

# Heist

## Heist Society

Kat Bishop can steal anything—including your heart. Intrigue, adventure, romance, and charm abound in this New York Times bestselling series. For as long as she can remember, Katarina has been a part of the family business—thieving. When Kat tries to leave “the life” for a normal life, her old friend Hale conspires to bring her back into the fold. Why? A mobster’s art collection has been stolen and Kat’s father is the only suspect. Caught between Interpol and a far more deadly enemy, Kat’s dad needs her help. The only solution is to find the paintings and steal them back. Kat’s got two weeks, a teenage crew, and hopefully enough talent to pull off the biggest heist in her family’s history—and, with any luck, steal her life back along the way. With its glamorous international settings, intriguing suspense, complicated cons and even more complicated romance, Heist Society is stealing the hearts of Ally Carter fans everywhere.

## The Lies of Locke Lamora

The first book of the epic fantasy caper Gentleman Bastard Sequence about a roguish group of conmen, which George R. R. Martin says “captured me right on the first page and never let me go.” “If you haven’t read [The Lies of Locke Lamora], you should. If you have read it, you should probably read it again.”—Patrick Rothfuss An orphan’s life is harsh—and often short—in the mysterious island city of Camorr. But young Locke Lamora dodges relentless danger, becoming a thief under the tutelage of a gifted con artist. As leader of the band of light-fingered brothers known as the Gentlemen Bastards, Locke is soon infamous, fooling even the underworld’s most feared ruler. But in the shadows lurks someone still more ambitious and deadly. Faced with a bloody coup that threatens to destroy everyone and everything that holds meaning in his mercenary life, Locke vows to beat the enemy at his own brutal game—or die trying. Don’t miss any of Scott Lynch’s epic fantasy Gentleman Bastard Sequence: THE LIES OF LOCKE LAMORA • RED SEAS UNDER RED SKIES • THE REPUBLIC OF THIEVES

## The Crown Heist

“Art and Camille head to London to find her estranged father, and soon find themselves embroiled in a heist involving a long-dead monarch”--Provided by publisher.

## The Great Greene Heist

Saving the school -- one con at a time. “A political heist page-turner set in middle school? Is that even possible? Varian Johnson shows us how it's done.” - Gordon Korman, author of SWINDLE “Do yourself a favor and start reading immediately.” - Rebecca Stead, author of WHEN YOU REACH ME Jackson Greene swears he's given up scheming. Then school bully Keith Sinclair announces he's running for Student Council president, against Jackson's former friend Gaby de la Cruz. Gaby wants Jackson to stay out of it -- but he knows Keith has “connections” to the principal, which could win him the presidency no matter the vote count. So Jackson assembles a crack team: Hashemi Larijani, tech genius. Victor Cho, bankroll. Megan Feldman, science goddess. Charlie de la Cruz, reporter. Together they devise a plan that will take down Keith, win Gaby's respect, and make sure the election is done right. If they can pull it off, it will be remembered as the school's greatest con ever -- one worthy of the name THE GREAT GREENE HEIST.

## The Greatest Heist Stories Ever Told

Crime does pay. At least for a while. You'll see that quickly in these nine compelling and true stories of brilliant plans and guile. The thieves awaiting you seem to have it all. They are clever, cool, and determined with icy resolve. It took a lot of guts and nerves of steel to do what they did and not fold under the pressure. After all, if those hard-wrought plans had failed, they would have had plenty of time to think about what went wrong in prison. Hijack an airplane, demand a ransom and two parachutes, then disappear? Invent a device that allows you to record the combination of any bank vault, then break into bank vaults twice? Steal from a secret mob depository run by a boss known for his brutality? Rob a small-town bank in midday and ride off without a second thought? Piece of cake. *The Greatest Heists Stories Ever Told* will allow readers to appreciate the efforts that go into a truly magnificent heist. It is a celebration of stunning, well-planned and audacious capers that left police and armies of investigators looking for answers and scratching their heads. Among the stories included are: *The Lufthansa Heist* *The Northfield Bank Robbery* *The Last Good Heist* *Hijack!* *DB Cooper's Great Escape* and many others

## **The Heist**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • From Janet Evanovich, #1 bestselling author of the Stephanie Plum novels, and Lee Goldberg, bestselling author and television writer for *Monk*, comes the first adventure in an electrifying series featuring an FBI agent who always gets her man, and a fearless con artist who lives for the chase. Nicolas Fox is an international con man, famous for running elaborate scams on very rich and powerful people. He knows that the FBI has been hot on his trail for years—particularly FBI Special Agent Kate O'Hare. But just when it seems that Fox has been captured for good, he pulls off his greatest con of all: He convinces the FBI to offer him a job, working side by side with O'Hare. Their first assignment takes them to the side streets of Berlin, the California desert, and remote Indonesian islands as they team up to catch Derek Griffin, a corrupt investment banker charged with stealing millions from his clients. Finding Griffin on his private island is going to test O'Hare's patience and Fox's skill. High-speed chases, pirates, and Toblerone bars are all in a day's work . . . if O'Hare and Fox don't kill each other first. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg's *The Chase*. Praise for *The Heist* "The Heist is the perfect title to carry on a trip to the beach. The laugh out loud humor that readers expect from Evanovich is in full force, and Goldberg's crafty and elaborate writing is prominent. . . . Everyone will be eager for the next book in the series."—Associated Press "The action is fast-paced and the writing is first-rate, making *The Heist* an excellent choice for vacation reading."—Huntington News "A breezy read."—San Antonio Express-News

## **The Heist Film**

A concise introduction to the genre about that one last big score, *The Heist Film: Stealing With Style* traces this crime thriller's development as both a dramatic and comic vehicle growing out of film noir (*Criss Cross*, *The Killers*, *The Asphalt Jungle*), mutating into sleek capers in the 1960s (*Ocean's Eleven*, *Gambit*, *How to Steal a Million*) and splashing across screens in the 2000s in remake after remake (*The Thomas Crown Affair*, *The Italian Job*, *The Good Thief*). Built around a series of case studies (*Rififi*, *Bob le Flambeur*, *The Killing*, *The Lavender Hill Mob*, *The Getaway*, the *Ocean's* trilogy), this volume explores why directors of such varied backgrounds, from studio regulars (Siodmak, Crichton, Siegel, Walsh and Wise) to independents (Anderson, Fuller, Kubrick, Ritchie and Soderbergh), are so drawn to this popular genre.

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Gabriel Allon, art restorer and occasional spy, searches for a stolen masterpiece by Caravaggio in #1 New York Times bestselling author Daniel Silva's latest action-packed tale of high stakes international intrigue. Sometimes the best way to find a stolen masterpiece is to steal another one... Legendary spy and art restorer Gabriel Allon is in Venice repairing an altarpiece when he receives an urgent summons from the Italian police. the art dealer Julian Isherwood has stumbled upon a murder scene in Lake Como, and is being held as a suspect. to save his friend, Gabriel must perform one simple task: find the most famous missing painting in

the world. the dead man is a fallen spy with a secret: he's been trafficking in stolen artworks and selling them to a mysterious collector. Among those paintings is the world's most iconic missing work of art: Caravaggio's Nativity with St. Francis and St. Lawrence. Gabriel embarks on a daring gambit to recover the Caravaggio that will take him on an exhilarating hunt—from Marseilles and Corsica, to Paris and Geneva, and, finally, to a small private bank in Austria, where a dangerous man stands guard over the ill-gotten wealth of one of the world's most brutal dictators... 'Daniel Silva has few rivals in the realm of the big blockbuster spy story.' the Age

## **The Last Good Heist**

On Aug. 14, 1975, eight daring thieves ransacked 148 massive safe-deposit boxes at a secret bank used by organized crime, La Cosa Nostra, and its associates in Providence, R.I. The crooks fled with duffle bags crammed full of cash, gold, silver, stamps, coins, jewels and high-end jewelry. The true value of the loot has always been kept secret, partly because it was ill-gotten to begin with, and partly because there was plenty of incentive to keep its true worth out of the limelight. It's one thing for authorities to admit they didn't find a trace of goods worth from \$3 million to \$4 million, and entirely another when what was at stake was more accurately valued at about \$30 million, the equivalent of \$120 million today. It was the biggest single payday in the criminal history of the Northeast. Nobody came close, not the infamous James "Whitey" Bulger, not John "The Dapper Don" Gotti, not even the Brinks or Wells Fargo robbers. The heist was bold enough and big enough to rock the underworld to its core, and it left La Cosa Nostra in the region awash in turmoil that still reverberates nearly 38 years later. "The Last Good Heist" is the inside story of the robbery and its aftermath.

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Revised edition of the author's Heist! 2002.

## **HEIST**

Unlock the cultural obsession with high-stakes robberies in Heist, a collection of the world's greatest real-life break-ins. From the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's famous art heist to the disappearance of the Marie Antoinette watch, these 100% true stories will have you on the edge of your seat—and double checking the locks on your doors! Have you ever watched a movie like Ocean's Eleven and thought: "There's no way that could ever actually happen, right?" Wrong. In the US alone, there have been dozens, if not hundreds, of heists, from bank break-ins to museum plunders. In this premium compendium, we'll walk through the most impressive ones, diving into the details behind each case, the detectives that led the investigations, how the events unfolded, and what mysteries remain. The hardcover book will explore the top 50 incidents, including:

1. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Heist: In March of 1990, two men dressed up as police officers and sweet-talked their way past security at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, MA. After tying up the real guards, these men dismantled and packed up 13 works of art, loaded them onto a truck, and drove off into the night, making the 81-minute breach one of the most expensive in modern history. Today, it remains the single largest property theft in the world.
2. The Great Train Robbery: Not all heists happen in buildings. In fact, one of the most popular ones was the 1963 train robbery in which nearly 2.6 million pounds was lifted from a Royal Mail train headed to London. Using intel provided by a man on the inside dubbed The Ulsterman, the group rigged the railways traffic light system to bring the train to an extended stop, during which time, they funneled the money from one of the carriages into a waiting truck by way of a human chain.
3. The French Bank Vault Tunnelers: On the morning of July 19, 1976, workers from a safe manufacturing company were called to the Société Générale bank to fix a faulty vault door that appeared to be jammed. When they drilled into the vault and peered in to diagnose the problem, though, what they found was not a loose screw or broken hinge, but a door that has been welded shut...from the inside. Also scattering the room was a couple of wine glasses, a portable stove, and a giant tunnel system that proved to be the method of transport for thieves, who had dug their way into the bank, spent the weekend there, and left with ten million

in cash. 4. D. B. Cooper's Escapades: The subject of many conspiracy theories, D. B. Cooper (not his real name) hopped on a Boeing 727 in a trench coat and sunglasses in 1971. When the plane had reached cruising altitude, Cooper hijacked it, extorting 200,000 dollars before strapping on a parachute, jumping out of the plane, and disappearing into thin air. This "aerial heist" remains unsolved to this day and remains one of the FBI's most frustrating open cases. 5. The Botched Crown Jewels of England Theft: Back in 1671, a man named Thomas Blood (a cool name, by any standard) decided: "Eh, I'm gonna steal the Crown Jewels." He reached out to Talbot Edwards, the keeper of the stones, with a proposition: if you give me a private viewing of the gemstones, I'll have my nephew marry your daughter (a nephew who, naturally, turned out to not exist). At this private viewing, Blood knocked out Talbot, smashed the jewels into pieces and threw the shards into his pockets, hoping to make a run for it. Though he didn't manage to escape, he did manage to escape jail time: The King at the time was so amused by this failed attempt that he let Blood off scot-free. And that's just the start of it. Plastered with gorgeous photography and big, sleek pages, Heist looks as good as it is captivating. Crack the code of the world's most elusive capers, from the popular tales your great grandad told you about to the ones that have been long forgotten.

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On 22 February 2006, £53 million was stolen from a cash warehouse belonging to the Securitas company in Tonbridge, Kent. In terms of value, the robbery puts previous British capers, such as the Great Train Robbery, in the shade. This was a crime notable for its audacity, carried out by an unlikely crew of players that included a used car salesman, two Albanian casual workers and a roofer. Five men were convicted at the Old Bailey in January 2008, which attracted nationwide media coverage. A sixth man, Paul Allen, was sentenced in October 2009 for his part. Having become close to the Tonbridge gang and the police during three years of research, Sounes relates a classic crime caper in irresistible, almost forensic detail. After the robbery comes the exciting, sometimes comical story of the getaway. Money is found and arrests are made but key characters slip out of the country, and millions of pounds are still missing. Heist, the definitive account of these compelling events, is wildly entertaining, and a must for all fans of well-written true crime.

## Heist and High

The media called him "D.B. Tuber" and the "Craigslist Robber." They said the heist was like "The Thomas Crown Affair" and the robber was "a modern day Robin Hood stealing from the rich." He was the talk of the town and even national media. The detective who caught him said the robbery had "all the preparation of a top-notch heist by an experienced criminal." Anthony Curcio got away with over \$400,000 and went to Vegas. . . then got caught and put in prison. But how did an all-American high school football star, a kid with a sure shot at being an all-star college wide receiver, and maybe even fulfilling his dream of going to the NFL, end up robbing a Brink's armored truck? Prescription painkillers. "Prescription drug users are your judges, your police officers, your professional athletes, your bosses, your coworkers, your entertainers, your pastor, his wife, your wife, your kid's school teacher. . . and even you." Heist and High is the story of Anthony's decent from a life full of promise into the hell of prescription drug addiction, the destruction it caused, and his willingness to do anything- even rob an armored truck- for what he thought would be that one last fix.

## Tokyo Heist

The perfect mystery for fans of Ally Carter's Heist Society When sixteen-year-old Violet agrees to spend the summer with her father, an up-and-coming artist in Seattle, she has no idea what she's walking into. Her father's newest clients, the Yamada family, are the victims of a high-profile art robbery: van Gogh sketches have been stolen from their home, and, until they can produce the corresponding painting, everyone's lives are in danger--including Violet's and her father's. Violet's search for the missing van Gogh takes her from the Seattle Art Museum, to the yakuza-infested streets of Tokyo, to a secluded inn in Kyoto. As the mystery thickens, Violet's not sure whom she can trust. But she knows one thing: she has to solve the mystery--before

it's too late.

## **The Feather Thief**

As heard on NPR's *This American Life* “Absorbing . . . Though it's non-fiction, *The Feather Thief* contains many of the elements of a classic thriller.” —Maureen Corrigan, NPR's *Fresh Air* “One of the most peculiar and memorable true-crime books ever.” —*Christian Science Monitor* A rollicking true-crime adventure and a captivating journey into an underground world of fanatical fly-tiers and plume peddlers, for readers of *The Stranger in the Woods*, *The Lost City of Z*, and *The Orchid Thief*. On a cool June evening in 2009, after performing a concert at London's Royal Academy of Music, twenty-year-old American flautist Edwin Rist boarded a train for a suburban outpost of the British Museum of Natural History. Home to one of the largest ornithological collections in the world, the Tring museum was full of rare bird specimens whose gorgeous feathers were worth staggering amounts of money to the men who shared Edwin's obsession: the Victorian art of salmon fly-tying. Once inside the museum, the champion fly-tier grabbed hundreds of bird skins—some collected 150 years earlier by a contemporary of Darwin's, Alfred Russel Wallace, who'd risked everything to gather them—and escaped into the darkness. Two years later, Kirk Wallace Johnson was waist high in a river in northern New Mexico when his fly-fishing guide told him about the heist. He was soon consumed by the strange case of the feather thief. What would possess a person to steal dead birds? Had Edwin paid the price for his crime? What became of the missing skins? In his search for answers, Johnson was catapulted into a years-long, worldwide investigation. The gripping story of a bizarre and shocking crime, and one man's relentless pursuit of justice, *The Feather Thief* is also a fascinating exploration of obsession, and man's destructive instinct to harvest the beauty of nature.

## **Coin Heist**

A YA heist adventure about a group of high school students who hatch a plan to rob the U.S. Mint in order to save their school.

## **Heist**

Glane Brelld conned billions when he turned over the planet Heist to the Pan-Galactic government. Now he's going to steal it back. Of course he's a fugitive, and everyone wants him dead, but Glane won't let the little things in his way. GLANE HAS GOT A PLANET TO STEAL. NO BIG DEAL. JUST DON'T GET IN HIS WAY. Welcome to planet Heist! It's the cutthroat capital of the entire Nehring System, home to billions of the worst men and women in the galaxy. The Pan-Galactic government has no idea what to do with the planet, but conman Glane Brelld and his band of thieves know exactly what to do with Heist—they're going to steal it. It's Ocean's Eleven in space, brought to you by writer Paul Tobin (*Colder* and *Bandette*) and Arjuna Susini (*The Replacer*)—the only minds crazy enough to steal an entire world. Collects the complete eight issue series.

## **The Art of the Heist**

“A gripping tell-all . . . For a master of deceit, Connor is surprisingly candid . . . his book offers a fascinating look inside the mind of an unrepentant criminal.” —*The Washington Post* How did the son of a decorated policeman grow up to be one of Boston's most notorious criminals? How did he survive a decades-long feud with the FBI? How did he escape one jail sentence with a fake gun carved out of soap? How did he trade the return of a famous Rembrandt for early release from another sentence? *The Art of the Heist* is a roller-coaster ride of a life, the memoir of America's most infamous art thief, Myles Connor. Once a promising young rock musician, Connor instead became a thief with irresistible charm and a genius IQ whose approach to his chosen profession mixed brilliant tactical planning with stunning bravado, brazen disguises, audaciously elaborate con jobs, and even the broad-daylight grab-and-dash. New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian Institution, Boston's Museum of Fine Art . . . no museum was off-limits. The fact that he

was in jail at the time of the largest art theft in American history—the still-unsolved robbery of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum—has not stopped the FBI from considering him a prime suspect. The Art of the Heist is Connor’s story—part confession, part thrill ride, and impossible to put down. “From his daring 1965 jail break at age twenty-two to his legendary career pilfering treasures from museums all over New England, Connor’s life is the stuff of adventure novels.” —Publishers Weekly (starred review) “A dizzying account of bank robberies, museum break-ins, drug deals, and violent brushes with the law during a lifetime of thumbing his nose at authority.” —The Boston Globe “One of the most beguiling criminal memoirs ever written. . . . A rare gem of a book.” —T. J. English, New York Times—bestselling author of The Westies

## **Retirement Heist**

Winner of the 2012 Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism Hundreds of companies have slashed pensions and health coverage for millions of retirees, claiming that a “perfect storm” of stock market losses, aging workers, and spiraling costs have forced them to take drastic measures. But this so-called retirement crisis is no accident. Ellen E. Schultz, an award-winning investigative reporter formerly of The Wall Street Journal, reveals how large employers and the retirement industry have all played a huge and hidden role in the death spiral of American pensions and benefits. A little over a decade ago, pension plans were fat. But companies used slick accounting and dubious loopholes to turn their pension plans into piggy banks, tax shelters, and profit centers. As pensions weakened, companies slashed benefits for workers while doling out gargantuan pensions to their top executives. Drawing on original analysis of company data, government filings, and confidential memos, Schultz uncovers decades of widespread deception during which employers exaggerated their retiree burdens while tricking employees, misleading shareholders, and lobbying for taxpayer handouts.

## **Mad for Love**

Set a thief... Rory Cathcart's appreciation of the exquisite makes him the perfect man to expose forgeries and root out fraud in London's tempestuous art world. But when his latest investigation into forged paintings puts him squarely in Mignon du Blois' shaky sights, he finds himself deep in trouble, and captured by something more powerful than mere beauty. To catch a thief... The moment Mignon stops a rakish thief from making off with one of her father's brilliant forgeries, she knows she's found the perfect man to help her steal back a priceless statue, and save her family from unspeakable scandal. She has no intention of falling for Rory's Caledonian charms, nor his seductive Scottish persuasions. From the drawing rooms of the ton to the auction rooms of the art world, the pair embark on a madcap adventure to save them both from ruin. But will the love they uncover be most priceless treasure of all?

## **The Christmas Heist**

Small town lawyer Thad Raker must win a case or Santa won’t come to town, but he doesn’t believe in Santa Claus or know the stakes when he takes the case for a homeless man who says he works for Santa. Henry Edmonds is on trial for stealing a flash drive which holds the key to Christmas coming. Several people claim ownership of the flash drive and want Edmonds in jail, including an elfish looking man who says he works for an international toy company. Witness by witness the facts come out but who is to be believed and are there any True Believers? And what’s so important about the flash drive to the fate of Christmas? A local newspaper reporter stirs things up by blogging about what he calls the “Trial of the Century” and tweets that the “Court’s Ruling Could Halt Christmas for Thousands.” Can an irascible judge looking toward retirement find it within himself to save Christmas? Landis Wade writes a script somewhere between the screenplays for My Cousin Vinny and Miracle on 34th Street, and that’s a wonderful place to be. —Suzanne Reynolds, former Dean, Wake Forest University School of Law The wisdom of Sheriff Andy Taylor, the witty banter of Night Court, and the magic of Miracle on 34th Street are presented as a joyous gift to all generations! —Chase Boone Saunders, Superior Court judge, retired Landis Wade combines his decades of crafty courtroom experience with his innocent appreciation of the magic of Santa to weave a clever, heart-warming legal who-

done-it. –Jon Buchan, author of Code of the Forest

## **The Spider Heist**

"Blair Morgan's world is in shambles. After being used as a scapegoat by a corrupt former boss, she is unceremoniously fired from the FBI. Now, with her reputation, pride, and years of service stripped away, Blair just wants to start over. But when a chance date turns into a mysterious job offer, her past comes crashing back to haunt her. In a flash, Blair becomes entangled in a high stakes bank heist. Her status as a former FBI-agent-turned-hostage transforms her into an instant media sensation. And the unwanted attention makes her a target for ruthless killers that will stop at nothing to silence her. Caught in the cross hairs, Blair must confront her past before she loses her freedom - or her life. But there is something strange about this team of bank robbers. They aren't who they seem. And as a deadly SWAT raid closes in, Blair discovers that she may not be either ...\"--Provided by publisher

## **Fire and Heist**

As Sky Hawkins, a were-dragon, faces her first heist she discovers secrets about her missing mother, the true reason her boyfriend broke up with her, and the valuable jewel that could restore her family's wealth and rank.

## **Heists & Heist Masters**

What does it take to pull off the perfect crime? Heists & Heist Masters pulls you deep into the most daring, complex, and mind-blowing real-life robberies the world has ever seen. These are not movie scripts—they are the true stories of criminal masterminds, high-risk strategies, and escapes that defied logic. From D.B. Cooper's unsolved skyjacking to the \$100 million Antwerp Diamond Heist, from underground vault jobs to hacker-driven modern-day bank thefts, this book takes you behind every twist, turn, and ticking second. ? Inside You'll Discover: The real plan behind the Fukuoka Gold Heist in Japan How the Hatton Garden job became a senior citizen crime legend The unsolved mystery of D.B. Cooper—did he survive? Why some crimes succeeded... while others fell apart in seconds ? What Makes This Book Different: Real facts, not fiction Deep research + cinematic storytelling Focus on strategy, planning, escape, and aftermath ? Perfect for fans of: Money Heist, The Italian Job, Oceans 11 Real crime, criminal psychology, investigation thrillers Smart, suspense-filled non-fiction reads If you've ever asked, "How did they pull it off?" — this is your answer. ?? Warning: Once you step into their world, you may never look at a bank or a vault the same way again. Buy now and enter the world of real-life criminal genius.

## **Heist!**

'The last twenty-four hours before a heist take forever. You are ready. You can't wait. You are already thinking about the money. It's a kind of high that programs your mind. You are excited. You just want to get it done. That moment when there is no turning back, when it is about to go down ... all your senses come alive: your eyes, everything comes alive. It's extreme, like a phenomenal rush of ecstasy. It's the thing that makes you want to do it again.' From the horror of the 2006 Villa Nora heist – where four security guards were burnt alive in their armoured vehicle after a ferocious fight-back against highly trained mercenaries – to the 2016 robbery of a cash centre in Witbank, where a gang made off with almost R104 million after impersonating police officers, Heist! is an impeccably researched exposé of an endemic crime phenomenon that some analysts warn could bring South Africa to its knees. Using the information gleaned from thousands of pages of court documents and press reports, as well as interviews with scores of police officers, crime intelligence agents, prosecutors, defence lawyers, researchers, journalists, security guards and the criminals themselves, Heist! provides an unprecedented insight into a crime that has increased by a staggering 49 per cent in the first eight months of 2017 alone. As informative and thought-provoking as it is distressing, this is a book by an investigative journalist at the top of her game.

## Flawless

"Tells the story with the gripping pace of a true-crime 'Ocean's Eleven.'" The New York Post • "Like a diamond, this true-life caper is clear, colorful, and brilliant." Publishers Weekly ?Starred Review? The Antwerp Diamond Center was one of the most secure buildings in the world. With hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of diamonds stored in its subterranean vault, it had to be. Located in the heart of Belgium's ultra-secure Antwerp Diamond District, it benefited from two police stations, armed patrols, extensive video surveillance, and vehicle barriers securing an area where 80 percent of the world's diamonds traded hands. But on February 15, 2003, a band of skilled Italian thieves — fronted by the charming Leonardo Notarbartolo, who spent over two years clandestinely casing the building — subverted every one of the Diamond Center's defenses and made off with a record amount of loot. Experts estimate they got away with nearly half a billion dollars in diamonds, cash and other valuables. They'd pulled off the biggest heist in history--everybody loves diamonds and they now had more than any thief before them. The robbers did it with stealth and smarts; no one was hurt or even threatened during what was quickly labeled the largest diamond heist in history. The bandits — members of a group of professional thieves known as "The School of Turin" — used cunning in lieu of violence, successfully evading security cameras, thwarting an array of electronic sensors, and penetrating a vault protected by a double-locked foot-thick steel door. Even when the police zeroed in on who committed the crime, how it was done remained a mystery, like something out of a heist movie or TV show. Flawless is a fast-paced global scavenger hunt uncovering the truth behind the daring Valentine's Day weekend heist. Tracking clues, sources, and documents throughout Europe — from seedy cafés in Turin, Italy to sleek diamond offices in Antwerp, Belgium — authors Scott Selby and Greg Campbell retrace Notarbartolo's careful discovery of the building's security flaws. They recreate the heist and its aftermath — detailing how the thieves brilliantly neutralized each element of the security protecting the Diamond Center's vault while inviting the readers into the secretive world of diamonds and diamond dealing. The result is a thrilling ride through the better-than-fiction heist of the century. "Fans of caper books and movies will be in seventh heaven." Booklist ?Starred Review?

## Famous Heists

Famous Heists explores the captivating world of history's most audacious thefts, shedding light on the intricate planning, daring execution, and relentless investigation that define these significant criminal acts. This true crime narrative delves into the psychology of both the perpetrators and the investigators, offering insights into the motivations behind these heists and their profound impact on society. One intriguing aspect examined is how the allure of illicit gain can drive human behavior under pressure, while the evolution of forensic science and law enforcement showcases humanity's constant adaptation in the face of adversity. The book uniquely emphasizes not just the mechanics of the heists, but also the "why," delving into the historical, cultural, and societal contexts that contribute to their occurrence. By presenting evidence from historical records, court documents, and first-hand accounts, Famous Heists offers a comprehensive perspective on these events. Beginning with an introduction to core concepts, the book progresses through major sections examining heists motivated by financial gain, politically driven thefts, and art heists, illustrating how lessons learned continue to inform security measures and investigative practices today.

## The Fifth Bandit

The Fifth Bandit is the final installment of the electrifying Spider Heist Thrillers series by USA Today bestselling author Jason Kasper. They've broken into safes and out of prison, but their greatest heist may be their last. The Sky Thieves have conquered their worst enemy. Now they face an even greater threat: the ruthless mentor who brought him to power. Uncovering the mentor's identity is their first step to staying out of jail and exercising their own personal brand of justice-by stealing from the mentor's incalculable wealth. But they aren't the only ones looking for clues, as their new opponent activates a vast web of connections to hunt them down. The game is rigged against the Sky Thieves-until a last-minute partnership with an unlikely ally gives them the key to their enemy's most valuable assets. In the race to free themselves from a powerful



opponent, the crew must undertake their most daunting heist yet...with their lives hanging in the balance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Praise for Jason Kasper and the Spider Heist series: \"My heart was in my throat until the very end, and once I reached the last word, all I wanted was more.\" -Lisa Regan, USA Today and WSJ Bestselling Author \"I flew through The Spider Heist. It's packed with action, twists, and laughs. Kasper wields excitement like a hammer, and he bashes you over the head with it, again and again.\" -LT Vargus, Co-Author of the Violet Darger Series \"...a tour-de-force of high stakes thriller action, unexpected twists, and nail-biting suspense. An unforgettable roller coaster ride that leaves you guessing until the end.\" - Steven Konkoly, USA Today Bestselling Author of the Ryan Decker Series \"Twists and turns with an incredibly likable heroine-I loved it.\" -A.G. Riddle, International Bestselling Author of The Atlantis Gene

## **Baby's First Bank Heist**

Meet Baby Frank, the world's most unlikely criminal, as he masterminds his very own bank heist. Perfect for fans of Boss Baby. Move over, Bonnie and Clyde, because there's a new criminal mastermind in town . . . Baby Frank! He's the world's most unlikely criminal, but he's about to pull off the most daring baby bank heist ever. Why? To get money for a fluffy new pet, of course. This baby is dangerously cute and desperate for a pet. You have been warned . . .

## **The Gardner Heist**

The true story of one museum, two thieves, and the Boston underworld: “Boser cracks the cold case of the art world’s greatest unsolved mystery.” —Vanity Fair Shortly after midnight on March 18, 1990, two men broke into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and committed the largest art heist in history. They stole a dozen masterpieces, including one Vermeer, three Rembrandts, and five Degas. But after thousands of leads, hundreds of interviews, and a \$5 million reward, not a single painting has been recovered. Worth as much as half a billion dollars, the missing masterpieces have become the Holy Grail of the art world and their theft one of the nation’s most extraordinary unsolved mysteries. Art detective Harold Smith worked the theft for years, and after his death, reporter Ulrich Boser decided to pick up where he left off. Traveling deep into the art underworld, Boser explores Smith’s unfinished leads and comes across a remarkable cast of characters, including a brilliant rock ’n’ roll art thief and a golden-boy gangster who professes his innocence in rhyming verse. A tale of greed, obsession, and loss, The Gardner Heist is as compelling as the stolen masterpieces themselves. “Captivating.” —The Wall Street Journal “A tantalizing whodunit.” —The Boston Globe

## **The Helicopter Heist**

A page-turning thriller based on an incredible true story about the spectacular theft of hundreds of millions of pounds.

## **History's Greatest Heist**

How Lenin’s regime turned Russia’s priceless cultural patrimony into armored cars, trains, planes, and machine guns Historians have never resolved a central mystery of the Russian Revolution: How did the Bolsheviks, despite facing a world of enemies and leaving nothing but economic ruin in their path, manage to stay in power through five long years of civil war? In this penetrating book, Sean McMeekin draws on previously undiscovered materials from the Soviet Ministry of Finance and other European and American archives to expose some of the darkest secrets of Russia’s early days of communism. Building on one archival revelation after another, the author reveals how the Bolsheviks financed their aggression through astonishingly extensive thievery. Their looting included everything from the cash savings of private citizens to gold, silver, diamonds, jewelry, icons, antiques, and artwork. By tracking illicit Soviet financial transactions across Europe, McMeekin shows how Lenin’s regime accomplished history’s greatest heist between 1917 and 1922 and turned centuries of accumulated wealth into the sinews of class war. McMeekin

also names names, introducing for the first time the compliant bankers, lawyers, and middlemen who, for a price, helped the Bolsheviks launder their loot, impoverish Russia, and impose their brutal will on millions.

## **Aces Wild**

What happens in Vegas when an all-asexual online friend group attempts to break into a high-stakes gambling club? Shenanigans ensue. For fans of Alice Oseman and Casey McQuiston, a hilarious and heartfelt story that will captivate readers looking for found family and a heist. \ "A fast-paced, thrilling diversion.\ "—Kirkus Reviews Some people join chess club, some people play football. Jack Shannon runs a secret blackjack ring in his private school's basement. What else is the son of a Las Vegas casino mogul supposed to do? Everything starts falling apart when Jack's mom is arrested for their family's ties to organized crime. His sister Beth thinks this is the Shannon family's chance to finally go straight, but Jack knows that something's not right. His mom was sold out, and he knows by who. Peter Carlevaro: rival casino owner and jilted lover. Gross. Jack hatches a plan to find out what Carlevaro's holding over his mom's head, but he can't do it alone. He recruits his closest friends—the asexual support group he met through fandom forums. Now all he has to do is infiltrate a high-stakes gambling club and dodge dark family secrets, while hopelessly navigating what it means to be in love while asexual. Easy, right? A wild romp told in a can't-look-away-from voice, *Aces Wild* is packed with internet friend hijinks and ace representation galore! Named to the TAYSHAS Reading List

## **Heroes Like Us: Two Stories**

From Onjali Q. Rauf, acclaimed author of *The Boy At the Back of the Class*, come two poignant tales of modern-day heroism, featuring supermarket thieves, a visit with the Queen, and plenty of laughs! Ten-year old Ahmet, once known as the \ "Boy at the Back of the Class\

## **The Thunder Heist**

A relentless thief. An impossible heist. Meet Kef Cutmark. Pirate, monster-slayer, scourge of the Twisted Seas. After a lifetime of running from her past, she's returned to Zorith - a tangled jungle of a thousand boats, all lashed together to make a floating city-ship. Zorith is powered by a device that draws energy from lightning. Mysterious, unique, and locked in an unbreachable tower, it's the envy of Zorith's rivals. And Kef? She's here to steal it. If she can take the device and cripple Zorith, maybe she'll find justice for all the hurt the city has caused her. But with an unreliable thieving crew, hunters closing in, and her past bearing down upon her, failure looks more likely. And if she fails, she'll never find peace again.

## **The Big Heist**

"A comprehensive account of the legendary 1978 heist . . . impressive." —Kirkus Reviews The crime that inspired the movie *Goodfellas*. The rest of the story that couldn't be told—until now. One of the biggest scores in Mafia history, the Lufthansa Airlines heist of 1978 has become the stuff of mafia legend—and a decades-long investigation that continues to this day. Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Anthony DeStefano sheds new light on this legendary unsolved case using recent evidence from the 2015 trial of eighty-year-old mafioso Vincent Asaro, who for the first time speaks out on his role in the fateful Lufthansa heist. This blistering you-are-there account takes you behind the headlines and inside the ranks of America's infamous Mafia families—with never-before-told stories, late-breaking news, and bombshell revelations. Praise for Anthony D. DeStefano's *TOP HOODLUM: Frank Costello, Prime Minister of the Underworld* "An engrossing chronicle of the life of notorious Mafia boss . . . DeStefano's canny insight into the don's mind and motivations set this biography apart from others on Frank Costello." —Publishers Weekly "DeStefano tells Costello's story well."—Kirkus Reviews

## The Ultimate Heist

Discover the Thrilling World of Daring Bank Robberies Delve into the shadowy domain of cunning thieves, illustrious heists, and the relentless pursuit of justice. The Ultimate Heist: Unraveling the Mysteries of Bank Robberies immerses readers in the electrifying world of high-stakes bank robberies, detailing the intricate ballet between criminal masterminds and law enforcement. From the historical roots of bank heists to the modern methods employed by today's most sophisticated criminals, each chapter offers an adrenaline-pumping journey through time and tactics. Grasp the evolution of these audacious crimes as you explore their beginnings and the ingenious strategies employed in planning and execution. Feel the suspense of the infamous Great Train Robbery, the meticulous planning behind the Brink's Job, and the notorious Lufthansa Heist. Each tale, rich with drama and detail, captures the peril and excitement of these outlaw legends. Peek into the minds of notorious criminals like Jesse James, John Dillinger, and the enigmatic Pink Panthers, whose psychological profiles reveal the motivations and madness behind their infamous deeds. Understand how their calculated maneuvers and audacious escapades have cemented their places in criminal history. Witness the duel between these heist architects and the tireless law enforcement agents determined to thwart them. Gain insights into FBI strategies, evolving security measures, and the cultural impacts of these high-profile crimes, portrayed vividly in film and literature. Beyond the thrill, grapple with the ethical and legal questions these crimes pose, from the pursuit of justice to the rights of the accused. Learn from detailed case studies in prevention, showcasing both triumphant interventions and instructive failures. Finally, ponder the future of bank robberies in the era of digital currency and emerging technologies. Will the digital age spell the end of the classic bank heist, or merely transform it? For those enticed by tales of cunning, courage, and consequence, this book offers an unparalleled investigation into one of the most riveting facets of criminal lore.

## A Heist Too Far

Mallik, an assassin with a short temper and an assortment of sharp weapons, Dick Swede a.k.a The Black Moustache, an almost famous highwayman, and Jules Van Jives, a scruffy elf with an obsession for fire and explosives are wanted men, but something is about to make them more wanted than usual. When an almost perfectly planned coach robbery goes horribly wrong and Mallik's love is killed, he'll stop at nothing to get his revenge, even if it means helping to liberate a fallen Dwarf citadel, rescuing villagers from their impending sacrifice and Dick shaving off his trademark moustache on the way. As their usual world falls apart before their eyes and they cross the line from novelty crook to noose-bait, Mallik tries to dig them out of a very deep hole. A Heist Too Far is a five hundred and seventy five page comical slant on fantasy, the humour making light of every situation no matter how grim they really are.

## Hoops Heist

This is the untold story of the city of Seattle, their beloved Sonics, and how the legacy of their stolen team created a transcendent hoops culture and a pipeline of NBA All-Stars, champions and icons with roots in the Emerald City and the Pacific Northwest. Few cities in the history of modern sports had a visceral connection to a professional sports team like the citizens of Seattle and their Sonics. Beginning with their first season in 1967 through their last in 2008, the city's love affair with their team and players was unlike any other. From Lenny Wilkens, Spencer Haywood, Slick Watts, "Downtown" Freddie Brown and Jack Sikma, through Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp and the electric 90s era, all the way up to Ray Allen's run and Kevin Durant's single season, Hoops Heist explores the incredible impact of the Sonics locally and the importance of the franchise nationally. Featuring exhaustive research and exclusive interviews with Seattle legends, NBA Hall of Famers and the players who came of age in the Sonics' shadow, including Isaiah Thomas, Brandon Roy, Doug Christie, Jason Terry, Nate Robinson, Jamal Crawford and more, Hoops Heist captures the transcendence of the Pacific Northwest's basketball scene and its ongoing influence in today's NBA.

## The Great Heist - The Story of the Biggest Bank Robbery in History

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.

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