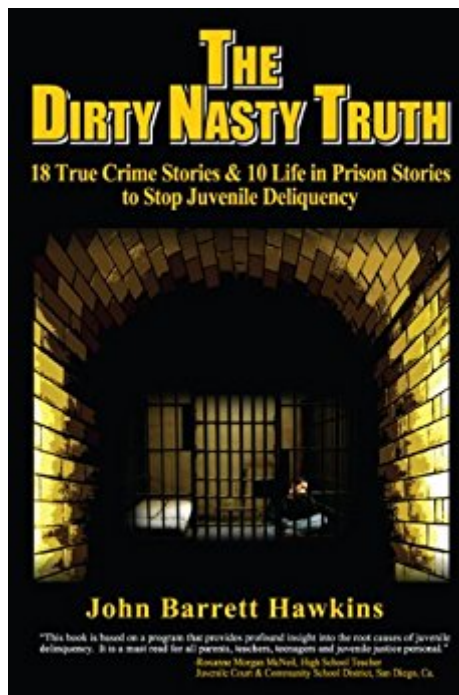


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# The Dirty Nasty Truth: 18 True Crime Stories & 10 Life In Prison Stories To Stop Juvenile Delinquency



## Synopsis

When John Barrett Hawkins was incarcerated at Donovan state prison in San Diego, he participated in a delinquency intervention program named "Convicts Reaching Out To People" (CROP), where teenagers are brought into the prison to hear inmates speak about their crimes, gangs, bullying, drugs, self-esteem and prison life. CROP was founded on the belief that the best way to reach teenagers who are getting into trouble is through story-telling. Each convict stands before the group and gives a personal testimony concerning the crime he committed and the lessons learned. In *THE DIRTY NASTY TRUTH* Hawkins brings this invaluable story-telling program to the general public. The book includes these chapters, among others:

- Hawkins' involvement in a million-dollar insurance fraud that was directly responsible for the murder of an innocent man.
- Life in Prison "including, riots, rapes, murders, stabbings and other horror stories."
- 16-year-old Diego Jones' gut-wrenching story of a gang shootout that resulted in the deaths of two teenagers.
- The Blockbuster Bandit's story of armed robberies and fist-fights in the California Youth Authority.
- Tim Harris' sordid tale about gangbanging teenage girls as part of a gang initiation ritual.
- The Party Animal "is the story of a happy-go-lucky surfer kid whose drug addiction leads to murder."
- CRIPS gang member Roderick Johnson's life story, including drug dealing, bank robberies and gang shootouts.
- The Deadly Love Triangle "is the tragic story of a prominent lawyer's encounter with a mysterious woman."
- Johnny Alvarez's roller-coaster ride as a jewel thief and Mexican gang member.
- The Gentleman Bank Robber "AKA Joe Jackson's gateway drug story wherein alcohol and marijuana became the gateway to a destructive cocaine addiction."
- An in-depth discussion on low self-esteem "the primary cause of juvenile delinquency" and a 10-step plan for building self-esteem.

*THE DIRTY NASTY TRUTH* is the one book that every parent needs to keep their teenager out of trouble.

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## Customer Reviews

I enjoyed the stories , history of how characters got in trouble and what led them there. I preferred more stories about prison life overall book was a good read.

A little to repetitive.

Amazing first person stories from a few of the men who unfortunately ended up in th penitentiary. The author offers the reader to see the men as human beings rather than "inmates or just th horrible crime they were convicted of. It is a heartbreaking read to see how quickly these young men were transformed and eager to succeed in criminal enterprises.

Deeply compelling. If you're into the True Crimes genre, you're sure to like this.If you're not, chances are, you'll be horrified and repulsed. Tread lightly, folks!

Quite a book... Especially when John Barrett Hawkins (author) tells his part about Just Sweats. Anyone contemplating a life of crime, should read this.

This was an interesting read. I found the stories were quick and easy to read. I did find that at times it seemed like the author was making excuses where clearly there was none.

Keeps the person on your gift list entertained and happy to learn even more about the disturbed.

I love true crime books and this is the most interesting one I have read in years. The stories were gripping and well written. And the insights into how and why these men became criminals was truly fascinating. Great read !

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