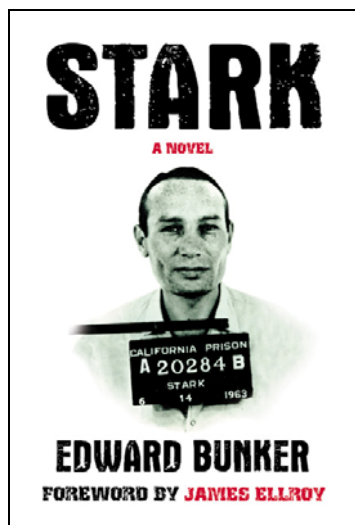


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STARK

EDDIE BUNKER

with an Introduction by JAMES ELLROY
and an Afterword by JENNIFER STEELE

SALES POINTS:

- Never-before-seen first novel from Eddie Bunker
- Major critical introduction from James Ellroy
- Eddie Bunker still famous for his role as Mr Blue in *Reservoir Dogs*
- Bunker's reputation still rising since his death in 2005

MARKET:

Crime fiction, noir fiction.

DESCRIPTION:

Oceanview, Los Angeles, 1962.

Stark is a rat and a con-artist. Nobody's friend. The kind of guy Eddie Bunker met in San Quentin. Stark thinks he can beat the suckers and outsmart the cops. When a big score comes his way, he's lucky to escape with his life. Four others are not so lucky.

Eddie Bunker described *Stark* as a story about a con man. Eddie didn't think much of con-men, because, as a rule, they preyed upon people weaker than themselves. But he understood them.

Stark was Eddie Bunker's first novel, written in the early 60s and a harbinger of the books that brought him critical acclaim such as *No Beast So Fierce*. Never published during his life time, the manuscript was only rediscovered after his death and is published in English for the first time by **No Exit**.

REVIEW COVERAGE:

Praise for Eddie Bunker:

"...At 40 Eddie Bunker was a hardened criminal with a substantial prison record. Twenty-five years later, he is hailed by his peers as America's greatest living crime writer. Those who know and understand these things become hushed at the mere mention of his name. Some call him simply, The Man..." - *The Independent*

"...Integrity, craftsmanship and moral passion...an artist with a unique and compelling voice..." - William Styron

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY:

Edward Bunker, Mr Blue in *Reservoir Dogs*, was the author of four books: *No Beast So Fierce*, *Little Boy Blue*, *The Animal Factory* and *Mr Blue*, all published by No Exit. He was co-screenwriter of the Oscar nominated movie, *The Runaway Train*, and appeared in over 30 feature films, including *Straight Time* with Dustin Hoffman, the film of his book *No Beast So Fierce*. Edward Bunker died in 2005.

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