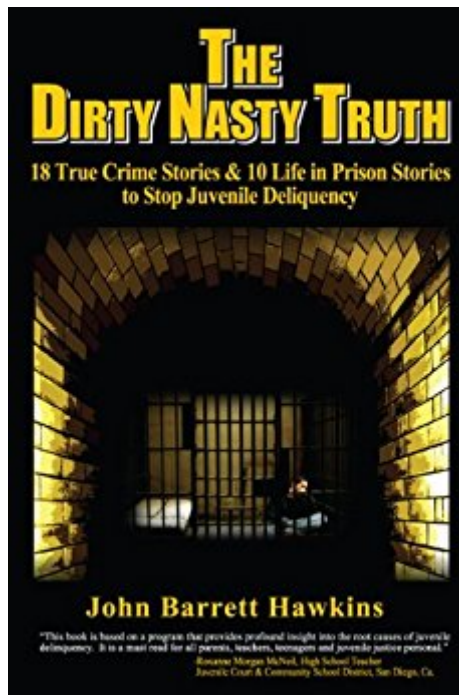


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The Dirty Nasty Truth: 18 True Crime Stories & 10 Life In Prison Stories To Stop Juvenile Delinquency



Synopsis

When John Barrett Hawkins was incarcerated at Donovan state prison in San Diego, he participated in a delinquency intervention program named "Convicts Reaching Out To People" (CROP), where teenagers are brought into the prison to hear inmates speak about their crimes, gangs, bullying, drugs, self-esteem and prison life. CROP was founded on the belief that the best way to reach teenagers who are getting into trouble is through story-telling. Each convict stands before the group and gives a personal testimony concerning the crime he committed and the lessons learned. In *THE DIRTY NASTY TRUTH* Hawkins brings this invaluable story-telling program to the general public. The book includes these chapters, among others:

- Hawkins' involvement in a million-dollar insurance fraud that was directly responsible for the murder of an innocent man.
- Life in Prison "including, riots, rapes, murders, stabbings and other horror stories."
- 16-year-old Diego Jones' gut-wrenching story of a gang shootout that resulted in the deaths of two teenagers.
- The Blockbuster Bandit's story of armed robberies and fist-fights in the California Youth Authority.
- Tim Harris' sordid tale about gangbanging teenage girls as part of a gang initiation ritual.
- The Party Animal "is the story of a happy-go-lucky surfer kid whose drug addiction leads to murder."
- CRIPS gang member Roderick Johnson's life story, including drug dealing, bank robberies and gang shootouts.
- The Deadly Love Triangle "is the tragic story of a prominent lawyer's encounter with a mysterious woman."
- Johnny Alvarez's roller-coaster ride as a jewel thief and Mexican gang member.
- The Gentleman Bank Robber "AKA Joe Jackson's gateway drug story wherein alcohol and marijuana became the gateway to a destructive cocaine addiction."
- An in-depth discussion on low self-esteem "the primary cause of juvenile delinquency" and a 10-step plan for building self-esteem.

THE DIRTY NASTY TRUTH is the one book that every parent needs to keep their teenager out of trouble.

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Amazing first person stories from a few of the men who unfortunately ended up in the penitentiary. The author offers the reader to see the men as human beings rather than "inmates or just the horrible crime they were convicted of. It is a heartbreaking read to see how quickly these young men were transformed and eager to succeed in criminal enterprises.

I love true crime books and this is the most interesting one I have read in years. The stories were gripping and well written. And the insights into how and why these men became criminals was truly fascinating. Great read !

Excellent read. The stories in this book are captivating and chilling. Very well written. Makes me reflect on the choices made in life and being thankful for the positive influences. This is a great book to share with a pre teen and teens going down the wrong path.

I found this book fascinating and real. And his motives behind writing this book very inspiring. It is an offspring of a program that helps prevent teens from making bad choices that could forever alter their life. The profits made from the book sale go to the family of his victim. IF You can handle the truth, this is an excellent book.

For a non-fiction book this would be one of the best I've read. I was not expecting to find myself learning so much about people and why we do what we do. I encourage you to read this book. It will change you. My best wishes to the author.

True Crime Author with a Noble Purpose have become a huge fan of books written by John Barrett Hawkins. Not only is he a serious researcher, but he has a gift for taking that research and using it to inspire change. With this book, you really get to know and understand why the characters became criminals. Beyond that, the stories are fabulously written. It is clearly a book designed to teach lessons to teenagers, but it never feels like you are being lectured to. It's just a bunch of crazy stories that all end with valuable insights. The chapter on life in prison was shocking. I knew it was horrible in there, but nothing you see on TV can compare to the stories this author tells. I highly recommend *The Dirty Nasty Truth* to anyone who has an interest in deterring delinquency. The messages are powerful. I guarantee you will not be able to put the book down

I remember all the media stories about John Hawkins. What a contrast to hear the real story from the criminal himself. He doesn't sugarcoat it. The guy admits that he was responsible for a murder. Hawkins' tale of redemption is truly amazing. He went to hell and back. Now he writes books on deterring delinquency and self-improvement (I have his fitness book too), very inspirational. The prison stories in this book are gruesome. It is filled with edge of your seat action scenes: high-speed police car chases, prison riots, bank robberies, shootouts, you name it. I couldn't stop reading!

This is a great book for at-risk teens, showcasing the consequences faced for criminal activity. The author spent a lot of time researching and cataloging information with the intent to change the lives of the teens he interacts with at alternative high schools. I appreciate his mission and passion for making a difference.

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