

# Supernotes

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In the Cambodian hinterlands, a lone Western prisoner suffers through a hot, muddy, interminable sentence. Wasted by repeated torture, lack of sleep, malnutrition, and psychotropic drugs, he has been abandoned. His years of exemplary service to his government mean nothing. No one is coming for him. This is Agent Kasper, a man with a staggering résumé: commercial airline pilot, firearms expert, highly accomplished practitioner of several of the martial arts, a secret agent par excellence. It is this incredible competence that will be his undoing. While investigating Mafia money laundering in Phnom Penh, Kasper is approached by the CIA to track down the source of the so-called supernotes—illegal U.S. banknotes counterfeited so perfectly that they are undetectable, even by sophisticated machines—that are flooding Southeast Asia. With patience, skill, and courage, Kasper uncovers the explosive secret behind them and is badly burned by the truth. Meanwhile, back in Rome, a sharp, scrappy lawyer named Barbara Belli has been hired by Kasper's family to work for his release. She has contacts in the foreign ministry, and while officials make sweeping claims about moving heaven and earth, nothing happens. It's more than just creaking bureaucracy. Kasper has really pissed off the wrong people. Based on true events in the life of a former spy, Kasper's journey makes for a shocking and spellbinding page-turner of petty corruption, high-level betrayal, and state secrets so powerful that governments will protect them by any means.

## COLLECTED SUPERNOTES

With his 'Collected Supernotes' author John O'Loughlin has combined, on a highly abstract basis, material derived from the independently published titles, Devil and God – The Omega Book, From Materialism to Idealism, Towards the Supernoumenon, Elemental Spectra, Critique of Post-Dialectical Idealism, Philosophical Truth, Veritas Philosophicus, and Last Judgements, which span the period 1985–93, with a view to bringing some kind of strict chronology to bear on a series of writings dubbed 'supernotational', to distinguish them from essays on the one hand and aphorisms on the other, thereby allowing him to establish a kind of intermediate position between essays and aphorisms in the interests of what became a gradual progression towards an enhanced sense of philosophical logic commensurate, so he believes, with 'Supertruth' and, ultimately, with a kind of plateau of aphoristic purism. – A Centretruths Editorial

## End of Money

For ages, money has meant little metal disks and rectangular slips of paper. Yet the usefulness of physical money -- to say nothing of its value -- is coming under fire as never before. Intrigued by the distinct possibility that cash will soon disappear, author and Wired contributing editor David Wolman sets out to investigate the future of money...and how it will affect your wallet. Wolman begins his journey by deciding to shun cash for an entire year -- a surprisingly successful experiment (with a couple of notable exceptions). He then ventures forth to find people and technologies that illuminate the road ahead. In Honolulu, he drinks Mai Tais with Bernard von NotHaus, a convicted counterfeiter and alternative-currency evangelist whom government prosecutors have labeled a domestic terrorist. In Tokyo, he sneaks a peek at the latest anti-counterfeiting wizardry, while puzzling over the fact that banknote forgers depend on society's addiction to cash. In a downtrodden Oregon town, he mingles with obsessive coin collectors -- the people who are supposed to love cash the most, yet don't. And in rural Georgia, he examines why some people feel the end of cash is Armageddon's warm-up act. After stops at the Digital Money Forum in London and Iceland's central bank, Wolman flies to Delhi, where he sees first-hand how cash penalizes the poor more than anyone--and how mobile technologies promise to change that. Told with verve and wit, The End of Money explores an

aspect of our daily lives so fundamental that we rarely stop to think about it. You'll never look at a dollar bill the same again.

## Counterfeit Lies

"Veteran undercover FBI agent Jake Kruse is investigating a smuggling ring in southern California when his assignment is cut short. A prominent criminal defense attorney wants to hire Jake on another kind of mission: to kill the daughter of a local crime boss. What began as a \"contract killing\" soon captures the attention of the CIA, the U.S. Secret Service, and high-level officials in Washington. The undercover agent is plunged into a deadly underworld of North Korean espionage, Hezbollah terror and the sinister deception Iran uses to acquire nuclear weapons. Caught in a web of international intrigue that goes to the top of the U.S. government, Kruse is forced to confront the ultimate moral quandary: doing what's right when everything seems wrong.\"--

## Handbook of Near-Infrared Analysis

Fast, inexpensive, and easy-to-use, near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy can be used to analyze small samples of virtually any composition. The Handbook of Near Infrared Analysis, Third Edition explains how to perform accurate as well as time- and cost-effective analyses across a growing spectrum of disciplines. Presenting nearly 50% new and re

## Money Shot

Secret Service Agent Maria \"Goose\" di Guzman is assigned to Mishkawa Island on a goose-chase of a case when she encounters a greater mystery in sexy park ranger Rush Guthrie.

## Treasury's War

For more than a decade, America has been waging a new kind of war against the financial networks of rogue regimes, proliferators, terrorist groups, and criminal syndicates. Juan Zarate, a chief architect of modern financial warfare and a former senior Treasury and White House official, pulls back the curtain on this shadowy world. In this gripping story, he explains in unprecedented detail how a small, dedicated group of officials redefined the Treasury's role and used its unique powers, relationships, and reputation to apply financial pressure against America's enemies. This group unleashed a new brand of financial power -- one that leveraged the private sector and banks directly to isolate rogues from the international financial system. By harnessing the forces of globalization and the centrality of the American market and dollar, Treasury developed a new way of undermining America's foes. Treasury and its tools soon became, and remain, critical in the most vital geopolitical challenges facing the United States, including terrorism, nuclear proliferation, and the regimes in Iran, North Korea, and Syria. This book is the definitive account, by an unparalleled expert, of how financial warfare has taken pride of place in American foreign policy and how America's competitors and enemies are now learning to use this type of power themselves. This is the unique story of the United States' financial war campaigns and the contours and uses of financial power, and of the warfare to come.

## Heartless Prince

A fierce warrior must save the heart of her beloved prince before it's too late in the first book of a new YA fantasy-adventure graphic novel trilogy, perfect for fans of Noelle Stevenson's *Nimona* and Kazu Kibuishi's *Amulet Evony* is an orphaned princess from a kingdom destroyed by a power-hungry witch. Prince Ammon has recently been drawn to her, or at least he's drawn to her uncanny ability to sense when familiars—servants to the witches—are approaching his kingdom's borders. And Evony, well Evony has

always longed for something more with Ammon. Wanting to prove himself to his kingdom and parents, Ammon takes Evony outside the borders to fight the familiars head-to-head. All is well until they're captured by witch Aradia, who steals Ammon's heart and leaves his body to turn into one of her familiars. What's worse, his sister Nissa has been taken hostage by Aradia's daughter. Evony makes it her mission to retrieve Ammon's heart and save Nissa, taking her into the mysterious Witchlands. There, she will discover a secret about her past that will change everything.

## **Building a Second Brain**

"Building a second brain is getting things done for the digital age. It's a ... productivity method for consuming, synthesizing, and remembering the vast amount of information we take in, allowing us to become more effective and creative and harness the unprecedented amount of technology we have at our disposal"--

## **North Korea : illicit activity funding the regime : hearing**

Dive into the gripping world of international economics through American lawyer, investment banker, media commentator, and author, James G. Rickards's expertise and thought-provoking insights. From collapsed paper currencies and hidden agendas of sovereign wealth funds to the very real threats of national security, James G. Rickards scrutinizes the history and disastrous outcomes of currency wars, shedding light on the potential crisis that looms over the United States and the world. Rickards dissects failed paradigms and conventional theories while offering a course of action to steer away from impending disaster.

## **Currency Wars**

Underground Economies and Illegal Imports: Business and Legal Strategies to Address Illegal Commerce is a unique resource for lawyers and their clients facing the chaotic landscape of illegal trade in the black and gray markets, where legal remedies are often unobtainable or impracticable. Donald E. deKieffer—a practitioner who has represented more than 60 Fortune 500 companies both in the US and abroad—provides clear descriptions of how international supply and distribution chains are attacked by clever and not-so-subtle thieves around the world. This book is also a helpful source of examples and instructions on how to prepare for these attacks, and the best remedies when they do occur. Underground Economies and Illegal Imports: Business and Legal Strategies to Address Illegal Commerce is a one-of-a-kind guide to the underside of international trade for businesses, law enforcement and policy-makers. The illicit dealers in legitimate (or not-so-legitimate) merchandise are often linked with transnational criminal elements and even terrorists. This book assists international traders in avoiding these problems, or ameliorating any effects.

## **Underground Economies and Illegal Imports**

North Korea is like no other tyranny on earth. Its citizens are told their home is the greatest nation on earth. Big Brother is always watching: It is Orwell's 1984 made reality. Award-winning BBC journalist John Sweeney is one of the few foreign journalists to have witnessed the devastating reality of life in the controversial and isolated nation of North Korea, having entered the country undercover, posing as a university professor with a group of students from the London School of Economics. Huge factories with no staff or electricity; hospitals with no patients; uniformed child soldiers; and the world-famous and eerily empty DMZ—the DeMilitarized Zone, where North Korea ends and South Korea begins—all framed by the relentless flow of regime propaganda from omnipresent loudspeakers. Free speech is an illusion: one word out of line and the gulag awaits. State spies are everywhere, ready to punish disloyalty and the slightest sign of discontent. Drawing on his own experiences and his extensive interviews with defectors and other key witnesses, Sweeney's North Korea Undercover pulls back the curtain, providing a rare insight into life there today, examining the country's troubled history and addressing important questions about its uncertain future.

## **North Korea Undercover**

It is October of 2006. The Avian flu continues to visit itself upon Asia. In June of this year, WHO scientists were forced to admit that an Asian family who died of the disease in Late May is proof that H5N1 has mutated, and is now capable of being transmitted human-to-human. If that wasn't enough of a threat, former NYPD First Class Detective Edward Augustus Fox, now of the Hong Kong Police who we met last year in the serial homicide case code-named Hongse Spider, returns from a terrorism seminar presented by the FBI Academy in the US, to find Hong Kong under siege. Fox, because his work in reducing Hong Kong's burgeoning homicide rate, has been promoted from Homicide Lieutenant to Chief Inspector in-charge of combating all crimes against citizens. The new threats to Hong Kong consist of unexplained incidents of fatal radiation poisoning; a North Korean nuclear missile being smuggled through the former crown colony into China; armed robberies being pulled to steal Avian flu vaccine; the world's best counterfeit US\$100 bills meant to destabilize the economy being dumped on the streets; and the emergence of a new plot by China to sabotage the 2008 Olympic Summer Games in Beijing, called Project 119.

## **Project 119**

Hearing on the problem of counterfeiting of U.S. currency abroad and its implications. Legislation making international counterfeiting of U.S. currency a Federal offense was only passed in 1994. Counterfeiting is one part of a double problem, the other being money-laundering; the two are usually found together. Witnesses include Theodore Allison, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Jack Blum; Eljay Bowron, Director, U.S. Secret Service; Institute for National Strategic Studies; Dept. of the Treasury; American Numismatic Assoc; Robert Sims, State Dept.; and Kenneth Timmerman, Middle East Data Project.

## **Counterfeiting of U. S. Currency Abroad**

A currency is a unit of exchange, facilitating the transfer of goods and services. It is one form of money, where money is anything that serves as a medium of exchange, a store of value, and a standard of value. A currency zone is a country or region in which a specific currency is the dominant medium of exchange. To facilitate trade between currency zones, there are exchange rates, which are the prices at which currencies (and the goods and services of individual currency zones) can be exchanged against each other. Currencies can be classified as either floating currencies or fixed currencies based on their exchange rate regime. In common usage, currency sometimes refers to only paper money, as in coins and currency, but this is misleading. Coins and paper money are both forms of currency. In most cases, each country has monopoly control over the supply and production of its own currency. Member countries of the European Union's Economic and Monetary Union are a notable exception to this rule, as they have c

## **Currency Interventions, Fluctuations and Economic Issues**

A highly decorated veteran DEA agent recounts his incredible undercover career and reveals the shocking links between narcotics trafficking and terrorism. What exactly is undercover? From a law-enforcement perspective, undercover is the art of skillfully eliciting incriminating statements. From a personal and psychological standpoint, it's the dark art of gaining trust—then manipulating that trust. In the simplest terms, it's playing a chess game with the bad guy, getting him to make the moves you want him to make—but without him knowing you're doing so. Edward Follis mastered the chess game—The Dark Art—over the course of his distinguished twenty-seven years with the Drug Enforcement Administration, where he bought eightballs of coke in a red Corvette, negotiated multimillion-dollar deals onboard private King Airs, and developed covert relationships with men who were not only international drug-traffickers but—in some cases—operatives for Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, Hamas, the Shan United Army, or the Mexican federation of cartels. Follis was, in fact, one of the driving forces behind the agency's radical shift from a limited local focus to a global arena. In the early nineties, the DEA was primarily known for doing street-level busts evocative of Miami Vice. Today, it uses high-resolution-optics surveillance and classified cutting-

edge technology to put the worst narco-terror kingpins on the business end of \"stealth justice\" delivered via Predator drone pilots. Spanning five continents and filled with harrowing stories about the world's most ruthless drug lords and terrorist networks, Follis's memoir reads like a thriller. Yet every word is true, and every story is documented. Follis earned a Medal of Valor for his work, and coauthor Douglas Century is a pro at shaping and telling just this kind of story. The first and only insider's account of the confluence between narco-trafficking and terrorist organizations, *The Dark Art* is a page-turning memoir that will electrify you from page one.

## **The Dark Art**

A single mom finds herself taking over a private investigation business in coastal Canada in this involving crime thriller. A young widowed mother, Wilhelmina Anne Brown is just beginning to find some stability in her new home in Prince Edward Island when she is forced to deal with the death of her beloved uncle, Bill Darby. Darby, an Ontario cop turned Charlottetown private investigator, has left Anne and her fourteen-year-old daughter a small savings account and his business, where Anne has worked as office manager for six years. Anne has faced hardships in her life before, but she's about to begin a whole new kind of struggle—to protect her family, find justice for her clients, and forge a new life for herself in this picturesque place that has become her new home.

## **The Reluctant Detective**

Transnational organized crime crosses borders, challenges States, exploits individuals, pursues profit, wrecks economies, destroys civil society, and ultimately weakens global democracy. It is a phenomenon that is all too often misunderstood and misrepresented. This handbook attempts to redress the balance, by providing a fresh and interdisciplinary overview of the problems which transnational organized crime represents. The innovative aspect of this handbook is not only its interdisciplinary nature but also the dialogue between international academics and practitioners that it presents. The handbook seeks to provide the definitive overview of transnational organized crime, including contributions from leading international scholars as well as emerging researchers. The work starts by examining the origins, concepts, contagion and evolution of transnational organized crime and then moves on to discuss the impact, governance and reactions of governments and their agencies, before looking to the future of transnational organized crime, and how the State will seek to respond. Providing a cutting edge survey of the discipline, this work will be essential reading for all those with an interest in this dangerous phenomenon.

## **The Counterfeiting of U.S. Currency Abroad**

This open access book serves as a comprehensive guide to digital writing technology, featuring contributions from over 20 renowned researchers from various disciplines around the world. The book is designed to provide a state-of-the-art synthesis of the developments in digital writing in higher education, making it an essential resource for anyone interested in this rapidly evolving field. In the first part of the book, the authors offer an overview of the impact that digitalization has had on writing, covering more than 25 key technological innovations and their implications for writing practices and pedagogical uses. Drawing on these chapters, the second part of the book explores the theoretical underpinnings of digital writing technology such as writing and learning, writing quality, formulation support, writing and thinking, and writing processes. The authors provide insightful analysis on the impact of these developments and offer valuable insights into the future of writing. Overall, this book provides a cohesive and consistent theoretical view of the new realities of digital writing, complementing existing literature on the digitalization of writing. It is an essential resource for scholars, educators, and practitioners interested in the intersection of technology and writing.

## **Routledge Handbook of Transnational Organized Crime**

At 6'4" and 375 pounds, Jack Garcia looked the part of a mobster, and he played his part so perfectly that his Mafia bosses never suspected he was an undercover agent for the FBI. 'Big Jack Falcone', as he was known inside La Cosa Nostra, learned all the inside dirt about the Gambino organized crime syndicate and its illegal activities - from extortion and loan-sharking to assault and murder. The result was a string of busts and a quarter of a million dollar contract put out on his life. A fascinating inside look at the struggle between law enforcement and organized crime, MAKING JACK FALCONE sheds new light on two organizational cultures that continue to exert an unparalleled grip on our imagination.

## **Coin & Currency Issues Facing Congress: Can We Still Afford Money?: Congressional Hearing**

Many of the year's most notable accomplishments are chronicled in this text -- major cyber operations, large-scale health care fraud and gang takedowns, and historic Mafia busts. And most notably, in less than two months, two of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives were removed from the list. On May 1, Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. forces, not only closing a chapter in the 9/11 terror attacks but yielding valuable new intelligence in the global effort to end violent extremism. And on June 23, notorious Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger was captured by FBI agents in California following a far-reaching public information campaign.

## **Digital Writing Technologies in Higher Education**

2003: The U.S.-led invasion of Iraq has taken place. The hunt for Saddam Hussein and the search for his weapons of mass destruction is underway. Meanwhile in North Korea, a nuclear research scientist wants to defect. The "Org" is tasked to bring her out. .... If possible ....

## **Coin and Currency Issues Facing Congress**

A collection of news and feature articles from the Bureau's public website.

## **Making Jack Falcone**

This book provides full details of contemporary economic and political developments in North Korea since late 2005, continuing the overview of developments which were covered in the author's North Korea: A Guide to Economic and Political Developments (Routledge 2006). Key topics covered include: the succession; family visits; human rights; nuclear capability and intentions; recent initiatives in international relations, and relations with the United States; and adverse economic and social conditions. Overall, the book demonstrates the degree to which North Korea's international position is changing. This book provides a comprehensive overview of the current political and economic situation in North Korea today, and is an important resource for all those interested in this country's recent development.

## **2011 the FBI Story**

Charlie is a story of a man who loses everything, including his life, but has been given a second chance at life love and living. A man with a weak heart who gives all. Dirty Money is an international money-intrigue drama. The character in the story tries to secretly meet government officials and get them all to print money to eradicate world debt. Of course, someone else doesn't want that. Lachlan Campbell is a love story with mythological twists to it. Set in the Crusades years, a young Scottish soldier finds love on his return journey and discovers amazing information about his father's family sword from the most unlikely source. Abducted is an alien-abduction story with a twist. Just aliens trying to learn about us before they make official contact. Some comedy moments and a look at how you would describe us to them. Old Ralph is a short love story. Set in the time of Charles the First in England. The characters hide a man on the run from the church and

wealthy families. So there you have it. Romance, death, and living again, international financial intrigue, mythology in old England, alien abduction, and love. Hope you enjoy these short tales. Buckle up though: Algoroth and Dragons are coming soon. And don't even think about messing with the dragon bonded. Dragon kindred is formidable.

## **Succubus**

Lyla Fox knows she has a reputation at the SNAP Agency for impulsivity, but when she receives a threatening letter from a man she helped put in prison, she can't stop herself from going all in to find out why he's coming after her. Unfortunately, she's going to need the help of the one person who questions her reckless choices more than anyone else. Explosives and weapons specialist Nicolás García agrees to help Lyla in order to keep her safe, but her recklessness continues to be a major concern, especially when her investigation into a conspiracy puts a target on her back. Dealing with bombs is dangerous. Working with Lyla is proving to be just as treacherous--to both the mission and his heart. Natalie Walters closes out her SNAP Agency series with a bang with this nail-biting story of a deadly government conspiracy, an unlikely couple, and an ending that will leave you breathless.

## **2011 The FBI Story**

Examines the green-back's history, allure, and unique role as a catalyst for globalization, and how the American buck became so almighty that \$ became perhaps the most powerful symbol on earth. But will the buck be eclipsed by the euro or even China's renminbi? Should Americans worry when the value of the mighty U.S. dollar sinks to par with the Canadian "loonie"?--From publisher's description

## **Contemporary North Korea**

The gritty, riveting, highly anticipated sequel to the national (and international) best seller *Ghostman*, by the critically acclaimed and award-winning Roger Hobbs. It's just before dawn on the South China Sea when three experienced pirates open fire on a small smuggling yacht. Their target: a bag of uncut sapphires worth millions. But when one of them stumbles across an enormous treasure that wasn't on the manifest, everything goes sideways. Within minutes two of them are dead, leaving the third, a coldblooded psychopath, to claim both the sapphires and the mysterious windfall for himself. If he disappears, he won't just be wealthy. He'll have the power to change the course of history. His boss, Angela, isn't about to let that happen. She calls in a favor from her onetime protégé: a fixer sometimes known as Jack, or more often as simply the Ghostman. Within hours he's flying halfway around the world to find her in the glimmering neon slums of Macau. Jack has no real name, no address and no fingerprints—but given the right motivation, he can make serious problems vanish. Though the two haven't talked since they botched a job six years ago, as soon as Jack's off the plane they're back together again, facing down a crime boss, a hit man and a conspiracy bigger than anything they've ever encountered and more dangerous than they could've imagined. Their partnership—between people with no lasting relationships whatsoever—is at the very heart of a novel that will cement Roger Hobbs's status as one of our most talented crime writers.

## **5 Short Stories**

This book is about the most precious piece of paper we know, about bank-notes. Modern life would be unthinkable without them. Yet, the general public is kept very much in the dark about how they are made or who makes them. It is rarely known, for example, that despite America's technical Prowess all dollar bills are printed exclusively on German high-security printing presses using secret Swiss special inks, or that the phony 100 dollar bills, the so-called supernotes may well be printed in a top-secret printing works located just north of the white House and run by the CIA - although the US government is blaming the rogue government of North Korea for counterfeiting these bills. This book is finally lifting the veil on an industry used to absolute secrecy. It recounts the stories of a British banknote printer who, fearing the loss of his

customer, informed the Egyptian secret service that the securities printing machinery the Egyptians were about to buy was of Jewish origin; of a private printer who convinced the Polish central bank that it should destroy a complete series of new, perfect banknotes which had been printed by a competitor, or of an Argentinean high-security printer who came to print genuine fake bank-notes for Zaire and Bahrain as a result of two sting operations, which smell of the Belgian and French secret service. Money makers, by offering a detailed view of the banknote industry and its modus operandi, removes the industry's carefully imposed shroud of secrecy. This book has been researched over a five-year period in Europe, the USA, and Latin America. The book is based exclusively on personal interviews and confidential material normally not accessible to outsiders. There were attempts to stop this research project. Klaus W. Bender has peered behind the scenes of the secret and exclusive world of the money makers. - Financial Times Deutschland, 2004 The errors and pitfalls at the birth of the euro make Bender's research so unnerving. - Süddeutsche Zeitung, 2004 Bender does not mince his words when he describes abuses - and there are lots of them. - Neue Zürcher Zeitung, 2004

## **Blind Trust (The SNAP Agency Book #3)**

During an attack on a terrorist group in Port Sudan, Lieutenant Blake Murdock and his SEAL team uncover three million dollars in counterfeit currency. When officials link the money to an economic terrorism plot on the U.S. currency system, there is only one solution—infiltrate and terminate. Murdock and his SEALs have their marching orders: destroy the Lebanese warehouse that's producing the fake cash. But there's one minor problem. The warehouse is teeming with well-armed terrorists who would like nothing more than to take on Navy SEALs.

## **Biography of the Dollar**

Antonio Giangrande, orgoglioso di essere diverso. Si nasce senza volerlo. Si muore senza volerlo. Si vive una vita di prese per il culo. Noi siamo quello che altri hanno voluto che diventassimo. Facciamo in modo che diventiamo quello che noi avremmo (rafforzativo di saremmo) voluto diventare. Rappresentare con verità storica, anche scomoda ai potenti di turno, la realtà contemporanea, rapportandola al passato e proiettandola al futuro. Per non reiterare vecchi errori. Perché la massa dimentica o non conosce. Denuncio i difetti e caldeggio i pregi italiani. Perché non abbiamo orgoglio e dignità per migliorarci e perché non sappiamo apprezzare, tutelare e promuovere quello che abbiamo ereditato dai nostri avi. Insomma, siamo bravi a farci del male e qualcuno deve pur essere diverso!

## **Vanishing Games**

Notorious New Jersey is the definitive guide to murder, mayhem, the mob, and corruption in the Garden State. With tabloid punch, Jon Blackwell tells riveting accounts of Alexander Hamilton falling mortally wounded on the dueling grounds of Weehawken; Dutch Schultz getting pumped full of lead in the men's room of the Palace Chop House in Newark; and a gang of Islamic terrorists in Jersey City mixing the witch's brew of explosives that became the first bomb to rock the World Trade Center. Along with these dramatic stories are tales of lesser-known oddities, such as the nineteenth-century murderer whose skin was turned into leather souvenirs, and the state senator from Jersey City who faked his death in a scuba accident in the 1970s in an effort to avoid prison. Blackwell also sheds light on some historical whodunits—was Bruno Hauptmann really guilty of kidnapping the Lindbergh baby? Who was behind the anthrax attacks of 2001? Not forgotten either are notorious characters who may actually be innocent, including Rubin “Hurricane” Carter, and those who have never been convicted of wrongdoing although they left office in scandal, including Robert Torricelli and James McGreevey. Through 100 historic true-crime tales that span over 300 years of history, Blackwell shows readers a side of New Jersey that would make even the Sopranos shudder.

## **Money makers**



Money has the power to make nations and fuel wars. It is both the subject of diplomacy and the tool of those seeking to overthrow hostile regimes at home and abroad. Germany's hyperinflation following the First World War has entered the public consciousness as an extreme example of what can happen to a currency in conflict. What is not widely known is that it is by no means the worst case of war-induced hyperinflation. Hostile Money looks at the impact of war and revolution on national currencies – from Rome's civil war in the first century BC to the twenty-first-century invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq by American-led forces and the economic sanctions and cyberwarfare of today.

## **The New York Times Magazine**

The world's quietest weapon of mass destruction is 75 percent cotton, 25 percent linen, and 100 percent fake. The amount of counterfeit money in circulation is unknown, but hundreds of millions of bogus U.S. dollars are seized each year. Mass counterfeiting is not just organized crime, it can also be aggressive economic warfare waged by states to destabilize enemy governments, and it is reaching epidemic proportions. Forgery provides cash for states like North Korea and Iran in their pursuit of weapons—a fact publicly unacknowledged, even as fears grow over their nuclear ambitions. In *Currency Wars*, John Cooley maps this dirty matrix of war and politics, sabotage and subterfuge, with new evidence and recently disclosed documents. With sound grounding in current affairs and history alike, Cooley demonstrates that the machinations of today's states echo attempts in antiquity by Persia, Greece, Rome, and China to use and defend against forgery and currency debasement. Counterfeiting remained a high crime throughout medieval and Renaissance Europe; played a key role in the American and French Revolutions; and was used by the British, Germans, and Soviets in two World Wars. Bad money mixed with post-war dictatorships, and was a tool of the KGB, CIA, Stasi, Hezbollah, the Medellín cartels, and the Chinese Triads. This compelling, accessible account reveals grand-scale forgery's corrosive implications for global economic, political, and social stability. It is essential reading for anyone concerned with the complications and consequences of increasing and inevitable globalization, and it serves as a provocative reminder of the ways in which human greed and fear act as catalysts in world economics.

## **Seal Team Seven 04: Direct Action**

Counterfeit money. Counterfeit lives. Attorney David Cole has moved from the big city to a small Santa Barbara law firm. He wants to slow down and work on his marriage, and on the temptations that beset it. But his move doesn't result in the simple, slow-paced practice he had imagined. When David's client, the reclusive millionaire Lawrence Hawthorne, is shot to death while lying in his hospital bed, David determines to find the killer. Twin mysteries haunt him: who would kill a man on his deathbed? And where did Hawthorne get his millions? With the help of his beautiful and irrepressible wife, Penny, David follows a trail that leads through Swiss banks to Syrian terrorists and an international counterfeiting scheme that could endanger U.S. security. And more importantly, it threatens Penny's life...and David's integrity.

## **L'ITALIA DEI MISTERI SECONDA PARTE**

Notorious New Jersey

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