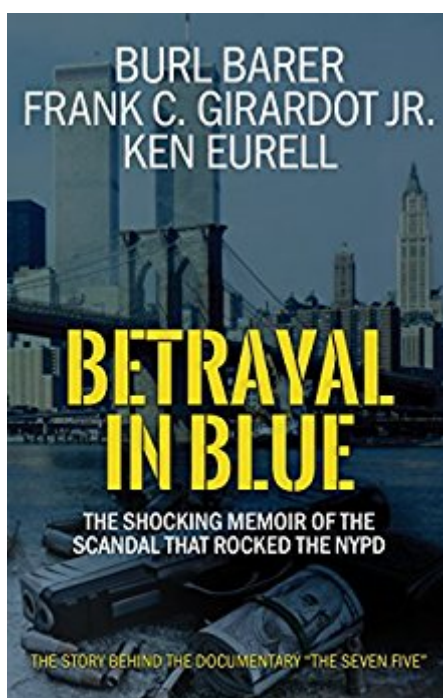


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Betrayal In Blue: The Shocking Memoir Of The Scandal That Rocked The NYPD



Synopsis

They Had No Fear Of The Cops Because They Were The Cops NYPD officers Mike Dowd and Kenny Eurell knew there were two ways to get rich quick in Brooklyn's Lower East Side. You either became drug dealers, or you robbed drug dealers. They decided to do both. "I promised my wife that we would make a lot of money, and that she had nothing to worry about. I LIED!" Dowd and Eurell ran the most powerful gang in New York's dangerous 75th Precinct, the crack cocaine capitol of 1980s America. These "Cocaine Cops" formed a lucrative alliance with Adam Diaz, the kingpin of an ever-expanding Dominican drug cartel. Soon Mike and Ken were buying fancy cars no cop could afford, and treating their wives to levels of luxury not associated with a patrol officer's salary. They Were Daring, Dangerous and Untouchable Until ...Then "the biggest police scandal in New York history" exploded into the headlines with the arrest of Mike, Ken, and their fellow crooked cops. Released on bail, Mike offered Ken a long shot at escape to Central America • a bizarre plan involving robbery, kidnapping, and murder • forcing Ken to choose between two forms of betrayal. "When you lie, you steal the truth. Once you have stolen the truth, you can justify stealing anything from anybody." Adapted from Ken Eurell's shocking personal memoir, plus hundreds of hours of exclusive interviews with the major players, including former international drug lord, Adam Diaz, and Dori Eurell, revealing the truth behind what you won't see in the hit documentary THE SEVEN FIVE. Edgar Award winner Burl Barer once again teams with award-winning journalist Frank C. Girardot, Jr, and Eurell to bring you an astonishing story of greed and betrayal.

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Customer Reviews

I knew there was corruption in the New York Police Department back in the 80s but I never dreamed how bad it really was until I read this book. This was a real eye-opener for me as well as a real page turner. This is a very well written book and I highly recommend it to anyone who likes true stories as well as true crime.

This is the best true crime book I have read so far. It was the most gripping because of the the many people that were involved with sins of corruption, sins of betrayal of loved ones, and sins of omission. Who could a person trust? Although I have been personally far removed from this subculture of drugs and easy money, I can see how some career cops could have been tempted to lie and steal by using their direct access to drugs and cash on the job, or could have been tempted to fall into a state of passive despair and low morale. This true story had a satisfying resolution with the emotionally excruciating betrayal of a former partner-in-crime "friend" decided upon by one who was in deep trouble himself, in order to prevent further harm and to save a life.

Gritty book telling true story of corruption in New York Police Dept. Having followed the headlines when this story broke, the authors told it all that wasn't in the news and pulled it together in a book that you can't put down. Very well written, good historical context, transcripts from interviews all placed in chronological order that make for a riveting read.

Excellent and captivating true story about police corruption during the 80's. Burl Barer along with Kenny Eurrell, one of the officers involved, paint a complete picture that illustrates how easy it was for the officers to get away with their crimes for so long, how the upper echelons of NYPD turned blind eyes and then when confronted made minor efforts, and the broken system that perpetuated the cycle. This book takes you on the ride with a front row seat.

This book reads like a Martin Scorsese mob thriller. More detailed than the documentary. A real page turner, refreshingly honest. No excuses. This book is just aching for a Hollywood treatment. I couldn't believe how far down these cops sank. Just when you think it could not get any worse, it does. And then the spiral begins. Nothing like a good "Good Cop/Bad" Cop book, where the one you are rooting for finds redemption.

Betrayal In Blue is a no-nonsense, go-for-the-jugular account of NYPD's 75th Precinct in the late eighties. In a near first-person style, it details the war-like conditions of a five square mile precinct which lured a group of officers into schemes of corruption which were unparalleled in the annals of law enforcement. For those who are interested in the Thin Blue Line, it is a riveting, must-read book. Two thumbs up from a retired old-school police officer.

Great book, great story, and it was really interesting to see Mr. Eurell's side of the story. I recommend this to anyone just an awesome piece of American history.

This was an outstanding book. Very hard to put down because you kept reading to find out what was next. Very well written it kept you going and hard to believe it was real.

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