

TOUGH LUCK

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- **Classic crime writing comparable with Elmore Leonard and George Pelecanos**
- **Noir with a twist from the best-selling author of *Hard Feelings***
- **Twisted City, the new novel by Jason Starr will be published by Vintage in the US this summer**
- **Screenwriter of the film *October Squall*, set to film this summer starring Halle Berry.**
- **Unique style that creates a noir world that is not only bleak, but painfully funny**

"Jason Starr does for New York what George Pelecanos does for Washington D.C. and Dennis Lehane does for Boston..."

Mickey Prada is a nice kid. Perhaps too nice. He works in a neighbourhood seafood market in Brooklyn putting fish on ice. He's got a nice girlfriend. He even delayed college a year, to look after his sick dad who's gradually losing his marbles and has a tendency to go walkabout.

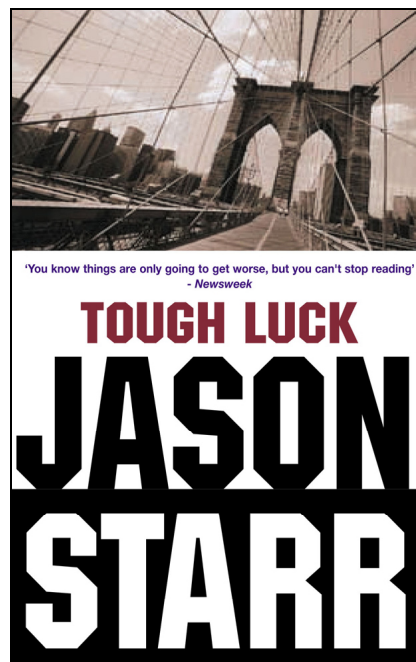
But Mickey's got a little problem. A customer at the fish store, Angelo Santoro, keeps asking Mickey to place bets for him and Angelo keeps losing. As Angelo gets further in the hole, his bad luck is turning out to be Mickey's too. Now Mickey's got his bookie after him and Angelo's showing him the butt of his pistol rather than paying him back. So when his best friend, Chris, asks Mickey to join him on a can't-lose caper, Mickey decides to go along. But, sure-fire schemes often have a way of backfiring, and this one is sending Mickey into an uncharted part of Brooklyn, where fish like Chris and Mickey have trouble...

"...a hard-knuckled writer..." - *New York Times Book Review*

"...From the first page of this noir thriller, you know things are only going to get worse, but you can't stop reading...." - *Newsweek*

"...Starr delivers a wild ride through a mob-saturated Italian-American community in 1980s New York, keeping the surprises coming up to the last sentence..." - *Publishers Weekly*

Jason Starr is the author of four other novels, published by No Exit, *Cold Caller*, *Nothing Personal*, *Fake I.D.* and *Hard Feelings*. He was born in Brooklyn in 1966 and still lives in New York City.



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