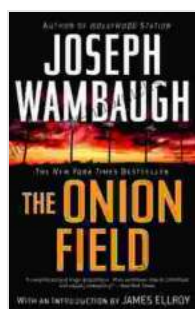


The Onion Field: A Gripping True Crime Story by Joseph Wambaugh

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On March 9, 1963, two Los Angeles police officers, Ian Campbell and Karl Hettinger, were shot and killed while transporting three prisoners from the Los Angeles County Jail to the Men's Central Jail.

The prisoners, Jimmy Lee Smith, Gregorio Cortez, and Larry Eugene Phillips, had overpowered the officers and stolen their guns. They then fled the scene and hid out in an onion field in Delano, California.

Wambaugh's book tells the story of the investigation into the murders, the manhunt for the suspects, and the trial that followed. The book is a

fascinating and suspenseful account of a true crime that shocked the nation.

The Investigation

The investigation into the murders was led by Detective Sergeant Ian Campbell, the father of one of the slain officers. Campbell was a seasoned detective with a reputation for being tough and determined.

Campbell and his team of detectives worked tirelessly to track down the suspects. They interviewed witnesses, followed leads, and eventually located the suspects in the onion field.

The Manhunt

The manhunt for the suspects was a massive undertaking. Law enforcement officers from all over California were involved in the search.

The suspects were eventually captured after a four-day standoff with the police. They were taken into custody and charged with the murders of the two police officers.

The Trial

The trial of the suspects was a highly publicized event. The prosecution sought the death penalty for all three defendants.

The defense attorneys argued that the suspects were acting in self-defense. They claimed that the officers had used excessive force when they tried to arrest the suspects.

The jury deliberated for several weeks before reaching a verdict. Smith and Cortez were found guilty of murder and sentenced to death. Phillips was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to life in prison.

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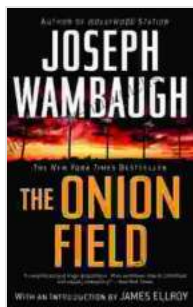
The Onion Field is a classic true crime story that has been praised for its accuracy, suspense, and insights into the criminal mind.

The book has been adapted into a film and a television series. It has also been the subject of numerous books and articles.

The Onion Field is a powerful reminder of the dangers that police officers face every day. It is also a tribute to the courage and dedication of the men and women who serve in law enforcement.

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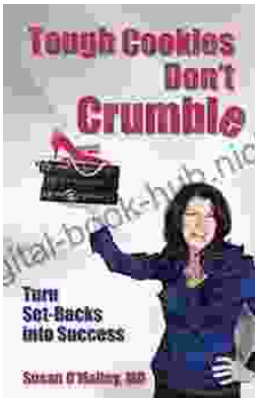
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