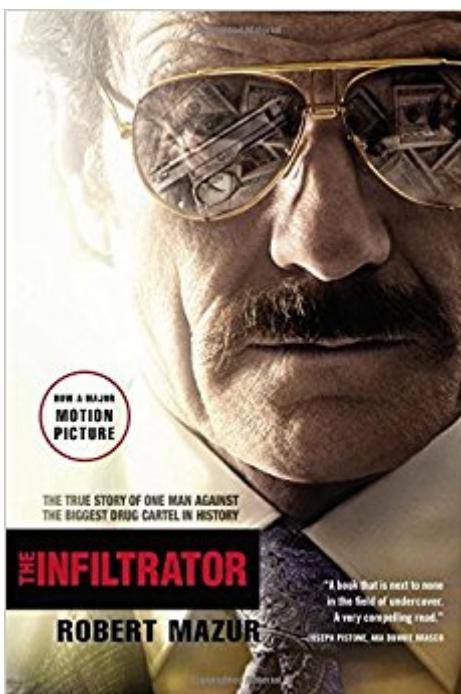


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The Infiltrator: The True Story Of One Man Against The Biggest Drug Cartel In History



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The electrifying true story that inspired the major new motion picture *The Infiltrator* Robert Mazur spent years undercover infiltrating the Medellín Cartel's criminal hierarchy. The dirty bankers and businessmen he befriended-some of whom still shape power across the globe-knew him as Bob Musella, a wealthy, mob-connected big shot living the good life. Together they partied in \$1,000-per-night hotel suites, drank bottles of the world's finest champagne, drove Rolls-Royce convertibles, and flew in private jets. But under Mazur's Armani suits and in his Renwick briefcase, recorders whirred silently, capturing the damning evidence of their crimes. *The Infiltrator* is the story of how Mazur helped bring down the unscrupulous bankers who manipulated complex international finance systems to serve drug lords, corrupt politicians, tax cheats, and terrorists. It is a shocking chronicle of the rise and fall of one of the biggest and most intricate money-laundering operation of all time-an enterprise that cleaned and moved hundreds of millions of dollars a year. Filled with dangerous lies, near misses, and harrowing escapes, *The Infiltrator* is as bracing and explosive as the greatest fiction thrillers-only it's all true.

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international bank, BCCI. The reader may recall that BCCI, during the Carter administration, along with Manuel Noriega's banks in Panama, were the money laundering hubs of the South American drug cartels. Thus, gaining Escobar and Ochoa's trust was only part one of a two-part Custom's Department "financial con game," one which, when the two parts were taken together, was a dangerous but carefully designed ruse by Robert Mazur to bring down the entire drug-based money laundering financial machine. The second part of course was convincing BCCI that Musella was also the sole financial representative of a number of anonymous high-roller clients who had hundreds of millions of dollars to wash and to invest -- that is, with the right international bank. It turns out that the right international bank in this case meant one with the right amount of efficiency, technical savvy, and discretion: in other words, a bank that could transfer monies electronically anywhere in the world without leaving a paper trail, avoid all national taxes, currency regulations, etc., and would ask no questions about the source of the funds.

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