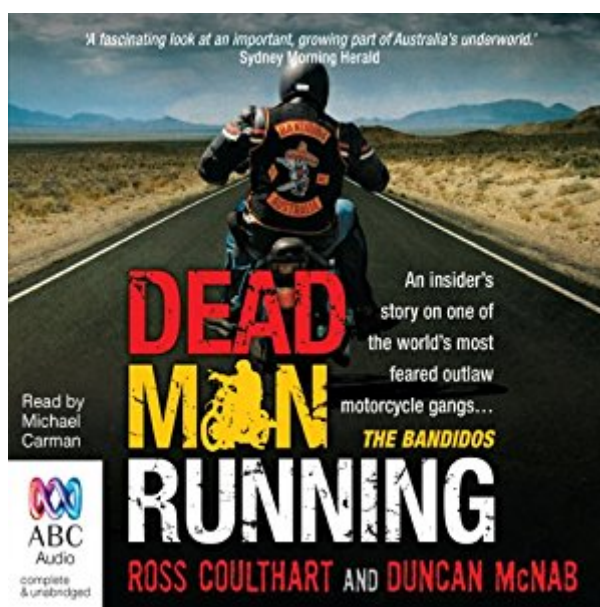


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Dead Man Running: An Insider's Story On One Of The World's Most Feared Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs ... The Bandidos



Synopsis

"We are the people our parents warned us about" is the motto of the Bandidos, one of the world's most feared outlaw motorcycle gangs. For ten years, Steve Utah was a Bandidos insider. He arranged the security of their clubhouses. He 'cooked' ecstasy and ice for them. He was at meetings where interstate and overseas drug and weapons smuggling was planned. He saw stolen military weapons being sold. He witnessed vicious beatings, helped dump corpses. He saw men executed in front of him. It all became too much and, in an attempt to regain control of his life, Utah resorted to the unthinkable: he rolled over to the Federal Police and told them all he knew about the Bandidos. This shocking, unflinching, tragic story is Steve Utah's confession. He knows he is a dead man running - that inevitably the Bandido code will be honoured and he will be silenced. But not before Utah gets his chance to wake Australians to the looming threat in their midst - the relentless rise of sophisticated organised crime networks inside outlaw motorcycle gangs and the apparent inability of the Police and legal system to deal with it.

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Book Review: Dead Man Running by Ross Coulthart and Duncan McNab This paperback book of 300 pages is a very gripping and eye-opening account about the drug dealings and murders undertaken by the outlawed motor cycle gang known as the Bandidos (Australian group). There are also ancillary mentions of the other well known motor cycle gang known as the Hells Angels. This book is mostly about the life and times of a Steven Utah and his life within the Bandidos and his subsequent rolling over as a police informant and spy. Steven Utah is presently living overseas

under an assumed name because he fled Queensland because of his assistance to the police there in combating organized crime inside the Bandidos motorcycle gang. His police work resulted in an attempt on his life. He provides evidence that the Queensland Police Force are still corrupt even after the Fitzgerald Royal Commission cleared out a lot of bad apples and how they hindered Victorian Police and the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) in their investigation into extensive criminal enterprises involving senior members of the Bandidos. On 10 October 2000, a Victorian man known as Earl Mooring, heavily involved in the drug trade, was murdered in a most horrendous manner by senior members of the Bandidos motorcycle club. Steven Utah was an accessory to the murder in that he assisted in the disposal of the dead body. Utah also claimed that he had knowledge about corrupt Queensland police officers who provided confidential information such as police raids to biker gang members. Utah also provided information on the illicit trade in Queensland wildlife. This is a shocking and revealing book and outlines the tragic story of Steve Utah and his confessions.

This is the story of a man drawn to the penumbra of criminal activity in the form of bike gang crime figures. To anthropomorphise, he was a human blackbird, observing but not engaged in the dogfight. But a man, who found himself naturally unable to lie down in the procrustean bed of biker nihilism and unable to fully adapt to the demands of consorting with the psychopathic and sociopathic minds that habitually, form part of the inner sanctum and even the oligarchy of most criminal organisations. The soi-distant protagonist 'Utah', took a side interest in herpetology whilst enlisted in the Australian Army and became somewhat proficient in this area of study, to the point of cooperating as a matter of mutual concern with university faculty. Keeping reptiles in glass terrariums was somewhat ironic because, he in turn, ended up in the human equivalent, as a prisoner of the state. The book's introduction is rather interesting, giving a succinct account into the genesis of the Hell's Angels, Bandidos and Comancheros biker gangs, along with their founding members. It then transitions into Utah's personal circumstances, his various skills and professions, associates, kith and kin and his gradual transitioning from the Australian Defence Force, to wildlife smuggler to forming close associations with the Bandidos MC. This is a man who upon reading, would have appeared to be a competent citizen, able to network at will. Managing to break most biblical mandates, Utah couldn't be considered a saint but he ate his food by the sweat of his brow as a low-key shelf stacker with Wollies and later as a chippy and even found time to perform holy matrimony. What he might be is a martyr.

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