

## Down The Bookies The First 50 Years Of Betting Shops

An inside look at the lucrative world of professional high-stakes sports betting by a journalist who lived a secret life as a key operative in the world's most successful sports gambling ring.

When Konik landed an interview with Rick "Big Daddy" Matthews,

Using the tips, truths, and stats they explore in their New York Times bestseller Scorecasting, two dads pack super sports savvy and important math and financial concepts into a fun and heartwarming first novel for kids. New kid Mitch Sloan wants to fit in, but his nerdy love of statistics and making money isn't winning him any friends in his sports-loving town--until he finds the perfect way to attain instant popularity. But running a football betting ring at school eventually turns sour, and Mitch loses the only real friend he's made. He'll have to win her back by using his brainpower for good and helping the school football team achieve victory--if they'll listen to the advice of a former bookie!

This is the amazing, terrifying, muscle-packed story of the most feared and respected bouncer in the country. When Stellakis Stylianou, known to his friends - and his enemies - as Stilks, was a kid growing up in London he was so poor that he had to go out hunting pigeons for his family's supper. It was the memory of those lean days that made him vow that his own family would never be hungry again. And so he forged a life for himself doing what he knew best - using his muscle and his unstoppable force to keep law and order on the streets, in a way that no uniformed copper could ever do...Now he has risen to become the most famous club doorman in the world. Woe betide anyone who mistakes his firm politeness for weakness.

Contains six sections discussing probability, poker, blackjack, other casino games, sports betting, and general gambling concepts. This book contains some of the most sophisticated gambling ideas that have ever been put into print. Included is perhaps the best discussion of the basic mathematics of gambling, yet it is written so that even the most non-mathematical of readers can understand it. Many of the ideas discussed are those that the author himself has successfully used during his career. Topics include expectation, combinations, Baye's Theorem, the eight mistakes in poker, checking in the dark, playing tight, The Key Card Concept, casinos and their mistakes, crapless craps, betting sports, hedging and middling, knowing what's important, the Law of Averages and Other Fallacies, and much more.

A quirky, fascinating portrait of the English capital's dark and criminal underbelly throughout history Beginning with an atmospheric account of Tyburn, this grisly excursion through London as a city of ne'er do wells takes in beheadings and brutality at the Tower, Elizabethan street crime, cutpurses and con-men, 18th century highway robbery, and the rise of prisons, the police, and the Victorian era of incarceration. It also examines the influence of London's criminal classes on the literature of the 19th and 20th century, through to the Krays and Soho gangs of the 1950s and 1960s. London's crimes have changed over the centuries, both in method and execution. This lively popular history traces these developments, from the highway robberies of the 18th century, made possible by the constant traffic of wealthy merchants in and out of the city, to the beatings, slashings, and poisonings of the Victorian era.

Appropriate as a textbook for courses in cognitive psychology or social cognition, Everyday Thinking reviews the rapidly growing literature on cognition in naturalistic settings. It differs from other textbooks in that, where possible, it focuses on thinking in real-world settings rather than in controlled laboratory settings and provides detailed treatments of each of the following topics: \* how we form impressions of and represent persons in memory; \* how we recognize and represent faces; \* how we reason in our day-to-day lives and go about solving everyday problems; \* how we make judgments and decisions; \* how we encode memories of events--both for future action and for our own life histories; and \* what are some of the implications of everyday knowledge and cognition for education and instruction. This book presents the theoretical positions and research evidence on each of these topics and examines the generally unexplored connections among them. As a result, this book presents the study of cognition in a more relevant form and in a context that readers can more readily apply to their own lives.

Racing the Boys tells the incredible story of Granny McDonald, the first female to train a Melbourne cup winner, and her rise to the top of the horse-racing world. Feisty New Zealander, Hedwick Maher, has always been called 'Granny' – even as a child. Short, plump, bossy and old before her years, Granny grew up idolizing her horse trainer father in the stables and always dreamt of becoming a trainer in her own right. And she does, in her later years, becoming one of the first females to get a trainer's license in New Zealand. Flash forward to 1938, 8-year-old thoroughbred Catalogue wins the Melbourne Cup, and Granny realizes that she has just become the first woman in history to train a Melbourne Cup Winner. However, the glory is not hers, but her husband who appears in the official records as Catalogue's trainer. Despite all of Granny's achievements, The Victorian Racing Club refuses to issue a training license to a woman. Racing the Boys is based on the incredible true story of Granny McDonald, an ordinary woman with an extraordinary passion for training thoroughbreds in her own, spirited way, during an era when racing was almost totally male dominated. Guaranteed to appeal to anyone who has ever struggled to own they credit they deserve and take their place at the top.

A dead actress, a dead gambler, a dead professor, a dead fisherman ... With murder following his every step, determined under-achiever Steele Hill is tangled in layers of intrigue and deviousness. Pulled from his cosy world of the racetrack, the rock-music pub and the gambling den, everybody the wise-cracking Hill meets is in danger, as he is sucked into the undertow of forces beyond his understanding. One ally is a reclusive teenage maths whiz, channeling Hendrix, and tapping into military software and magic mushrooms. The fix is in and the bodies are piling up. Leaping off the shoulders of Joseph Heller's Catch-22, Iraqi Icicle is a wild and hilarious ride through the dark and murky worlds of gambling, drugs, politics and rock'n'roll.

Chronicle of Singapore will capture the full dramatic sweep of modern Singapore's history! It is living history, told in vivid newspaper format. The book will tell a myriad of individual stories ? real-life ones ? that together have made and are making up the face, the heart and the soul of Singapore.

Welcome to Fethering! The race is on to find a killer when Jude stumbles across a body at the bookies in this quirky, cozy, British village mystery. Jude has never been averse to a bit of a flutter; her friend Carole, on the other hand, thinks that the local betting shop is a den of iniquity. But when Jude stumbles upon the body of fellow customer Tadeusz Jankowski after placing a bet, the odds of finding his killer don't look good. No one seems to know much about Polish immigrant Tadek, and even his sister doesn't know why he moved to Fethering in the first place. As they question the local residents, Carole finds an unexpected friend in an inveterate gambler, and Jude finds herself in potentially more trouble than she can handle with a lecherous and charming drama professor. In this race there can only be one winner, but with no leads and several suspects in the running will the sleuthing friends be pipped at the post by a cold and calculating killer?

Three iconic novels from "a superb storyteller with a gift for provoking controversy" (The New York Times). Graham Greene has been hailed as "one of the finest writers of any language" (The Washington Post) and "the ultimate chronicler of twentieth-century man's consciousness and anxiety" (William Golding, author of Lord of the Flies). His extraordinary reputation rests largely on these three superb novels,

all of which have been adapted into classic films. Brighton Rock: Seventeen-year-old Pinkie Brown, raised in the prewar Brighton slums, leads a motley pack of gangsters whose small-time scams have erupted in murder. The coverup leads Pinkie to a timid and lovestruck young waitress—his new wife, the key witness to his crimes, and, should she live long enough, his alibi. But loitering in the shadows is another woman—one determined to avenge Pinkie’s latest victim. “Brilliant and uncompromising.” —The New York Times The End of the Affair: Maurice Bendrix, a writer in Clapham during the Blitz, and Sarah Miles, the bored, beautiful wife of a dull civil servant, begin a series of doomed and reckless trysts. After Maurice miraculously survives a bombing, Sarah ends the affair—quickly and without explanation. It’s only when Maurice crosses paths with Sarah’s husband that he discovers the unexpected fallout of their duplicity. “One of the most true and moving novels of my time, in anybody’s language.” —William Faulkner, Nobel Prize–winning author Our Man in Havana: James Wormold, a cash-strapped vacuum cleaner salesman in Havana, finds the answer to his prayers when British Intelligence offers him a lucrative job as an undercover agent. To keep the checks coming, he passes along sketches of secret weapons that look suspiciously like vacuum parts. But when MI6 dispatches a secretary to oversee his endeavors, Wormold fears his fabricated world will come undone. Instead, it all comes true. Somehow, he’s become the target of an assassin, and it’s going to take more than a fib to get out of Cuba alive. “High-comic mayhem . . . weirdly undated . . . [and] bizarrely prescient.” —Christopher Buckley, New York Times–bestselling author

We Irish love our sport and we also love a flutter. We all want to ‘Beat the Bookies’, to experience the joy of winning money and having our judgement vindicated. John Duggan, who has been putting his neck on the line every week for eight years by tipping on national radio, guides you through the big events of the sporting calendar. From Cheltenham to the Champions League, from Augusta to the All Ireland Finals, John has experienced all the highs and lows of sports betting. There have been wins and losses, and now there are reasons. Beat the Bookies opens the door to the rewards and pitfalls of this very Irish pastime. This book tells you what you need to know to maximise profits and beat the bookies at their own game!

Reproduction of the original: Taking Chances by Clarence L. Cullen

Now a PBS documentary, this astonishing memoir of growing up in rough-and-tumble Jersey City “will steal your heart” (People) With deadpan humor and obvious affection, Five-Finger Discount recounts the story of an unforgettable New Jersey family of swindlers, bookies, embezzlers, and mobster-wannabes. In the memoir Mary Karr calls “a page-turner,” Helene Stapinski ingeniously weaves the checkered history of her hometown of Jersey City—a place known for its political corruption and industrial blight—with the tales that have swirled around her relatives for decades. Navigating a childhood of toxic waste and tough love, Stapinski tells an extraordinary tale at once heartbreaking and hysterically funny. Praise for Five-Finger Discount “By turns hilarious and alarming, [Helene Stapinski’s] book reads on the surface like something by Damon Runyon and Elmore Leonard, with a dark undertow of real-life pain and disillusion.”—Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times “It’s a brilliant book, a darling book. It is the blessedly modest chronicle of a magical consciousness that seems to have been born pulling diamonds out of the muck, hearing angels’ voices in the fiercest thunder. . . . I adored every word of this wondrous book. Get it. Read it.”—Michael Pakenham, The Baltimore Sun “In the tradition of . . . Rita Mae Brown and Amy Tan, Ms. Stapinski is an exciting writer, unabashedly candid, and at the same time unashamedly self-contained. Five-Finger Discount is a must-read.”—Victoria Gotti, The New York Observer “What [Frank] McCourt did for Limerick, Ireland, Helene Stapinski does for Jersey City.”—The Star-Ledger “Hugely entertaining.”—The Sunday Times (London)

Nobody thought Rory O’Connor would make it – written off as ‘thick’ at school, he struggled to find a career he felt he could succeed in. When a hot tip led to a win on the horses it was the beginning of a dangerous spiral into a gambling addiction that gnawed away at his self-esteem even further. How did the man who thought he had nothing to live for go on to become a stand-up comedian selling out venues around Ireland and reaching 800,000 people through his social media platforms? This is Rory’s Story. Told with his trademark humour, this straight-talking memoir is a book for anyone who wants to be inspired by an ordinary man’s mental health journey.

By a Nose: Gambling Tales from a Horseracing Insider Author Jim Gentile likes to gamble. It’s in his genes, thanks to his father. As a teenager, an \$88 Quinella at Arlington Park hooked him. Since then, he has had many a lucky day. He parlayed his passion for “playing the horses” into a thirty-year career working at seven Chicago-area tracks. This book provides a peek behind the gate of the horseracing industry. It’s a humorous account of Jim’s experiences in the trenches as a teller, ticket room clerk, cashier, manager, and senior auditor, with plenty of opportunity to hone his skills as a bettor: “ On Wednesdays — payday — there were three lines at the in-town tracks: one line to get your check, another line to cash your check, and the third line was to pay back your gambling losses. If you only went to line one, you were way ahead of the game.” An odd cast of characters is woven throughout these memorable stories. You’ll meet, among others: Gravelly-voiced Aunt Flo who blew her husband’s entire savings at the racetrack while he was on a WWII Navy ship. “Uncle Dick thought he was returning home to a comfortable nest egg, only to find out that Aunt Flo did not understand the nest egg concept — she had gambled away every cent. To his credit, as the story was told to me, Uncle Dick went on a four-day bender and Aunt Flo lived to tell the tale.” Two overly eager co-workers whose wily wagers cost them their jobs: “By the last race Howie was in the box for over \$76,000! With only one race left, his only hope was to hit the Trifecta. Hey, what’s another \$24,000 when you are already stuck 76 large.” “Louie’s eyes were glued to the television, as the lead horse was ahead by 3 lengths on the backstretch. He quickly punched in \$200 to win, the maximum bet the machine would allow, punched the number of the horse on the lead, and started hitting the repeat button. This feature allowed clerks to issue multiple tickets rapidly and Louie was working that machine like a construction worker holding a jackhammer.” Tommy and his plan to rule roulette: “When the ball bounced around it landed on red, but only momentarily before it leaped into a black slot like a poisonous frog.” Tommy had fallen prey to a common condition called “Gambler’s Fallacy”. Simply stated, this is the “incorrect belief that the likelihood of a random event can be affected or predicted from other independent events.” The “law of averages” is one phrase that gamblers should strike from their vocabulary.” Avid gamblers as well as non-gamblers will be highly entertained by a myriad of sagas, which also include sports betting, dog racing, and poker. By the end of the book, like the author, readers will end up asking themselves, “Is today going to be my lucky day?” You betcha! Book Reviews “The book was an easy, fast, and funny read. I totally enjoyed every story and wished that Jim had worked another five years so we could read a few more chapters”. Three favorite chapters: Dare and Defy, Tommy the Scrubber, Sy, Lord of the Rings Sam M. "Gentile ?s first book out of the starting gate is no gamble...readers will be bridled instantly by the wit and honesty of his many self-deprecating gambling tales. While Gentile always seems to miss his bets "by a nose", his collection of racetrack characters and close calls is one for the "win column". Three favorite chapters: Got any Hot Tips? Sy, Lord of the Rings, The Chicago White Sox and a Pound of Pot? Marta A. Miller, maiden gambler "Finally, a nonprofessionals guide to horse racing. Easy to understand and revealing without being overwhelming, the personal experiences of this racetrack insider make it fun to read too. A must read for anyone who bets on horse racing". Three favorite chapters: Bob and Jim’s Wild Ride,

Light's Out, Starnet and Internet Gambling. Steve J. "By A Nose by Jim Gentile i

The riveting New York Times bestseller by the award-winning columnist—now with a stunning new afterword detailing Whitey Bulger's capture. For years their familiar story was of two siblings who took different paths out of South Boston: William "Billy" Bulger, former president of the Massachusetts State Senate; and his brother James "Whitey" Bulger, a vicious criminal who became the FBI's second most-wanted man after Osama Bin Laden. While Billy cavorted with the state's blue bloods to become a powerful political force, Whitey blazed a murderous trail to the top rung of organized crime. Now, in this compelling narrative, Carr uncovers a sinister world of FBI turncoats, alliances between various branches of organized crime, St. Patrick's Day shenanigans, political infighting, and the complex relationship between two brothers who were at one time kings. "A smashing true crime book . . . a rich depiction of a city gone bad and a superb meditation on personal and official corruption. Howie Carr brilliantly analyzes, scrutinizes, indicts . . . A howl of rage at the most hellish old-boy network imaginable." —James Ellroy, New York Times-bestselling author "Crime and politics pay off big-time in Howie Carr's two-fisted account of the brothers Bulger. I laughed, I cried, and I kept turning the pages of this outrageous true story of zany mobsters, political hacks, and corrupt G-men." —Mike Stanton, New York Times-bestselling author

It's a simple plan for each of them. Cathal wants money, Anto wants money and to be with Laura, and Laura wants to escape a life of poverty. Life however is never that simple. The three young Dubliners slide down the road of improvised crime in an effort to realize their dreams. In a cascade of clueless effort and bizarre schemes, the three slip further into crime and the strange life of the Irish underworld. Unlike the boys, however, Laura has a plan for getting out before she gets in over her head. All she has to do is stay the course until that one big score that will give her a way out of crime and poverty. Sooner or later they have to get there, right? Anto and Cathal have it sussed: after all, how difficult could crime be? The police, their fellow criminals, and those who would not be conned all contribute to the answer as the trio and their friends scramble onwards. "Turlough O'Neill's keen ear for dialogue and cynical affection for his home country make Floating down the Liffey a delightful romp through Dublin's grimy streets, mingling scrupulously realistic description and expression with the ironic charm of true Irish humour." -Stephan Grundy, best-selling author of Rhinegold.

Major League Baseball claims it hasn't had a game fixed by gamblers since 1919. No points have been shaved in the NBA since 1954. And the NFL states no game of theirs has come under outside influence – ever. These, however, are lies. The proof resides in FBI files only recently uncovered and discussed in Larceny Games.

The most comprehensive reference book on betting on horse (and greyhound) betting on the market with over 500 cross referenced entries. It explores the history, systems, theory, law and slang associated with betting on racing as well as the scandals, scams, ringers and the huge array of unforgettable characters and audacious coups.

A riveting inside look at the lucrative world of professional high-stakes sports betting by a journalist who lived a secret life as a key operative in the world's most successful sports gambling ring. When journalist Michael Konik landed an interview with Rick "Big Daddy" Matthews, the largest bet he'd placed on a sporting event was \$200. Konik, an expert blackjack and poker player, was no stranger to Vegas. But Matthews was in a different league: the man was rumored to be the world's smartest sports bettor, the mastermind behind "the Brain Trust," a shadowy group of gamblers known for their expertise in beating the Vegas line. Konik had heard the word on the street -- that Matthews was a snake, a conniver who would do anything to gain an edge. But he was also brilliant, cunning, and charming. And when he asked Konik if he'd like to "make a little money" during the football season, the writer found himself seduced . . . So began Michael Konik's wild ride as an operative of the elite Brain Trust. In The Smart Money, Konik takes readers behind the veil of secrecy shrouding the most successful sports betting operation in America, bypassing the myths and the rumors, going all the way to its innermost sanctum. He reveals how they -- and he -- got rich by beating the Vegas lines and, ultimately, the multimillion-dollar offshore betting circuit. He details the excesses and the betrayals, the horse-trading and the paranoia, that are the perks and perils of a lifestyle in which staking inordinate sums of money on the outcome of a single event -- sometimes as much as \$1 million on a football game -- is a normal part of doing business.

Manchester and Salford have a special place in the history of the British working class. They lay at the heart of the cotton industry, the spark of the industrial revolution, and as a consequence were among the first places to experience the application of steam power and the factory system to production. As a result, the Manchester-Salford conurbation was the first to see a fully-formed industrial working class. Whilst industrialization went through its heroic phase, the two cities seemed to be blazing a trail, not only for the rest of the country, but for the world. During the first half of the 19th century, social observers came from across Europe to see what they supposed to be their future. Manchester was, in Asa Briggs's influential phrase, the shock city of the age. The city demonstrated the ability of science to control nature: this was why, in 1843, Benjamin Disraeli described Manchester as the modern Athens. However, as Alexis de Tocqueville had noted eight years earlier, there was another side to increasing productivity -

The Shorter Wisden is a compelling distillation of what's best in its bigger brother. Available from all major eBook retailers, Wisden's digital version includes the influential Notes by the Editor, all the front-of-book articles, reviews, obituaries and all England's Tests from the previous season. Brought together for the first time, here are the first five editions of The Shorter Wisden, distilled from the Almanacks published between 2011 and 2015.

British investigator Jefferson Hinkley is back in this compelling Dick Francis thriller by the New York Times–bestselling author of Crisis. In his role as an undercover investigator for the British Horseracing Authority, Jeff Hinkley is approached by a multi-time champion jockey to discuss the delicate matter of losing races on purpose. Little does he know that the call will set off a lethal chain of events, including the apparent suicide of the jockey and an attempt on Hinkley's own life. Never one to leave suspicious events alone, Hinkley begins investigating the jockey and the races he may have thrown. But there are others out there who intend to prevent his inquiry from probing further...at any cost.

'You only win big when you risk big' Tough, revealing and hilarious - this is long-awaited life story of poker legend Dave 'Devilfish' Ulliott. The most successful British player in poker history, and one of only a few to crack America. He takes us on the rollercoaster ride of a pro-gambler's life, never dodging the dangers, failures and fights. From a council estate in Hull to a penthouse suite in Las Vegas; from cracking safes to parties at the Playboy mansion; from losing \$700,000 in a day to TV's Late Night Poker triumph. Devilfish has seen it all, done it all, survived defeat, tasted victory, walked through fire, and still come out cracking jokes. And over five million quid ahead. Welcome to the high life and high times of the Devilfish.

Once a copper, always a copper. At least that's how it seems for Brian 'The Skull' Murphy, long-retired but sought out by a trail of journalists and cops who regularly beat a path to his door. Once known as Australia's toughest cop, The Skull was both charged with manslaughter (and acquitted), then awarded a Valour Award for bravery in the line of duty. It is these two sides to the complex man that intrigue audiences to this day. A non-drinking, Catholic family man, The Skull didn't fit the 1950s police mould and often found himself on the outer among his colleagues. Dodging crooks and corruption on both sides of the thin blue line, The Skull carefully cultivated a reputation for being a 'mad bastard'. Over 40 men felt the sting of his bullets, and many more felt the sting of his fists. But behind Australia's toughest cop lay a personal secret of sexual abuse which Murphy shares publicly for the first time, in the hope that it will help others. This abuse formed the kind of police officer he later became — tough on the bad guys, but fiercely protective towards victims. With today's political correctness and strict rules of conduct, there will never be another big personality copper like Brian 'The Skull' Murphy. This is his story.

This volume presents five documents from the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice: the chapter containing the findings and recommendations relating to the organized crime problems facing the United States and four background papers submitted by outside consultants. The analyses in the Commission report chapter focused on the types and locations of organized crime, the corruption of law enforcement and political systems, the membership and organization of criminal cartels, efforts to control organized crime, and a proposed national strategy against organized crime. Recommendations related to methods of proving criminal violations, investigation and prosecution units, citizens crime commissions, and noncriminal controls such as regulations and media coverage. The four consultants' reports examined the functions and structure of criminal syndicates, corruption of public officials in one jurisdiction, evidence collection in organized crime, and the economic analysis of organized crime.

DevilfishThe Life & Times of a Poker LegendPenguin UK

In the early 1930s, George Raft, an actor and dancer from New York City's Hell's Kitchen, gained a name for himself playing stylish and charismatic gangsters in films like 1932's original Scarface. Raft's own real-life connection to the New York mob added frightening authenticity to his portrayals, and his star quality coincided with the peak years of the Hollywood factory to produce a remarkable track record of successful movies. Highly regarded during his lifetime as a performer, his reputation as an actor suffered a steep decline after his death. This definitive study of all of Raft's films offers intimate insight into all of his productions, including casts, characters, technical credits, and story synopses, and dispels a number of myths surrounding his legendary career.

Things are going Walter Schmidt's way -- he loves his wife, he likes his job, and he's enjoying New Orleans in springtime -- and then one April morning in 1945 he catches his wife in bed with his best friend, a betrayal that sets in motion a series of events more dangerous and complicated than Walter could ever imagine. Set against a backdrop of a nation exhausted by war, in a decadent city that's been denied its butter, sugar, and Mardi Gras, My Bright Midnight is a novel about the complications of loyalties to country, to friends, and to those we love.

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