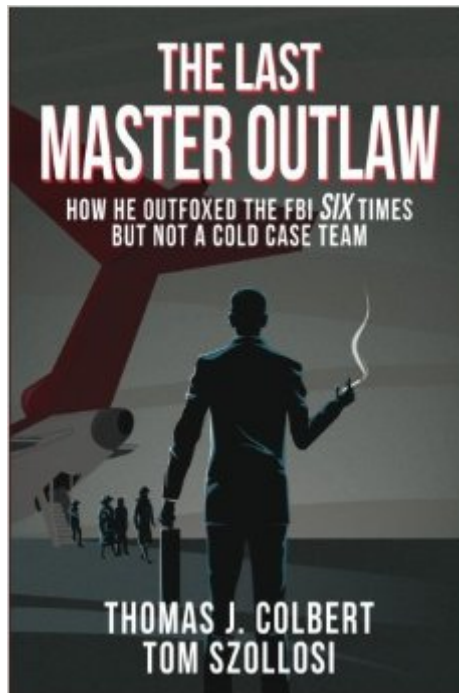


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The Last Master Outlaw: How He Outfoxed The FBI Six Times But Not A Cold Case Team



Synopsis

In 1971, a skyjacker with a briefcase bomb demanded a \$200,000 ransom and a parachute. Then he vanished out the jet's back door and became an instant legend. Now a determined citizen sleuth has assembled a forty-member cold case team, spearheaded by former FBI agents, to solve the mystery of D. B. Cooper. And after a five-year quest, they believe they have succeeded—with a fugitive at trail's end. The team's relentless investigation and final confrontation with the mystery man serve as the bookends in *The Last Master Outlaw*. The subject's astonishing life story as a daredevil fills the remaining chapters, the bulk of which comes from the heartwarming, gut-wrenching accounts of six of his women—two former wives; his only sister; a befriended college coed; a getaway gal—he met up with during two more FBI escapes, both again involving planes; and a Hollywood producer who was also his cocaine-trade partner. Buckle your seatbelts as this Jekyll-and-Hyde ladies' man travels through five countries, utilizing more than a dozen identities, wigs, and fake mustaches while engaging in a half-dozen careers and raising three families. Then be a witness as the cornered chameleon is forced to face the truth in front of the cameras of a dogged cold case team, which was armed and ready for any eventuality.

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Customer Reviews

Fascinating and fun. I think the team nailed it. The fact that the subject called himself 'Cooper' as a young man in awe of a skydiver friend of his unfortunate stepfather sent chills down my spine. Details and details like that added up. There is no fluff in this book; they stick to the story with minor diversions for something truly unusual like the dying young mother who helped the FBI. Most of us

can't imagine a person like this so we look at them with a "logical" mind and think things like "he couldn't survive going out the back of a 727". But, of course, we see special forces and seals in full gear jumping out of the backs of planes all the time now. I doubt logic was a factor anyway. There are easier ways to get money for a person like this. I think he did it because he could. The man was brilliant, ruthless, fearless, did his research, made his plans over and over in his exploits, and, yes, he made it to old age. It's amazing the people who do and a shame his stepfather didn't.

Before a typical TV show goes to air, there are months, if not years, of research that go into it - and most of it ends up edited out. And in this case, nearly all the best stuff was left on the cutting room floor. IF you were crestfallen at the History Channel 2-night special, then you need to read this book. The authors detail their case and confrontation with the suspect, and definitely provide enlightening and thought provoking evidence. Well-written, structured, and enviable referenced - it deserves your attention and consideration.

When Henry Ford was informed that Lindbergh had just flown the first ever trans-atlantic solo flight, he supposedly responded that it was no surprise - the surprise would be if a committee managed the feat. Well, looks like the History Channel got themselves a committee and flew this story into the ground. A two night long dizzying spiral into the hands of the FBI. Sometimes hard to tell the difference between co-operation and collusion. The History Channel whetted my appetite and then burned dinner. They took a great story and hobbled it. Instead of chafing at the bit to learn more, to peel the damn onion, I felt betrayed, demeaned even of my own curiosities about DB Cooper. But the book. Colbert and Szollosi turn out to be the healing salve. There's real information in the book, real world hard-nosed investigative journalism, real drama, on many levels, and a journey through the thicket with precise and polished story-telling. And as if that weren't enough, mounds of data. Buy the book. Get their autographs.

What I like about this book already is that you can completely disregard the suspect is DB Cooper if you want to, and it's still a remarkable story! Fascinating guy and life

This is a very interesting story of how one person managed to lie, cheat, scam, murder and steal and get away with it. The story is very captivating and written so well that it's not only hard to put down but leaves you wanting more when it ends.

I was very disappointed with the inconclusiveness of the DB Cooper miniseries which aired on The History Channel. With my interest in the subject piqued, and my curiosity not yet satiated, I decided to read the definitive account of the story- The Last Master Outlaw, by Tom Colbert. I literally (pun intended) could not put the e-book down. The narrative was reminiscent of a Robert Ludlum novel, the detective work worthy of Sam Spade, and the subject matter as pertinent and entertaining today as it was forty-five years ago. All I can say for Robert Rackstraw is "Geronimo," look out below, your run of good luck has abruptly ended and there is no evading the dogged determination of a veteran newsman like Colbert. Overall, an excellent read- interesting material masterfully told by someone who took the time to research it all.

I have just started reading but look forward to reading the book. I enjoyed the History program on DC Cooper and have saved to watch again. I know how much Tom Colbert researched. Was surprised when he called to inform me that the man that had run into me in 1983 was suspected as DC Cooper. Never met the man but after accident he did call my husband to check how I was doing. Still haven't recovered my memory of accident (from noon of day of accident until woke up in hospital and wondered why I was there)

Tom takes a fascinating tale and makes it ever more intriguing! A must read for all of us who remember the mysterious disappearance of this enigmatic hijacker, and for all of those since who have heard the puzzling details of his crime. Tom and Tom team up to off dust off the files from this decades old unsolved caper to piece together, and actually find the man, whom they have convinced me and anyone else who reads this book has been hiding among us in plain sight!

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