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FICTION

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# THE DEVIL HATH A PLEASING SHAPE

A NOVEL

By Terry Roberts

IT'S THE AUTUMN OF 1924, AND BENJAMIN LOFTIS HAS A PROBLEM.

A college girl is discovered—naked and dead—in one of the finest rooms of his beloved Grove Park Inn. To prevent the sullied reputation of this jewel in the crown of North Carolina and all the Southern mountains, Loftis calls in Stephen Robbins, a local man famous in some circles for finding missing people and solving unsolvable crimes.

Robbins, now scarred and battered by life's wars, would rather retreat from the world than dive headfirst into a new mystery. But he agrees to help and is quickly swept into the social hierarchy of Asheville's complex and harshly stratified society, running head-on into the financial and political elite who control this mountain town—those who want a murderer caught but not necessarily the murderer.

With so many socialites focused on reputation over truth, will Robbins be able to find the devil walking among them and bring them to justice? Find out in *The Devil Hath a Pleasing Shape*, a thrilling noir set against the backdrop of the jazz age in America.



## CATEGORY:

- Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Historical
- Fiction/Southern
- Fiction/Noir

## PUB DATE:

October 1st, 2024

Walk the dark halls and threatening streets of 1920s Asheville in this thrilling third installment of The Stephen Robbins Chronicles, as fan-favorite Robbins confronts the dangerous contrast between appearance and reality at the exclusive Grove Park Inn.

ISBN: 9781684420353

# SIDEWALK DANCE

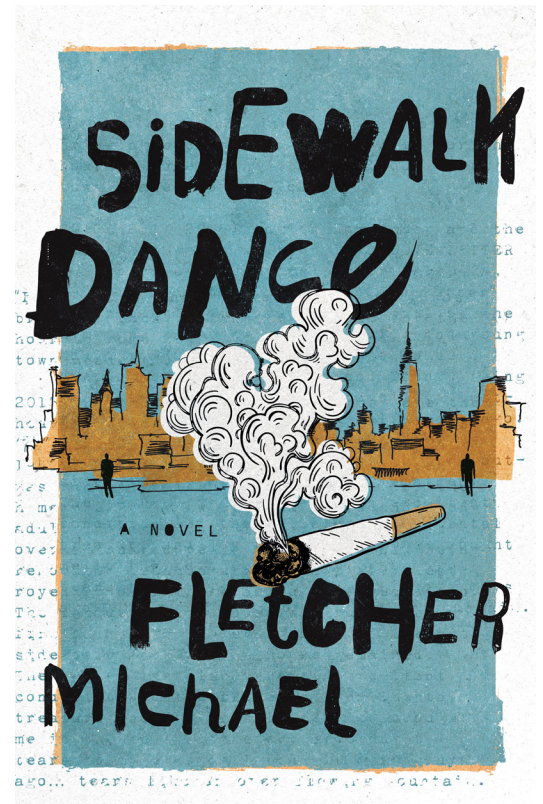
## A NOVEL

By Fletcher Michael

SIDEWALK DANCE IS A PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A DELUDED SELF-SABOTEUR.

Haunted by his brother's tragic death in the War in Afghanistan and unable to process this trauma, Fisher shuns his elitist pedigree by abruptly quitting Yale Law School, changing his name to Fish, and moving to New York City. Once there, he sets about reinventing himself as a doomed playwright. Unfortunately for Fish, he is more of an idealist than a talent; a dreamer more than a doer. His delusions of grandeur quickly lead him into an abyss of self-doubt, addiction, identity crisis, and isolation.

The pregnancy of his would-be muse, Madame Meticulous, the debaucherous tendencies of his alter ego, Partiboy, and the impending destruction of the Hell's Kitchen art gallery where he works combine to complicate Fish's pursuit of literary legacy. His central delusion is that by cloaking himself in the trappings and lifestyle of the tortured artist (hurling his iPhone off the Brooklyn Bridge, smoking hand-rolled cigarettes, growing out his hair, drunkenly clobbering a typewriter late at night), he will somehow become one. As paternity, unemployment, creative sterility, and romantic abandonment loom, Fish clings to a misguided hope that the staging of his play will make all well again.



### CATEGORY:

- Fiction/Coming of Age
- Fiction/City Life
- Fiction/Own Voices
- Fiction/Literary

### PUB DATE:

October 15th, 2024

From the author of *Glass Bottle Season* comes a gritty new coming-of-age novel that examines what happens when one man's desperate journey to become a New York Writer leaves him more "tortured" than "artist."

ISBN: 9781684420568



# THE GONIF

## AN AMOS PARISMAN NOVEL

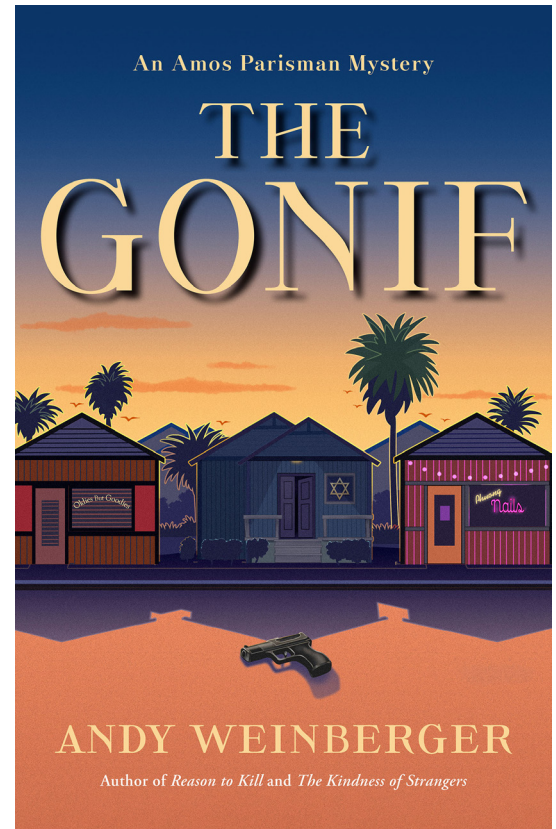
By Andy Weinberger

LA'S OLDEST AND MOST UNCONVENTIONAL JEWISH GUMSHOE HAS RETURNED TO STOP A HEIST BEFORE IT HAPPENS IN THE EXCITING FIFTH INSTALLMENT OF THE AMOS PARISMAN MYSTERY SERIES!

To escape the predations of the Nazis, a rare two-hundred-year-old Torah is quietly smuggled out of a doomed North African Jewish community in the dead of night and put aboard a ship. Eventually, it makes its way to safety across the Atlantic. Generations after the war has ended, it resides in obscurity in a small, rundown Sephardic temple in Hollywood. The peace is shattered, however, when suddenly someone tries to break in and abscond with it.

Amos Parisman, a local, agnostic, aging gumshoe, is recruited to thwart the would-be burglar. This sets him off on a madcap plunge into the world of international art and antiquities, and the ruthless kind of people who will stop at nothing—not even murder—to own them.

The Gonif parses the difference between true wisdom and the coarse material world.



### CATEGORY:

- Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Private Investigators
- Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Jewish
- Fiction/Jewish

### PUB DATE:

November 19th, 2024

"Pure entertainment ... As characters go, Parisman is as no-nonsense as Philip Marlowe or Sam Spade, but unlike those classic detectives, there's a bit more heart and nuance to our central character." — San Francisco Chronicle on Amos Parisman

ISBN: 9781684421305

# THE MACHINE IN THE BILTMORE

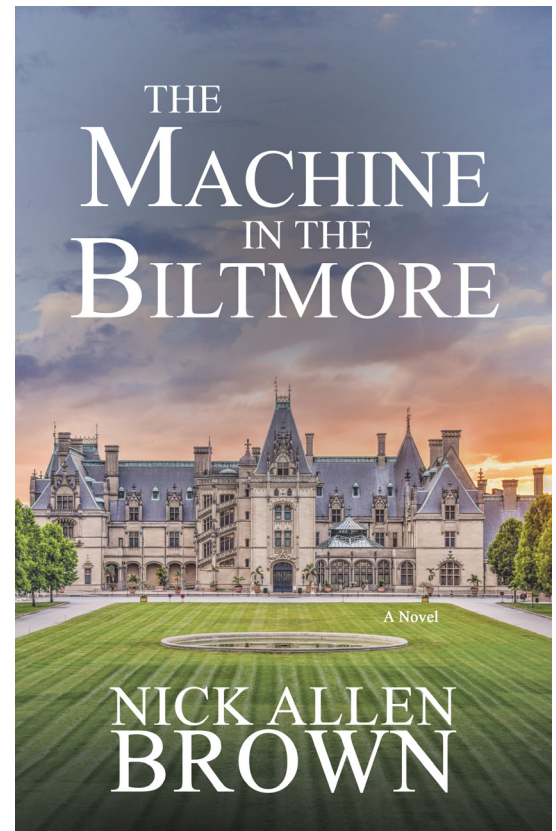
## A NOVEL

By Nick Allen Brown

LOCKED AWAY FOR OVER A CENTURY, THIS MACHINE HOLDS AN ALLURING SECRET.

After remaining sealed for generations, a hidden room is discovered in the basement of the famed Biltmore Estate. Within the musty, decaying confines of the hidden room, a large mechanical machine comes to light. Crafted with intricate gears, levers, and sophisticated mechanisms, the contraption is hailed as a significant archaeological discovery. The esteemed board of directors overseeing the operations of the Biltmore Estate enlists the expertise of Professor Dr. Daniel Garrison to unravel the purpose and origin of this enigmatic machine.

While Dr. Garrison investigates, readers are transported back to the year 1906, when George Vanderbilt II commissions an inventor to construct this mysterious apparatus. What secrets lie within this machine? Why was it brought into existence?



### CATEGORY:

- Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Cozy
- Fiction/Romance/Clean & Wholesome
- Fiction/Multiple Timelines
- Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Historical

### PUB DATE:

December 3rd, 2024

This compelling tale unfolds across intertwining narratives—the investigation of the machine in the present day and its creation back in 1906—to deliver a captivating and riveting ending.

ISBN: 9781684420599

# HOLLYWOODSKI

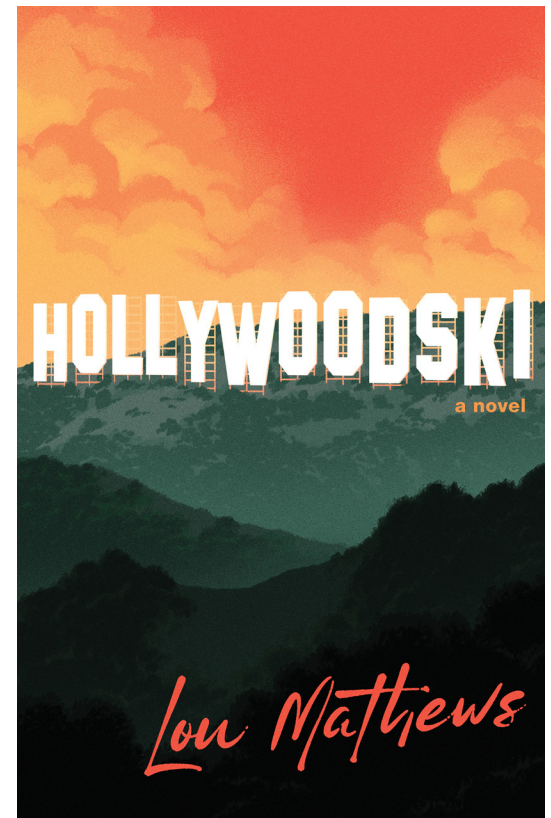
## A NOVEL

By Lou Mathews

A COMPELLING NOVEL-IN-STORIES,  
HOLLYWOODSKI SHOWCASES A SELF-  
DESCRIBED “FADED” SCREENWRITER’S FORTY-  
YEAR CAREER.

Dale Davis is a man encumbered by a natural writing talent, corrupted by early success, and reduced to scrambling for crumbs. He arrives in Hollywood, unbattered and innocent, with a novel about his days as an almost Olympic-caliber swimmer. But his faith in the prevailing powers of talent and justice in Tinseltown leaves him essentially black-listed and unemployable, a talented writer who just can’t get paid. Despite the fading of a once-promising career, Davis still believes that his talent will propel him back into prominence. But that belief, in Hollywood, is about as realistic as the belief that “Someday my prince will come,” and as likely to make you depressed and crazy.

Hollywoodski is a nonlinear journey through Davis’s life, weaving his memories with stories he’s written over the years, charting how his hopes and dreams have changed over time. Featuring stories originally published in prominent publications such as *The New England Review*, *The Los Angeles Reader*, and *Six Three Whiskey*, *Hollywoodski* is a sweeping and inventive telling of the strange avenues that a life follows.



### CATEGORY:

- Fiction/Literary
- Fiction/City Life
- Fiction/Hispanic & Latino/General
- Fiction/Own Voices

### PUB DATE:

January 21 st, 2025

“No one writes, or maybe ever has written, as well as Mathews about the local streets and their navigations, liberations, and traps, as brilliantly demonstrated in these stories.” —Steve Erickson, author of *Shadowbahn* on Lou Mathews

ISBN: 9781684429806



NONFICTION

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# BREAKING INTO TV WRITING

HOW TO GET YOUR FIRST JOB, BUILD YOUR NETWORK,  
AND CLAW YOUR WAY INSIDE THE WRITERS' ROOM

By Anton Schettini

THE OLD SCREENWRITING MOTTO IS, "WORK  
ON YOUR SCRIPT, AND THE JOBS WILL  
COME." THIS IS FALSE.

A great script is only as good as the effort you put into your career, but there is little information for the aspiring screenwriter about how to break in. Even those who study TV or film in college are taught to simply "get a production assistant job." But then what? And how do you get that job to begin with?

Breaking into TV Writing contains all the crucial information left out of most screenwriting books, like:

- How to get your first job in TV
- What TV writing samples you need
- How to break into the elusive TV writers' room
- How a writers' room creates an episode of TV
- Which assistant jobs are worth your time (and which you should avoid at all costs?)

Anton Schettini provides a rare insider's glimpse of the modern-day network and streaming TV writers' room. Here, you will find practical advice, career-path strategies, and first-hand accounts for how to establish your network, grow within it, and acquire the necessary tools to become a TV writer.

## BREAKING INTO TV WRITING

How to Get Your First Job,  
Build Your Network, and Claw  
Your Way Inside the Writers' Room



ANTON SCHETTINI

### CATEGORY:

- Performing Arts/Television/  
Screenwriting
- Social Science/Media Studies

### PUB DATE:

September 3rd, 2024

The industry would love to tell you to put your head down, work hard, write a lot, and pay your dues; Schettini will show you why that hackneyed mantra is misleading, and how you can put yourself in the best position to break through the barriers and see your work on the TV screen.

ISBN: 9781684429868

# THE PUZZLER'S GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA

## GAMES, JOKES, FUN FACTS & TRIVIA ABOUT THE GOLDEN STATE

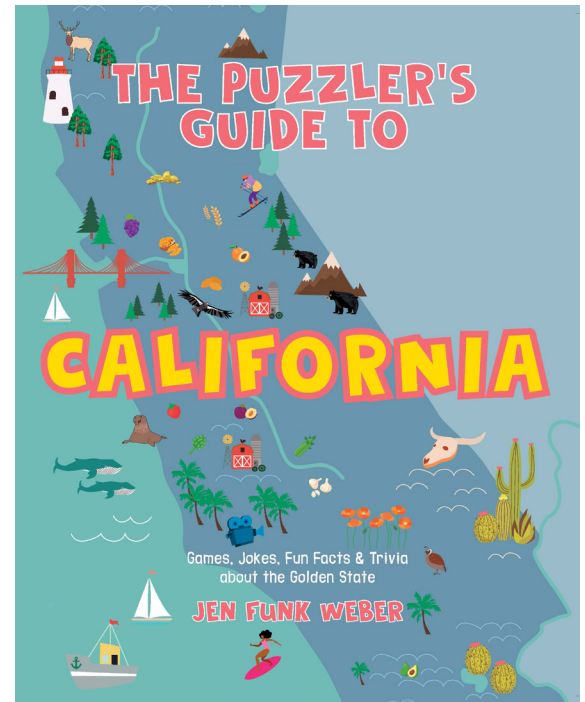
By Jen Funk Weber

GET READY TO TRAVEL TO CALIFORNIA, THE TRUE PUZZLER'S WAY!

Visit the beautiful golden state of California! Grab a pencil as you play all kinds of puzzles and games while the local animal residents tell jokes and share trivia. Learn about the official state symbols, its biggest features, the animals that live here, and much more.

The puzzles mix a variety of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) challenges to exercise different parts of the brain, including mazes, tessellations, logic and math reasoning, crosswords, word searches, and language codes. When solved, the puzzles' answers (at the back of the book) reveal facts about California's flora, fauna, history, and culture.

Perfect for long drives, plane rides, meals, and other slow times, *The Puzzler's Guide to California* keeps young puzzlers ages 8 and up occupied and engaged.



### CATEGORY:

- Juvenile Nonfiction/Games & Activities/  
Puzzles
- Juvenile Nonfiction/Activity Book/General
- Juvenile Nonfiction/History/United States/  
State & Local

### PUB DATE:

October 10th, 2024

With several types of puzzles to delight curious minds, *The Puzzler's Guide to California* is one part puzzle book, one part natural history guide—and lots and lots of fun!

ISBN: 9781513141701

# IN THE CATBIRD SEAT

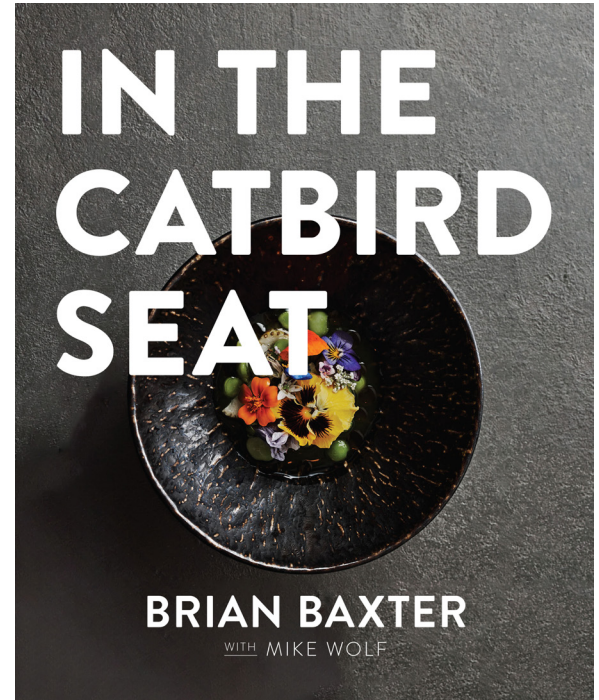
## A NASHVILLE CHEF'S JOURNEY OF THE CONVERGENCE OF ART AND CUISINE

By Brian Baxter with Mike Wolf

THE CAREFULLY CURATED RECIPES WILL  
ELEVATE YOUR COOKING AND STIR YOUR  
CREATIVE CULINARY IMAGINATION

Part luxury cookbook, part memoir, *In the Catbird Seat: A Nashville Chef's Journey at the Convergence of Art and Cuisine* brings readers alongside Chef Baxter's time as the fifth Executive Chef of The Catbird Seat. From navigating the post-Covid restaurant scene, to planning the menus, to looking ahead to his time away from The Catbird Seat, the book provides just as intimate an experience as you'd get sitting in one of the exclusive restaurant's twenty-two seats.

- Prologue by Pedro Iglesias
- Introduction by The Catbird Seat's co-founder Josh Habiger
- Full menus from Baxter's time at The Catbird Seat (470 Recipes)
- Beautiful full-page food photography by Andy Lee
- Breathtaking watercolors by Todd Saal and Brian Baxter, offering a stunning depiction of one of the most elite restaurants in the United States.



### CATEGORY:

- Cooking/Individual Chefs & Restaurants
- Cooking/Essays & Narrative
- Cooking/Methods/Gourmet

### PUB DATE:

November 5th, 2024

Budding and veteran chefs alike will discover the inspiration behind some of Catbird's most iconic dishes, including Redneck Sushi, Hay-Smoked Mussels with Sauce Poulette, and Burnt Banana Bread.

ISBN: 9781684427086



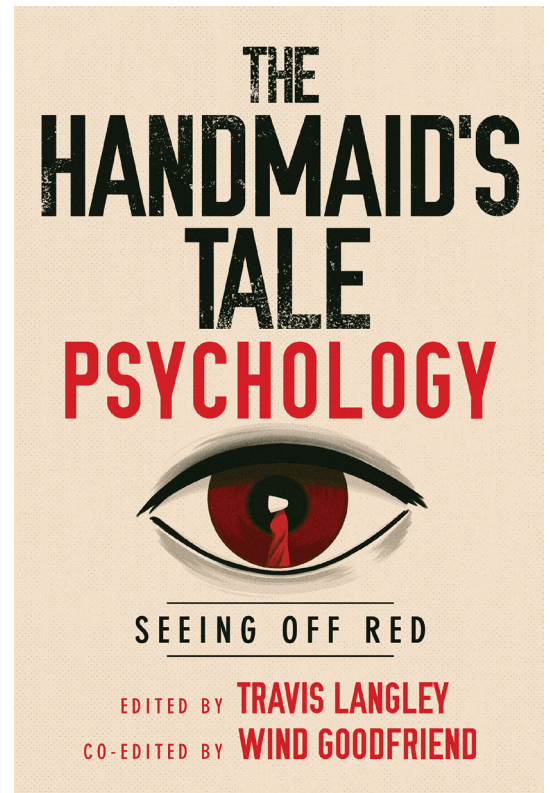
# THE HANDMAID'S TALE PSYCHOLOGY

## SEEING OFF RED

By Travis Langley

HOW DO PEOPLE STAY TRUE TO THEMSELVES IN TIMES OF CRISIS? WHERE DOES ANYONE FIND THE STRENGTH TO STAND UP IN THE FACE OF OPPRESSION? WHEN WILL THE WORST SIDE OF HUMAN NATURE WITHER BEFORE THE BEST?

Margaret Atwood's dystopian novel *The Handmaid's Tale* has captivated readers for four decades and continues to stir popular conversation and controversy through the hit Hulu television series. The story has grown into a cautionary tale evoking fear and concern, and yet it also inspires many. *The Handmaid's Tale Psychology: Seeing Off Red* delves into the psychology of the characters and events depicted in each version of Atwood's epic, both in print and on screen. Through 18 chapters, psychologists and therapists look deeply into the fiction, analyzing it both personally and professionally to unearth its message about real human truths. Topics include oppression, resistance, power, identity, violence, posttraumatic stress versus posttraumatic growth, good versus evil, morality versus mortality, spirituality versus religion, helplessness versus hopefulness, and more.



### CATEGORY:

- Psychology/Applied Psychology
- Psychology/Social Psychology
- Social Science/Popular Culture
- Social Science/Feminism & Feminist Theory

### PUB DATE:

November 5th, 2024

"More entertaining than many of the others which populate the ever-growing field of texts about pop culture and the sciences."  
—StarPulse.com on Langley's *Batman and Psychology*

ISBN: 9781684420421

# THE CALIFORNIA KID

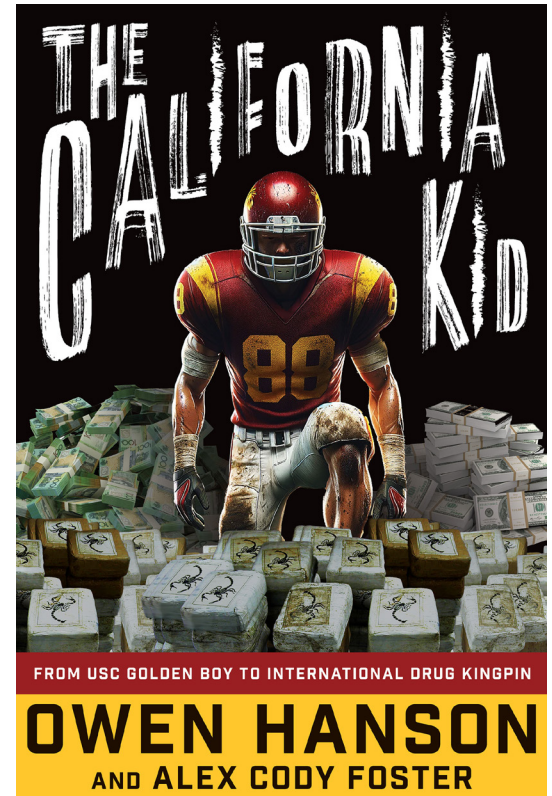
## FROM USC GOLDEN BOY TO INTERNATIONAL DRUG KINGPIN

By Owen Hanson and Alex Cody Foster

YOU'VE READ THE SHOCKING ONE-SIDED TALE OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG KINGPIN OWEN HANSON IN THE ROLLING STONE, VICE, AND THE LA TIMES—BUT NOW HE'S READY TO TELL HIS SIDE OF THE STORY.

A surfer kid from California, Owen Hanson was still in his twenties when he found himself the leader of a multimillion-dollar criminal empire. What began as an attempt to fit in with the rich kids at the University of Southern California soon grew into gambling and loan sharking, which then opened the door to drug trafficking and money laundering. Hanson wasn't just involved in this stuff—he excelled at it. Living the fast-paced lifestyle of the rich and famous, Hanson was finally gaining the respect he craved. But with the cartel, a serious drug-abuse problem, and the pursuit of the FBI all threatening to overtake him, it wouldn't be long before his glamorous lifestyle caught up with him.

*The California Kid* follows Owen from his roots as a USC star athlete from a broken home, where his idolization of the rich and famous began, to his descent down a dangerous path where he would stop at nothing to earn the love and respect of the people around him. The story that follows is almost too wild to believe—but Owen bears the 21-year sentence to prove it.



### CATEGORY:

- Biography & Autobiography/Memoirs
- Biography & Autobiography/Sports
- True Crime/General

### PUB DATE:

Novembet 26th, 2024

"This book was captivating from the get go. Once I started I could not put it down, finishing this book in under 24 hours. This book was extremely well written and moved quickly! I would highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys crime/thriller type books, along with sports fans, as there is something for everyone" - Instagram Reviewer

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