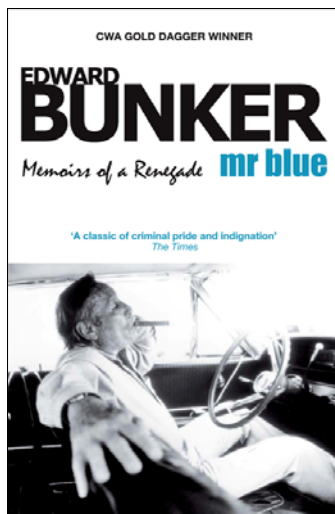


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MR BLUE

EDWARD BUNKER

SALES POINTS:

- New edition to coincide with paperback release of *Stark*
- Winner of the Macallan Gold Dagger 2000 for non-fiction
- Eddie Bunker still famous for his role as Mr Blue in *Reservoir Dogs*
- Bunker's reputation still rising since his death in 2005
- Complete backlist new editions with new cover treatments

MARKET:

Autobiography, crime.

DESCRIPTION:

Winner of the Macallan Gold Dagger 2000 for non-fiction

Edward Bunker's life is beyond the imaginings of most fiction writers. Born in Hollywood, the son of a stagehand and Busby Berkeley chorus girl, whose early divorce propelled him into a series of boarding homes and military schools. A proud character, combined with an IQ of 152, resulted in a series of altercations with the authorities. He became the youngest ever inmate of San Quentin at the age of seventeen, and there he learned survival skills and faced down the toughest prisoners in the system. Befriended by Mrs Louise Wallis, a former star of the silent screen and wife of movie mogul, Hal Wallis, he was introduced to her circle of friends, including Jack Dempsey, Tennessee Williams, Aldous Huxley and William Randolph Hearst, whose guest he was at San Simeon.

A parole violation resulted in a spell crossing America as a fugitive on the FBI's most wanted list. His eventual capture led to Folsom prison. Encouraged by the example of Dostoevsky, Cervantes and Caryl Chessman, and by the kindness of Mrs Wallis, he determined to write his way out of prison. Bunker's first published novel, *No Beast So Fierce*, viewed by many including Quentin Tarantino as the finest crime novel ever written, changed his fortunes. It was filmed as *Straight Time*, starring Dustin Hoffman. Three other novels followed: *The Animal Factory*, *Little Boy Blue* and *Dog Eat Dog*, (all published by No Exit) admired by writers as diverse as William Styron and James Ellroy. He received an Oscar nomination for the screenplay of *Runaway Train*, and has appeared in a score of films, most notably his legendary role as Mr Blue in *Reservoir Dogs*. This blistering narrative is a memoir like no other.

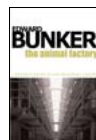
REVIEW COVERAGE:

Praise for Eddie Bunker:

'Edward Bunker is a true original of American letters. His books are criminal classics: novels about criminals, written by an ex-criminal, from the unregenerately criminal viewpoint...' - *James Ellroy*

'a classic of criminal pride and indignation...' - *The Times*

'Superbly written in Bunker's trademark hard-hitting prose style, *Mr Blue* is as thrilling as his fiction.' - *Heat*



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