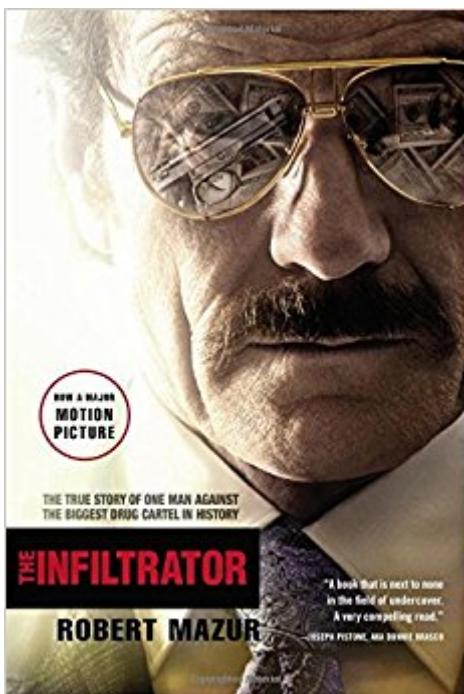


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# The Infiltrator: The True Story Of One Man Against The Biggest Drug Cartel In History



## **Synopsis**

The electrifying true story that inspired the major new motion picture *The Infiltrator* Robert Mazur spent years undercover infiltrating the Medellín Cartel's criminal hierarchy. The dirty bankers and businessmen he befriended-some of whom still shape power across the globe-knew him as Bob Musella, a wealthy, mob-connected big shot living the good life. Together they partied in \$1,000-per-night hotel suites, drank bottles of the world's finest champagne, drove Rolls-Royce convertibles, and flew in private jets. But under Mazur's Armani suits and in his Renwick briefcase, recorders whirred silently, capturing the damning evidence of their crimes. *The Infiltrator* is the story of how Mazur helped bring down the unscrupulous bankers who manipulated complex international finance systems to serve drug lords, corrupt politicians, tax cheats, and terrorists. It is a shocking chronicle of the rise and fall of one of the biggest and most intricate money-laundering operations of all time-an enterprise that cleaned and moved hundreds of millions of dollars a year. Filled with dangerous lies, near misses, and harrowing escapes, *The Infiltrator* is as bracing and explosive as the greatest fiction thrillers-only it's all true.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Robert Mazur was a federal agent for 27 years. During 5 years of his law enforcement career he was a long-term undercover agent operating in deep cover within the underworld as a high-level money launderer for senior members of Colombian drug cartels. He not only dealt directly with cartel leaders, but also functioned as their conduit to corrupt international bankers around the world. He is court-certified in both the U.S. and Canada as an expert in money laundering. Mr. Mazur has been a significant contributor to news and media outlets, including *The New York Times*,

PBS, ABC and NBC.

It's disheartening to learn that the drug cartels have the enormous power described in this book. Equally disheartening is the shocking lack of concern for the danger faced by undercover agents. Thankfully Senator John Kerry & Senator Charles Schumer tried to address the legitimate concerns of the author. Other politicians don't show as much integrity. And international banks are often complicit in money laundering, to a staggering degree.

This is one great book, written by a man who infiltrated the biggest drug cartel IN HISTORY. The story is compelling, to say the least, and it is a page-turner, you cannot put it down. Better than any fictional story about drugs and drug criminals, because these people exist (many now doing serious time). See the movie as well, and, of course, the book, being better than the movie (as most books made into film are) is a must-read!

Robert Mazur's account of his time spent undercover is harrowing. His life would have been snuffed out at anytime during this 2 year operation had he failed for a moment to convince the ruthless drug lords or their street hardened associates. I enjoyed reading this true story. It is more enjoyable to read than something fictional like a Robert Ludlum novel where everything is made up. I would probably paraphrased a bit with some of the many meetings that were mentioned in the book, that is why I give it a 4, however, again I was very enthralled.

Fascinating story. There is a lot of intrigue and suspense even though you know the ending before you start reading. I was fascinated to learn what happens in real undercover operations. It was also eye-opening to see the toll it takes on the families of the agents.

While the excess amount of detail made it difficult at times to read, the actual numbers regarding the illegal drug "business" were astounding. I have recommended this book to a number of my colleagues (child & adolescent psychiatrists & therapists) who treat patients with addictions to more fully appreciate the magnitude of this problem. I would like to commend the author for his diligence, intelligence, fortitude, & bravery. And kudos to his family.

I read this book in a week. I learned so much about money laundering and how the level of inefficiency and competitiveness between federal agencies hurts US progress on organized crime,

particularly the laughable War on Drugs. His storytelling was intriguing and his honesty admirable. What a shame that some of his own colleagues in the government hierarchy put him at greater risk of harm than the gangsters did.

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The author pulls no punches when placing the blame on the big banks for laundering drug money. He says the worst is the Federal Reserve Bank. He also points out the problems he faced with the Federal bureaucracy, something I can relate to. He also states that the problem is non-partisan, mentioning the different politicians influenced by the big banks. This book is good, but not as exciting as "Donnie Brosco". We should all be thankful for men like Robert Mazur and Joe Pistone.

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