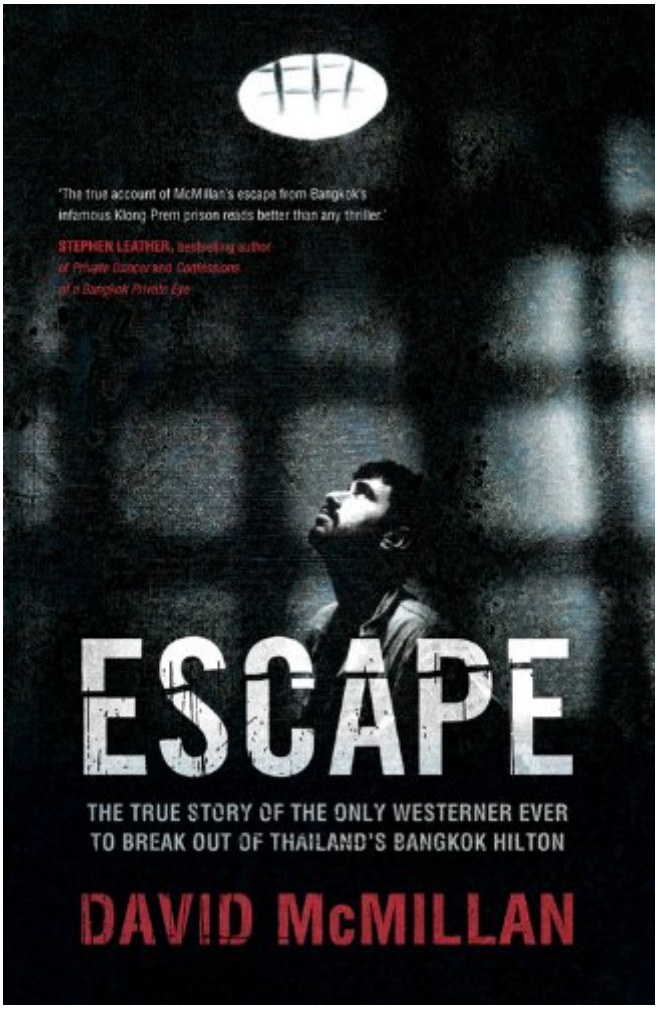
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Synopsis

Among the 600 foreigners jailed in the 'Bangkok Hilton', one man resolves to do what no other has done: Escape. This is the true story of drug smuggler David McMillan's perilous break-out from Thailand's most notorious prison. After more than a year in prison and two weeks before a near-certain death sentence, McMillan escapes, never to be seen in Thailand again.

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Customer Reviews

Buy this.Great insights into the highs and lows of the drugs trade andthe unfortunates who are deluded into smuggling drugs into countrieswhere the price of being caught is the death penalty.Most are unfortunate dorks of the highest echelon and those from Third World countries are especially sad.Then there are the the people on the top of the drug trade food chain like the author.Clever, literate, articulate and brave. His escape from the Bangkok Hilton makes thecrash-out from Stalag Luft III look like a jolly walk in the park especially as the price of being caught doesn't bear thinking about.Moreover, his Jack-the-Lad machinations on the inside, his connections on the outside, the support he receivedboth in prison and outside on the lam, with food,

safe houses, false passports, visas, credit cards etc., are revealing.He seems to have been very successful and accumulated lots of dosh.However, the overall message is simply: DON'T!

"Escape" is a completely unjudgmental story about the escape of a cocaine smuggler from a high security prison in Thailand, that is told with no lean towards any kind of excuse for the use and smuggling of cocaine. There is plenty of food for thought regarding the usefulness of prisons. The mentality of the kind of people who get involved in crime and whether the kind of prison that is decribed is in any way a solution to the social problem of drugs and crime as we are led to see it today.Do we perhaps need a complete change of vision on the whole idea of crime? On the whole idea of drugs being illegal? After all alcohol is not illegal, cigarettes are not illegal, but both of them play a devastating role in destroying the lives of many people. How many lives are saved by putting drug smugglers into prison? More or less that if the drugs were legal and controlled by governments or the national health services, or some other body? Not an easy question to answer but nevertheless a question that needs to be tackled better than now.

This is a very well written book, the author is arrested in Thailand for a offence that he has not guilty of (this time) and when faced with a long sentence and a justice system he has no faith in, he took the brave step to try and escape. It was brave because in Thailand there is no second chance at escape, you are either killed or you are beaten so badly that you will never be able to try and escape again.The author was a self confessed drug dealer and expects no pity for ending up in jail, he saw jail as a occupational hazard as one in his profession must learn to do. His superb understanding of "the Thai way" enabled him to succeed where many others have failed.Sadly for David he has ended up in Jail again since publishing this book, though to his credit he never suggested that he was going to retire and go straight. It's sad because he's clearly a very bright chap who could make a challenging career from something less risky, but I think it's the risk that drives him as much as anything.

awesome book, read it some time ago so dont remember specifics but do remember i flew through it in like 2 days. if you like true crim drug smuggling foreign prison type books you will love this one

I did not find this a pleasant read. Every paragraph seems to start a new topic and with a huge cast of characters it's easy to forget where this is going. I suppose if you were one to read a book in a few days, it would move quicker, but I tend to read 20-40 pages a night before sleep. I just found it

scattered in it’s writing and that leads to a frustrating read. I found that I was asking "who is this character now? Have we met him before? What do we know about him?" and coming up blank. There is no doubt an interesting story to be told and judging from the other reviews here, others did not find the same issues.

FASCINATING IS THE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES THIS BOOK. IT’S THE MOST INTERESTING BOOK I’VE READ IN A LONG TIME. THE CHARACTERS ARE COMPELLING, LOTS OF DRAMA AND TENSION, AND MANY VALUABLE INSIGHTS FROM THE AUTHOR. THIS IS A MAN WHO HAS DONE A LOT AND KNOWS A LOT. NOW THAT HE HAS A FEW YEARS OF FREE TIME, I HOPE HE FOLLOWS IT UP SOON WITH SOME OTHER SEGMENTS OF HIS LIFE. IT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW EVEN A FRACTION OF THE THINGS HE KNOWS, AS HE LIVES IN VERY SHADOWY PLACES.TMK

This book was a really good read and I was really enjoying it. But as I got deeper and deeper into the book I was starting to wonder when the actual escape attempt was going to take place.It seems like this book is more of a book on life in the prison rather then the actual escape attempt itself. As that is only a very minor part of the book.The book is still a good read but I was just hoping for a little bit more out of the actual escape itself - maybe the author could have spent a few more pages on the main point of the book?

I found this book quite difficult to read. Alot of the story and situations were disjointed and hard to understand. I never got a sense of perspective and there were way too many names introduced all the time. The writer would have done better to write in a more focused and simpler prose. The book was a bit allover the place.

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