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This  
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scene of one  
of the most

shocking bank  
heists in U.S.  
history—a  
crime that’s  
almost too  
wild to be real  
(The New York  
Times Book  
Review).  
Norco '80 tells  
the story of  
how five

heavily armed young men—led by an apocalyptic born-again Christian—attempted a bank robbery that turned into one of the most violent criminal events in U.S. history, forever changing the face of American law enforcement. Part action thriller and part courtroom drama, this Edgar Award finalist for Best Fact Crime transports the reader back to the Southern California of

the 1970s, an era of predatory evangelical gurus, doomsday predictions, megachurches, and soaring crime rates, with the threat of nuclear obliteration looming over it all. In this riveting true story, a group of landscapers transforms into a murderous gang of bank robbers armed to the teeth with military-grade weapons. Their desperate getaway turns the

surrounding towns into war zones. And when it's over, three are dead and close to twenty wounded; a police helicopter has been forced down from the sky, and thirty-two police vehicles have been completely demolished by thousands of rounds of ammo. The resulting trial shakes the community to the core, raising many issues that continue to plague society today: from the epidemic of

post-traumatic stress disorder within law enforcement to religious extremism and the militarization of local police forces.

**47 Rules of Highly Effective Bank Robbers**

Anchor Atlanta magazine's editorial mission is to engage our community through provocative writing, authoritative reporting, and superlative design that illuminate the people, the

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the community and the region. *Atlanta Magazine* Skye Warren & Annika Martin An award-winning and "outrageously entertaining" true crime story (San Francisco Chronicle) about the professional hockey player-turned-bank robber whose bizarre and audacious crime spree galvanized Hungary in the decade after the fall of the Iron Curtain. During the

1990s, while playing for the biggest hockey team in Budapest, Attila Ambrus took up bank robbery to make ends meet. Arrayed against him was perhaps the most incompetent team of crime investigators the Eastern Bloc had ever seen: a robbery chief who had learned how to be a detective by watching dubbed Columbo episodes; a forensics man who wore top hat and tails on the job;

and a driver so inept he was known only by a Hungarian word that translates to Mound of Ass-Head. *Ballad of the Whiskey Robber* is the completely bizarre and hysterical story of the crime spree that made a nobody into a somebody, and told a forlorn nation that sometimes the brightest stars come from the blackest holes. Like *The Professor* and the *Madman* and

The Orchid Thief, Julian Rubinstein's bizarre crime story is so odd and so wicked that it is completely irresistible. "A whiz-bang read...Hilarious and oddly touching...Rubinstein writes in a guns-ablazing style that perfectly fits the whiskey robber's tale." --Salon

*Blessed Are the Bank Robbers*  
Chosen Books  
On November 12, 1971, Bernard Patterson, a much decorated Vietnam War

hero, turned a real-life version of Don Quixote, Butch Cassidy, and Robin Hood all rolled into one package, robbed the Northern National Bank in Mars Hill, Maine. He escaped with \$110,000; at the time, the largest bank robbery in the history of the state. A tunnel rat and paratrooper in Vietnam who rose to the rank of Sergeant, he was awarded four bronze stars and recommended for a silver star for valor.

He returned home to northern Maine broke and disillusioned. Wearing dark glasses, dressed in a Marx Brother's ankle length coat and wearing a blue wig, he robbed the bank, even though he was recognized by the elderly teller. He initially escaped by paddling a rubber raft down the Prestile Stream. This was the beginning of a comic, outrageous, implausible

journey that took him across the United States, then to Europe and North Africa before finally surrendering to authorities in Scotland Yard after he had spent most of the money. Along the way, he lived a raucous life of wine and women while hobnobbing in aristocratic hangouts and giving money to those he perceived to be in need; all the time staying just a heartbeat ahead of law enforcement

officials. He motor biked across Europe, hoodwinked border officials, bought a camel and got lost in the North African desert. Returned to the United States for prosecution, he was convicted and imprisoned. Released several years later, he moved back to northern Maine, where he continued to lead a reckless life that included running a “pot farm,” until he died at age 56 in 2003. When

asked by a friend why he had robbed the bank, he responded, “the VA wouldn’t give me a loan, so I decided to take one out on my own.” [A History of Heists](#)  
McFarland Paddy Mitchell grew up on Ottawa's Preston Street to become the leader of the Stopwatch Gang, earning a place on the FBI's most-wanted list by working with fellow Canadians Stephen Reid and Lionel Wright to steal about \$15

million, mainly in the 1970s and 1980s, from more than 140 banks and other sites across Canada and the U.S. The gang, which was famous for its speedy heists -- including the 1974 robbery of \$700,000 in gold bars from the Ottawa airport -- took its name from the stopwatch worn by Reid. Incarcerated several times, he was a prison escape artist. Paddy Mitchell wrote about his life and adventures while serving

his sentence in a maximum security prison in Leavenworth, Kansas. He died January 14, 2007.]. Norco '80 First Avenue Editions™ No mystery is too challenging for the infamous detective Sherlock Holmes and his partner, Dr. Watson. Holmes is at his best when the job seems impossible—or just plain absurd. From cases involving a strange group for red-headed men

to a missing thumb, Holmes uses his powers of observation and deduction to solve even the weirdest mysteries. Scottish author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle published his first twelve original Sherlock Holmes short stories as serials in the UK's Strand Magazine from 1891-1892. This unabridged collection of the stories is taken from the book form, originally published in 1892.



*Everything Runs Like a Movie*  
Rowman & Littlefield  
Deputy Dan devises a plan to capture a notorious gang of bank robbers.

*The Great Heist - The Story of the Biggest Bank Robbery in History*  
Orca Book Publishers  
On a sunny September morning in 1930, six men entered the Lincoln National Bank in Nebraska's capital city armed with revolvers and Thompson submachine

guns. In eight minutes they emerged with more than 2.7 million dollars, the largest take of any bank heist in history. A nationwide search for the bandits would lead Nebraska authorities through the rough, gangland streets of Chicago and East St. Louis, and deep into the heart of the Capone organization. The Great Heist not only chronicles the search for the bandits and the trials that followed, but the incredible

story of how they got the money back. Bank Job East African Publishers  
This book was written to honor those who helped spoil the Northfield Minnesota bank robbery by the James, Younger gang. Joseph Heywood the man who refused to open the vault, was the hero of the day, but it cost him his life. On September 7th, 1876, The James-Younger gang attempted to rob the

Northfield bank. There were 8 members of the gang, consisting of Frank and Jesse James, Cole, Bob, and James Younger, Charles Pitts, Clel Miller, and William Stiles. Three members entered the bank, while two waited outside. The other three were reserves. Once the bullets began to fly, the five members outside rode up and down the street shooting in an attempt to keep the

citizens inside. The citizens armed themselves and fought back. Miller and Stiles were left dead on the street, while the others rode off. One week later, the gang split-up, and Frank and Jesse crossed the Minnesota line into South Dakota and escaped. On the 21st, two weeks after the robbery, the Youngers and Charley Pitts, were found and in the shoot-out, Cole received 11 wounds, James 5 wounds, and

Bob was shot in the chest. Pitts was killed. The Youngers recovered and pled guilty to avoid the death sentence. They refused to name the Jameses as the two who escaped. Bob died in prison in 1889, and as of the publication date of this book (1895) Cole and James had yet to be paroled. The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes University of North Texas Press Blekingegade

is a quiet Copenhagen street. It is also where, in May 1989, the police discovered an apartment that had served Denmark's most notorious twentieth-century bank robbers as a hideaway for years. The Blekingegade Group members belonged to a communist organization and lived modest lives in the Danish capital. Over a period of almost two decades, they sent millions

of dollars acquired in spectacular heists to Third World liberation movements, in particular the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). In May 1991, seven of them were convicted and went to prison. The story of the Blekingegade Group is one of the most puzzling and captivating chapters from the European anti-imperialist milieu of the 1970s and '80s. Turning Money into

Rebellion: The Unlikely Story of Denmark's Revolutionary Bank Robbers is the first-ever account of the story in English, covering a fascinating journey from anti-war demonstrations in the late 1960s via travels to Middle Eastern capitals and African refugee camps to the group's fateful last robbery that earned them a record haul and left a police officer dead. The book includes historical documents,

illustrations, and an exclusive interview with Torkil Lauesen and Jan Weimann, two of the group's longest-standing members. It is a compelling tale of turning radical theory into action and concerns analysis and strategy as much as morality and political practice. Perhaps most importantly, it revolves around the cardinal question of revolutionary politics: What to do, and how to do it?

**Put the Money in My Purse!**

Independently Published  
Drawing on media reports, interviews and court records, this book recounts the stories of women bank robbers in the United States, from the time of the Revolutionary War to the present. Ranging from sensational to poignant to comical, the heists of frontier outlaws, gun molls, insurrectionists, housewives, grandmas and young

mothers "literally robbing for Pampers" are narrated as part of the social history of women in America. *The Bank Robbers* Thomas Nelson Inc No crime is as synonymous with America as bank robbery. Though the number of bank robberies nationwide has declined, bank robbery continues to captivate the public and jeopardize the safety of banks and their

employees. In A History of Heists, Jerry Clark and Ed Palattella explore how bank robbers have influenced American culture as much as they have reflected it. Jesse James, Butch Cassidy, Bonnie and Clyde, John Dillinger, Willie Sutton, and Patty Hearst are among the most famous figures in the history of crime in the United States. Jesse James used his training as a Confederate

guerrilla to make bank robbery a political act. John Dillinger capitalized on the public's scorn of banks during the Great Depression and became America's first Public Enemy Number One. When she held up a bank with the leftist Symbionese Liberation Army, Patty Hearst fueled the country's social unrest. Jerry Clark and Ed Palattella delve into the backgrounds and motivations of the robbers, and explore

how they are as complex as the nation whose banks they have plundered. But as much as the story of bank robbery in America focuses on the thieves, it is also a story of those who investigate the heists. As bank robbers became more sophisticated, so did the police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other law enforcement agencies. This captivating history showshow bank robbery shaped the

modern FBI, and how it continues to cultivate America's fascination with the noble outlaw: bandits seen, rightly or wrongly, as battling unjust authority. *The Ruthless Northlake Bank Robbers: A 1967 Shooting Spree that Stunned the Region* Minotaur Books Automatic gunfire hammered police arriving at Northlake Bank in response to a silent alarm on the

morning of October 27, 1967. The shootout killed two officers and injured two others. One of the robbers lay wounded as the other two fled in a getaway car. The ensuing manhunt tore across state lines and thrust the quiet Illinois community into a national debate over rehabilitated prisoners--two of the men were fresh out of jail for bank robbery. Local author Edgar Gamboa Navar traces this violent

midwestern crime saga from the initial grocery store holdup in Ohio before the bank job to the capture of the murderous gang in Indiana, as well as the conviction and imprisonment. **Deputy Dan and the Bank Robbers** Dundurn Accounts of bank-robberies and other exploits of outlaws and desperadoes are usually supposed to belong to the criminal-news columns of the daily paper and to the

writer of sensational literature. When the robber is the only or the principal actor in the scene, and his prowess or brutality the only feature worth mentioning, the less said of it the better. But when a great crime is the occasion of great heroism, courage, fidelity, intrepid resistance, and the triumph of virtue over violence, then there is a story worth telling, and a

lesson worth learning. It is such a story that is unfolded in the following pages. The attempted robbery of the Northfield bank, the refusal of Mr. Heywood to open the safe, his brutal murder by the baffled robber, the brave and successful fight made by the citizens, the flight, pursuit and capture of the bandits,Ñall this was familiar enough to the whole nation eighteen years ago. But such events

easily pass from the recollection of men; while to a generation of young people now growing up it has never been known. To some of us it has seemed, therefore, that the time has come to tell the story again, not from the sensational point of view, but from that of heroism and loyalty to duty. The aim of the author has been to give a correct account of the facts involved, and leave them to convey their

own lesson and inspiration. Revolting details have been omitted. All important statements are made upon the authority of eye-witnesses, where such testimony was accessible, and in most cases by the collation of a number of independent accounts.

### **Bank**

#### **Robbers**

Library of Alexandria "Bank robbers wreaked havoc in the Sunflower State. After robbing the Chautauqua

State Bank in 1911, outlaw Elmer McCurdy was killed by lawmen but wasn't buried for sixty-six years. His afterlife can be described only as bizarre. Belle Starr's nephew Henry Starr claimed to have robbed twenty-one banks. The Dalton gang failed in their attempt to rob two banks simultaneously, but others accomplished this in Waterville in 1911. Nearly four thousand known

vigilantes patrolled the Sunflower State during the 1920s and 1930s to combat the criminal menace. One group even had an airplane with a .50-caliber machine gun. Join author Rod Beemer for a wild ride into Kansas's tumultuous bank heist history"--

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#### **Hostage**

Random House Books for Young Readers A rollicking true story of Bibles and bank robberies in



Southern California, from a talented and highly praised gonzo journalist Chas Smith grew up deeply enmeshed in the evangelical Christian world that grew out of Southern California in the late 1960s. His family included famous missionaries and megachurch pastors, but his cousin Daniel Courson was Grandma's favorite. Smith looked up to

Cousin Danny. He was handsome, adventurous, and smart, earned a degree from Bible college, and settled into a family and a stable career. Needless to say, it was a big surprise when Cousin Danny started robbing banks. Known as the "Floppy Hat Bandit," Courson robbed 19 of them in a torrid six-week spree before being caught and sentenced to seven years. When he tried to escape, they

tacked on another year. And when he finally got out, despite seeming to be back on the straight and narrow, Cousin Danny disappeared. Banks started getting robbed again. It seemed Cousin Danny might be gunning for the record. Smith's *Blessed Are the Bank Robbers* is the wild, and wildly entertaining, story of an all-American anti-hero. It's a tale of bank robberies, art and jewel

heists, high-speed chases, fake identities, encrypted Swiss email accounts, jilted lovers, and the dark side of an evangelical family (and it wasn't just Danny; an uncle was mixed up with the mujahideen). It's a book about what it means to live inside the church and outside the law.

*Robber and Hero: The Story of the Raid on the First National Bank of Northfield, Minnesota, by*

*the James-Younger Band of Robbers in 1876* Arcadia Publishing  
Shares bizarre stories from the annals of bank robbery, including the tale of a Dickensian thief who made children stick up banks for him and a mild-mannered antiques dealer who holds the record for the most number of banks robbed.

King of Heists  
W. W. Norton & Company  
ANOTHER TRUE CRIME STORY FROM J. NORTH

CONWAY—NO W IN PAPERBACK!  
The riveting story of one of America's most notorious crimes and the mysterious man behind it "Engrossing. . . Conway skillfully paints a backdrop of fierce and flamboyant personalities who paraded across the Gilded Age. . . [H]e capably recounts his story against a background of glitter and greed."  
—Publishers Weekly "A page-turning

account of one of the most brazen crimes of our time.” —Reader’s Digest  
 “Conway, a college prof and ex-newspaper man, covers this ancient tale in a way that makes it feel like a hot news story.” —New York Post  
 King of Heists is a spellbinding and unprecedented account of the greatest bank robbery in American history, which took place on October 27, 1878, when thieves broke into the

Manhattan Savings Institution and stole nearly \$3 million in cash and securities—around \$50 million in today’s terms. Bringing the notorious Gilded Age to life in a thrilling narrative, J. North Conway tells the story of those who plotted and carried out this infamous robbery, how they did it, and how they were tracked down and captured. The robbery was planned to the minutest detail by

criminal mastermind George Leonidas Leslie—a society architect and ladies’ man whose double life as the nation’s most prolific bank robber led him to be dubbed the “King of the Bank Robbers.” An absorbing tale of greed, sex, crime, betrayal, and murder, King of Heists blends all the richness of history with the thrills of the best fiction.

**A Burglar's Guide to the**

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