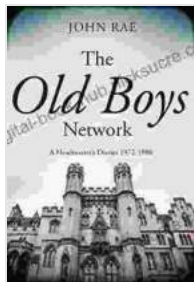


# Unveiling the Dark Secrets of The Old Boys Network: A Review of the Headmaster Diaries 1972-1986



## The Old Boys Network: A headmaster's diaries 1972-1986 by John Rae

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The Old Boys Network Headmaster Diaries 1972-1986 is a powerful and disturbing account of the abuse and cover-ups that took place at an elite boys' school in the United Kingdom. The diaries, written by the school's headmaster, reveal a culture of secrecy and impunity that allowed abuse to flourish for decades.

The book has been praised by critics for its unflinching honesty and its important contribution to the understanding of child abuse. It has also sparked a national conversation about the need for greater accountability in schools and other institutions that work with children.

## A Culture of Abuse

The Headmaster Diaries document a wide range of abuses that took place at the school, including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. The headmaster, who was later convicted of child abuse, used his position of power to prey on vulnerable students.

The diaries also reveal that the school administration was aware of the abuse but did nothing to stop it. In fact, the administration actively covered up the abuse, threatening students who spoke out and retaliating against those who tried to investigate.

The culture of abuse and cover-up at the school was enabled by a number of factors, including:

1. The school's elite status: The school was attended by the sons of wealthy and powerful families, which made it difficult for anyone to speak out against the abuse.
2. The headmaster's charisma: The headmaster was a charismatic and well-respected figure, which made it difficult for people to believe that he was capable of abuse.
3. The school's closed environment: The school was located in a remote area, which made it difficult for students to escape the abuse.

## **The Consequences of Abuse**

The abuse that took place at the school had a devastating impact on the victims. Many of the victims suffered from lifelong psychological problems, including depression, anxiety, and PTSD.

The abuse also had a negative impact on the school community as a whole. The culture of secrecy and impunity created a climate of fear and distrust. Students were afraid to speak out about the abuse, and teachers were afraid to report it.

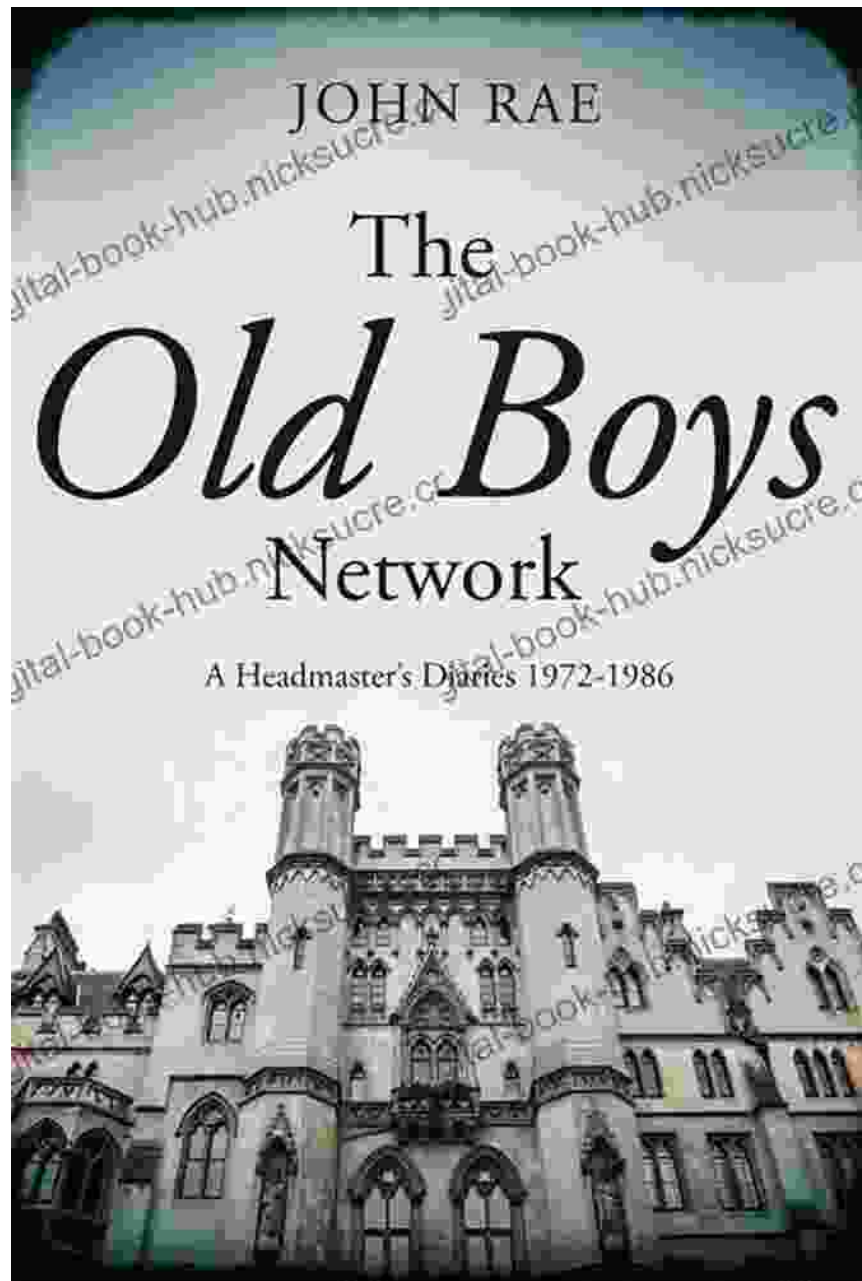
## **The Importance of Accountability**

The Old Boys Network Headmaster Diaries 1972-1986 is a powerful reminder of the importance of accountability in schools and other institutions that work with children. It is essential that these institutions have clear policies and procedures in place to prevent and respond to abuse.

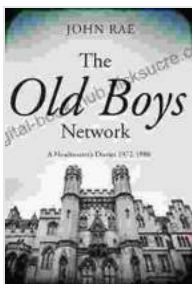
It is also important that these institutions create a culture of openness and trust, where students feel safe to speak out about abuse. Only by creating such a culture can we hope to prevent the horrors that took place at the school from happening again.

The Old Boys Network Headmaster Diaries 1972-1986 is a difficult and disturbing read, but it is an important one. It is a story of abuse, cover-up, and the devastating consequences of both. It is also a story of hope and resilience, as the victims of the abuse have come forward to share their stories and seek justice.

The Old Boys Network Headmaster Diaries 1972-1986 is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the issue of child abuse. It is a powerful reminder of the importance of accountability and the need to create a culture of openness and trust in schools and other institutions that work with children.



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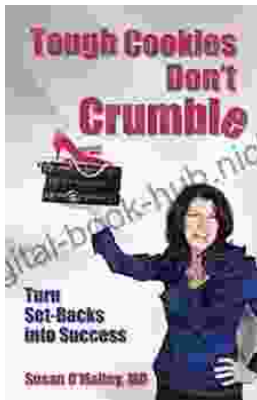
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