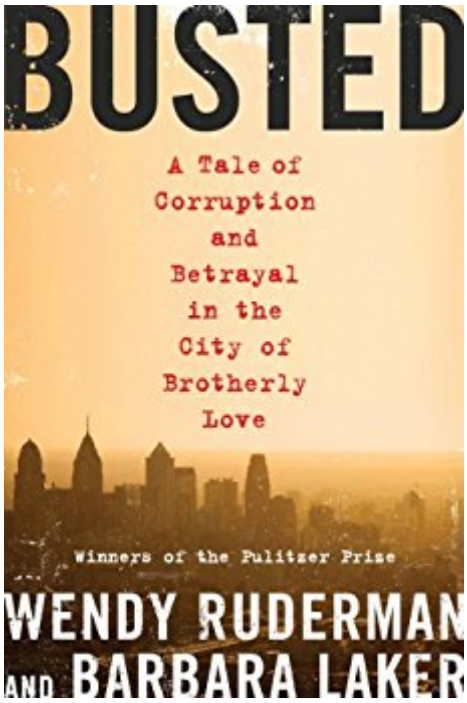
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Busted: A Tale Of Corruption And Betrayal In The City Of Brotherly Love



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Synopsis

In the vein of Erin Brockovich, The Departed, and T. J. English's Savage City comes Busted, the shocking true story of the biggest police corruption scandal in Philadelphia history, a tale of drugs, power, and abuse involving a rogue narcotics squad, a confidential informant, and two veteran journalists whose reporting drove a full-scale FBI probe, rocked the City of Brotherly Love, and earned a Pulitzer Prize .In 2003, Benny Martinez became a Confidential Informant for a member of the Philadelphia Police Department's narcotics squad, helping arrest nearly 200 drug and gun dealers over seven years. But that success masked a dark and dangerous reality: the cops were as corrupt as the criminals they targeted.In addition to fabricating busts, the squad systematically looted mom-and-pop stores, terrorizing hardworking immigrant owners. One squad member also sexually assaulted three women during raids. Frightened for his life, Martinez turned to Philadelphia Daily News reporters Wendy Ruderman and Barbara Laker.Busted chronicles how these two journalistsÃ¢â ¬â •both middle-class working mothersÃ¢â ¬â •formed an unlikely bond with a convicted street dealer to uncover the secrets of ruthless kingpins and dirty cops. Professionals in an industry shrinking from severe financial cutbacks, Ruderman and Laker had few resourcesÃ¢â ¬â •besides their own grit and tenacityÃ¢â ¬â •to break a dangerous, complex story that would expose the rotten underbelly of a modern American city and earn them a Pulitzer Prize. A page-turning thriller based on superb reportage, illustrated with eight pages of photos, Busted is modern true crime at its finest.Ã Â

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Customer Reviews

This book tells the story oof two gutsy women who took on a newspaper story about police corruption in Philadelphia. For this, they won aPulitzer

As a citizen who has lived his entire life in Philadelphia I found Wendy Ruderman & Barbara Laker to be two incredibly courageous women who put their lives on the line to report an important story. Their relentless pursuit to expose the corrupt behavior of a segment of the Philadelphia Police Department is to be commended. Their story unfolds in a concise, earthy and explosive form that captures the attention of the reader. A page turning expose of big city corruption at its ugliest!

If you’re from Philly, the news story is a well known one. The "story behind the story" is part reporting "how-to", part memoir and part critique of the current state of newsrooms, this book is a fast and enjoyable read.Wendy Ruderman creates a very human look at how these two crafted the news story. By the end of it, you’ll feel like you konw these two reporters.The news story at the heart of this book is equally compelling. Unbelievable to hear it in this much detail.Pick this book up. Buy it. Borrow it. Whatever. I genuinely believe anyone would love this story.

Found the story about police corruption and intrusion into innocent civilians’ lives interesting. A few bad apples inside the department harassing the vulnerable is contemptible.The back story of the prize winning co-authors of the investigative journalism series was not so compelling but gives a flavor for the intensity and risky nature of their efforts. Without poking their minds into places that were dangerous the story would not have been revealed.

I was on the edge of my seat at times. So crazy how one suspect character can expose the corruption and abuse rampant in dozens of people charged with upholding the law and protecting

private citizens.

This book was disappointing. The book focused more on the lives of the writers and the looming bankruptcy of the Daily News. Could have been better or condensed down to a large college paper. I do not recommend.Mixed in with what the authors had for breakfast, and their underwear choice, is a small story about some cops who may have done unethical and illegal things. Eh!

For what it proposed to be about (by its title), it was a fast-paced & entertaining read. You clearly got the sense that these two ladies got into the "trenches" to pursue the story & obtain the facts.

Book started slowly, but eventually kicked in to a faster pace. These two reporters were very courageous. I couldn't put it down during the second half.

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