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Telling the bloody, insider's story of the international drug and weapons smuggling operations of the feared Bandidos gang, this chilling tale is the first time that an insider has told the true story of the bike gangs that dominate the drug and illegal weapons trade across the globe. For 10 years, Steve Utah was a Bandidos insider, a trusted confidante of senior bike gang members along the east coast of Australia. He arranged their security, cooked their drugs, and witnessed meetings in which overseas weapons smuggling was planned. Utah loved the wildness of the Bandido life and their contempt for the law, but as he plummeted deeper into the heart of the group, his life started to spiral out of control. He witnessed vicious beatings, helped dump corpses, and saw men executed in front of his eyes. In a desperate attempt to regain control of his life, he resorted to the unthinkable—he rolled over to the federal police and told them all he knew about the Bandidos. This shocking, unflinching, tragic story is his confession, and possibly his dying gasp, for he knows that inevitably the Bandido code will be honored and he will be silenced.

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Claude says

A book about the Bandidos as told by a former biker associate who worked as an informant for the police. The book - in my opinion - highlights how corrupt the world is, even in democratic nations like Australia, although the corruption explored in this book is to do with drugs and organised criminal activity rather than the corruption most of us 'truthers' are used to by now, that being the systematic lies being told to us about the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Bali Bombings, London 7/7 bombings and the Moon landings etc...

It also goes to show that a lot of the time, it might even be most of the time (I can't quote an accurate percentage of police or bikies as I like to stay away from both types of people), bikies are scumbags with no or little morals and ethics who value the almighty (sarcasm over that last word) dollar over anything else whilst living, and that law enforcement are just as pathetic when it comes what they value in life, and how far they will degrade themselves by letting their morals and ethics slowly erode in order to gain some type of material benefit - and with the police it seems the benefits only need to be numbers attached to a currency of one form or another (mostly money from what I've read in this book), in order to mutate in scraps of decency they have within their own personality. I think that my broad range of what non-fiction I read, as well as my beliefs and factual research/information I've gathered from a range of recent historical events, many of which seem to be affiliated either directly or indirectly with criminal activities all shaded by the umbrella I will name, "contemporary terrorism within democracy and its politics," allowing me to see connections to other issues within society currently, this includes Australia where I have always resided. I'm pretty sure I could draw lots of connections, and relevant or related 'newsworthy' events of corrupt segments in society, and I think many people reading this book perhaps won't be able to see how this corruption is part of a bigger picture. A much, much bigger picture that whispers (or screams depending on who, where and how your life has been) how this is part of the same much larger and more detailed picture of the corrupt world we live in, that is 'hiding its secrets in plain sight,' to borrow a phrase.

Boris says

Fairly easy to read book. Does come across as a bit "i know more than I am telling to save my own skin" at times.

I didnt find anything extremely shocking in this book as many 'Biker' books run along the same lines depicting the drugs and violence.

for a guy that us supose to be 'running for his life ' he still doesnt mind doing TV interviews and even showing how to make 'speed'.

One interesting comment made to me was just how did ths bloke get so close to the inner workings of the Bandidos when he wasn't a patched member? He wasn't even a probate. This is never explained in the book and does leave some doubt to the quality and accuracy of the information.

Anthony Sinn says

Life is sometimes not very simple.

Missa says

I found this a very difficult book to read, and struggled to finish it. I lost interest quickly and think it could've been made a lot more exciting than it was given the subject matter. Not a book that I would recommend.

Adrian Beckingham says

A very insightful and readable account of one man's true life experiences while rubbing shoulders with patched members of the infamous Bandidos, a global motorcycle gang.

Sharon says

If this mans claims are true, then we should all be scared. I can not believe the ineptitude, the stupidity and the carelessness of those in the federal and state police that let this man's information go to waste, and the way they handled his case. Disgusting.

Corruption within our police force should not be tolerated, and what this man has to say on the topic of corrupt police and the dangers in the existence of outlaw motorbike clubs should be heeded.

A good book for those interested in the reality of what is really going on in the clubs.

Kristie Vandyke says

This isn't a book I would usually go for and isn't a book I would choose when I'm in a bookstore but damn it was a good read, this was a book that was lent to me by a friend. It was easy to read, nothing to complex but this book isn't about a plot or entertainment or how it was written, it was about the stone cold truth and honestly it was scary at times. This book is a true account of the life of a member of a bikie gang. Drugs, theft, violence, animal smuggling, murder and police corruption are all throughout this book and were handled and approached in the exact way it needed to be, honestly. I think this is a book every adult should read cause it shows a reality that not everyone would know about or ever experience and it was a real eye-opener, this book shows how truly corrupt and dark this world is.

Do I recommend? Yes

Would I read again? No probably not

Monique says

An insider's account of life with the Bandidos Bikie Gang as told by a man on the run to journalists, via a lawyer and email.

The illegal activities in this book include everything from drugs, wildlife smuggling, violent assault, murder,

weapons dealing, extortion and corruption.

The bottom line? Bandidos are an organised criminal gang of extreme bad-types. The policing of them: non-existent, hamstrung by corruption, petty territorial squabbles and incompetence.

All in all, a pretty depressing read that was interesting but the moral depravation gets old and the message is clear halfway through the book. But it's less about entertainment, than it is about investigative journalism and a testament of one man's insider knowledge and the questions that inevitably need asking: what the hell is wrong with Australia's police force?

Trina Hibberd says

Brilliant read.... even if only 1% of what Coulthart has written is true then one must ask oneself 'who, indeed can one trust!?' Great insight by the author into modern day societies problems, police corruption (boys in blue get slammed beautifully), and a rare view that socioeconomic plays a very minor part in domestic outcomes.

Tricia says

Steven Utah is currently living overseas after turning evidence against an outlaw motorcycle gang. After secretly working for the police for more than a year he was effectively cut loose by the police he trusted and it nearly cost him his life. Even more than that the police did not act on information provided to them on a number of occasions.

I know that some readers have expressed doubts about Utah's claims but even if only half of what this book says is true, it is truly horrifying. I find it particularly scary that the federal/state divide and also how each state operates separately is contributing to organised crime literally getting away with murder. It was a fascinating read, although you do have to keep a track of all the names and how it all fits together.

Sophie says

A book more about police corruption involving bikes than anything else. I was hoping it would be more of an eye opener than it really was. The insider, Steven Utah, tells about his time with the bike gang, the Bandidos, and how he became a mole for the police. Although it was an easy read, it became a little tedious towards the end.

Geoff says

Reads a bit too much like a journalism essay, but interesting take from an insider.

Mark Wilson says

Hadn't planned to read this, but it was lent to me on the promise that it was a good read. Similar theme to the Underbelly books, however I found this a lot easier to read. It flowed well and was generally better written (or perhaps edited) than Underbelly. Raises some interesting issues, and illustrates how corrupt (or maybe just incompetent) the Australian state and Federal police agencies are. If you liked the Underbelly books, I would recommend this.

Conor O'mahony says

Not the type of book I would usually choose but fancied something different. It was quite interesting being a true story of how a biker deeply involved in the biker gang turned snitch nad got really poor support from the Aussie police.

Belinda says

Some of it was really quite interesting but I didn't get into it, didn't want to keep reading. I have to admit I skipped a few pages towards the end which I hate doing. Feel like I could have done with a summary of the book and then wouldn't have to read it.
