highs, lows and constant mayhem – she shared for so many years with Clarkson and his fellow presenters, Hammond and May, some of which she had begun to detail in her first book, *Off Road with Clarkson, Hammond & May*.

Phillipa Sage worked in the motoring industry for over 20 years, supporting, producing and managing live events for the marketing departments of major motor manufacturers and went on to become a key member of the production team for *Top Gear Live*. She was also part of the crew who produced *The Grand Tour* for Amazon, working on the pilot and their first film abroad in Jordan. Phillipa lives in Devon.



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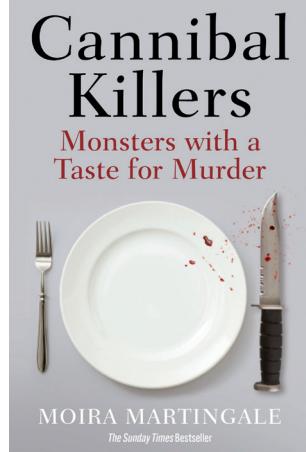
Moira Martingale

Murderers who eat those they kill have existed throughout human history. Today, they stalk their victims online . . .

Those who once operated in the shadows can now find not only other like-minded monsters online, but also their next victims.

This comprehensively updated and expanded reissue of *The Sunday Times* bestseller examines cannibal killers from early human history right up to the present day, from the monstrous Sawney Bean, who killed and ate hundreds of travellers in Scotland five hundred years ago, to Jeffrey Dahmer, Andrei Chikatilo, Ed Kemper and Issei Sagawa — all loners, hiding their most terrible of secrets.

Moira Martingale is a journalist, former columnist and feature writer for national and regional newspapers and magazines including the *Birmingham Post*, the *Liverpool Echo*, *The Sunday Times* and the *Sun*. She is the author of *Ghostbusters* and the original *Cannibal Killers: The Impossible Monsters*. She lives in Worcestershire, England, and Carcassonne, France.



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No Safe Place: Murdered by our father

Bekhal Mahmud with
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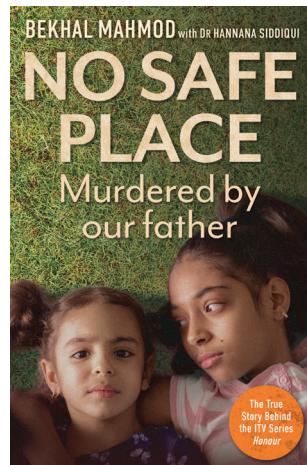
Bekhal was born into a Sunni Muslim family in Iraqi Kurdistan. Her early childhood was happy, but when she turned 6, her father Mahmud began to subject her to horrific beatings and abuse as he enforced his strict, misogynistic rules.

The family moved to London. When Bekhal's father tried to force her into an arranged marriage at 15, she ran away. She became a target for an 'honour killing' and her younger sisters Banaz and Payzee were married off to restore the family's reputation.

When Banaz left her husband, claiming he'd beaten and raped her, Mahmud decided this 'shame' meant Banaz must die.

Bekhal Mahmud is the first female sibling in the UK to give prosecution evidence against her family for the 'honour killing' of her sister, Banaz Mahmud.

Dr Hannana Siddiqui is an award-winning author, expert and activist on violence against black and ethnic minority women and girls. She has been a leading member of the renowned black feminist organisation Southall Black Sisters, for 36 years.



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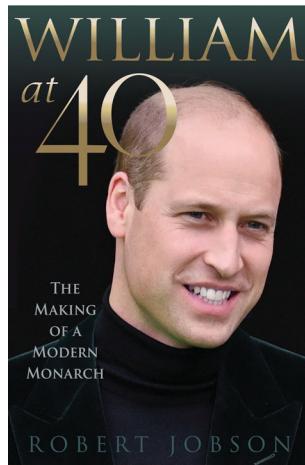
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Robert Jobson is one of Britain's leading royal commentators, dubbed 'the Godfather of royal reporting' by the *Wall Street Journal*. He is Royal Editor of the *Evening Standard* and regularly appears on television as a royal expert. A bestselling author and award-winning correspondent, he has been at the forefront of royal reporting for a quarter of a century.



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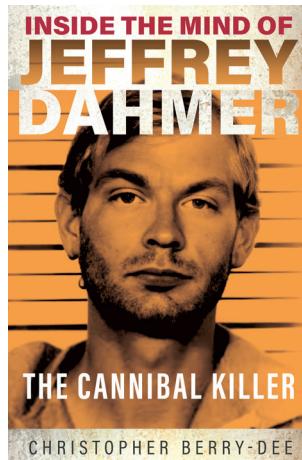
Christopher Berry-Dee

Sunday Times bestselling author Christopher Berry-Dee is the man who talks to serial killers. A world-renowned investigative criminologist, he has gained the trust of murderers across the world, entered their high-security prisons, and discussed in detail their shocking crimes. Berry-Dee now delves into the mind of perhaps the most sadistic and psychopathic killer of all time.

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Using his long experience and psychological expertise, Berry-Dee seeks to understand the motivation, the amoral urges and the merciless horror behind Dahmer's inhuman behaviour: what could make a man do this?

Christopher Berry-Dee is a noted writer and criminologist whose books include *Talking with Psychopaths and Savages*, the UK's bestselling true crime title of 2017, and *Talking with Female Serial Killers*. He is the UK's No. 1 true-crime author.



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For the Love of Oscar shares a mother's real and very raw emotions as she comes to terms with that new path, in a story which is nevertheless both heartwarming and funny. Sarah writes candidly about the ups and downs not only of parenthood, but also of parenting a child who just happens to have additional needs.

Sarah Roberts lives in Surrey with her husband Chris and their three children, Oscar, Alfie and Flo. Sarah writes a multi-award-winning blog called *Don't Be Sorry*, which she's told helps others in a similar position to herself but is also her take on parenting, which many will find relatable. She has since become a social-media influencer and spends a great deal of her time advocating for Down Syndrome, regularly talking to health-care professionals about the importance of education on the subject.



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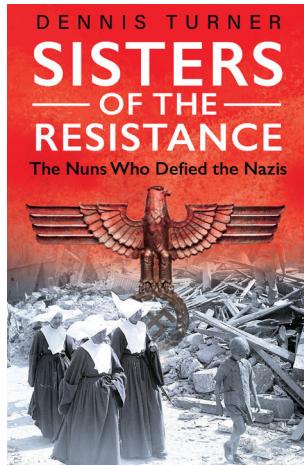
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Throughout the occupied territories, Catholic Sisters were active in the resistance to the Nazis.

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Dennis Turner graduated from Georgetown University in 1967 with a degree in History. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from Georgetown University Law School in 1970. He has served as an Assistant County Prosecutor and as a Magistrate-Judge. Since 1974, he has been a Professor of Law at the University of Dayton School of Law. He also has extensive experience with the British criminal justice system through his association with the barrister firm Pump Court Chambers in Winchester, England.



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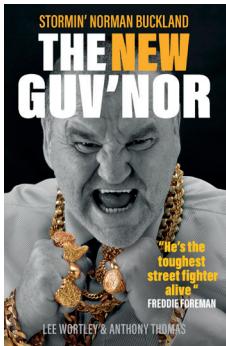
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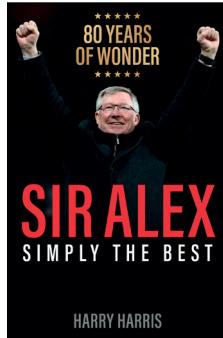
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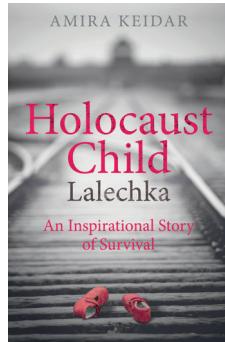
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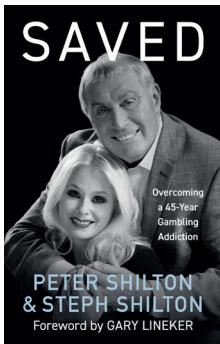
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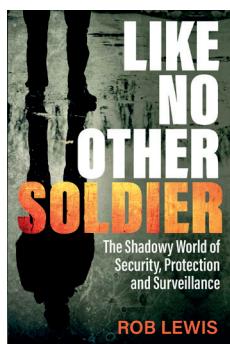
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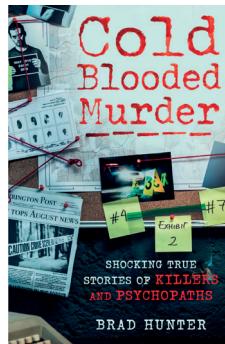
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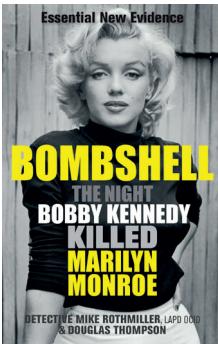
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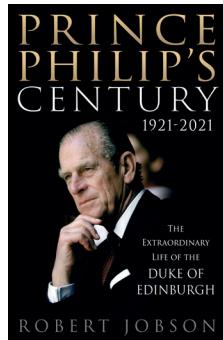
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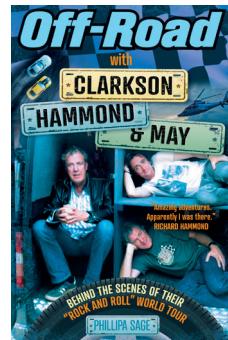
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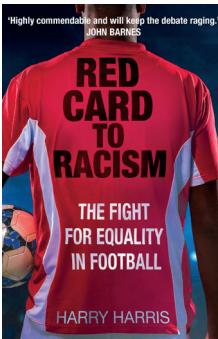
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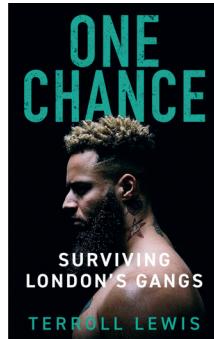
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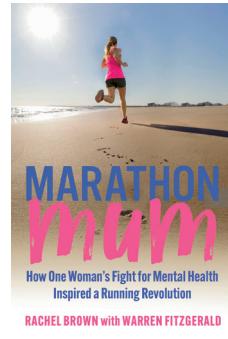
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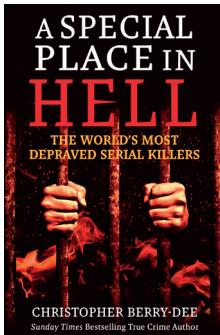
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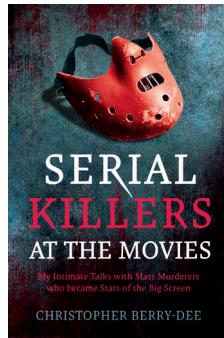
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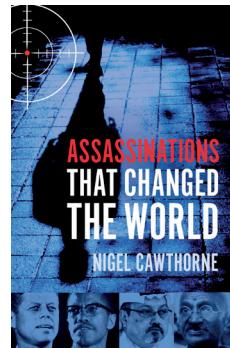
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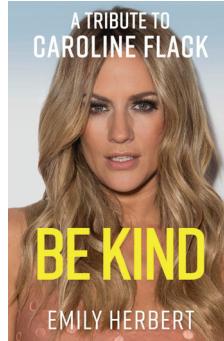
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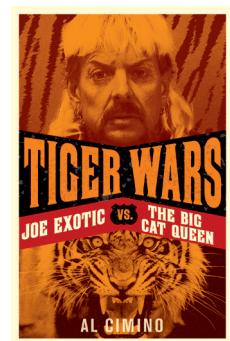
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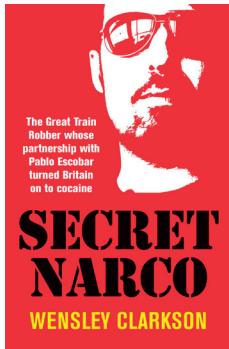
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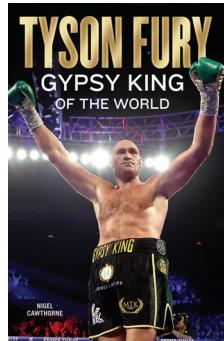
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