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Straight from the source: Iceberg Slim gives unprecedented insight into his incredible life and mind in this second collection of rare,

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explicit, interviews. Iceberg Slim is infamous as a pimp. But he was many things: Victim of childhood abuse, racism and the Great Depression; drug addict; hustler; prison escapee; multi-million book selling author; one

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of the first rap record artists; orator; pre-eminent writer; father; husband; advocate of socially constructive life. The interviews (big topics from applying the game in square relationships, to the con game, sex, drugs,

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education, writing, racial issues, fatherhood, politics, crime and punishment) are complimented by: Camille Beck's tragic story, told by her sister Misty; FBI records, mug shots, historical records; the true story of Baby

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Bell and Sweet Jones; and the true story of Henry and Iceberg's mother. Revealing insights with those who knew Iceberg Slim are included: Mike Tyson; Camille and Misty Beck; Diane Beck; Betty Beck's story from the day

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she met Iceberg; Bentley Morriss (CEO, Holloway House Publishing). Plus Ice-T, Bishop Don Magic Juan and others provide relevant commentary on Iceberg's life, work and great legacy.

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Doom Fox is the final instalment in Iceberg Slim's searing sequence of highly-charged books that began with his critically acclaimed and multi-million selling autobiography, Pimp. Slim's powerful, raw prose

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and eye-opening reflections of black ghetto realities have helped to redefine modern American literature, offering the reader a glimpse into lifestyles and language never before seen in print. Doom Fox tells the tragic



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story of three generations of the Allen family in post-war L. A. Written with Slim's typically disturbing honesty and sharp humour, it paints their lives with compassion, telling their stories in their own words, in the

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language of the street. The result is another riveting and potent urban parable, a bitter commentary on a society that has as its core a legalized policy of discrimination.

Terry and Teddy's relationship

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crumbles and they go in separate directions as they become heroin addicts and seek their dealer's favor in order to feed the addiction.

1969. L'Am é rique d é couvre  
Pimp, autobiographie explosive

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sign é e Iceberg Slim (alias Robert Beck). Il devient le prox é n è te le plus c é l è bre des Etats-Unis. Un peu malgr é lui, Slim est propuls é au rang de porte-parole indigne de la communit é noire, dans la lign é e des Black Panthers.

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Suivront Trick Baby et Marna Black Widow, textes très inspirés de son histoire qu'on peut lire comme des témoignages édifiants ou des romans noirs au charme brut. Les "héros" de Slim sont arnaqueurs, travestis ou

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gigolos. Ils ne refusent jamais une ligne de coke et sont prêts à tout pour quelques dollars. "Il n'y a pas de psychologie, de sermons ou de notes dans ce récit d'une vie. Les dialogues sont dans la langue crue des

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p é d é s, du ghetto, du Sud profond, des bas-fonds", affirme Slim lui-m ê me. Livres de chevet de toute une g é n é ration de rappers ou d' écrivains comme Sapphire ou Maya Angelou, ces trois livres fondateurs ont d'abord

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paru aux Editions de l'Olivier dans la collection Soul Fiction, dirigé e par Samuel Blumenfeld. Réunis pour la première fois en un seul volume, ils constituent une sorte de "trilogie du ghetto" unique dans la littérature



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skin to his advantage to rise to the top of the Chicago con game, Folks is back for the big money and the big stakes of the long con. Following the death of his partner and mentor, Blue, Folks takes off

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for Canada. Having honed his skills and polished his acting, Johnny is done cheating marks out of small money. With a gang of grifters working with him, High Pockets Kate, High Ass Marvel and the

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Vicksburg Kid among them, Folks is after the biggest score of his life.

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unmatched creative energy, it  
spawned some of the most

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significant art of the 20th century. It was where Jean-Michel Basquiat became an avant-garde street artist and painter, swiftly achieving worldwide fame. During the years before his death at the



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age of 27, he shared his life with his lover and muse, Suzanne Mallouk. A runaway from an unhappy home in Canada, Suzanne first met Jean-Michel in a bar on the Lower East Side in 1980. Thus

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began a tumultuous and passionate relationship that deeply influenced one of the most exceptional artists of our time. In emotionally resonant prose, award-winning author Jennifer Clement tells the

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addiction, obsession and love. Teenagers Sandra and Chink fall in love after they start selling drugs in inner-city Los Angeles, but when he goes to jail and Sandra is later raped, Chink escapes to seek

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Robert Beck, better known as Iceberg Slim, was an American pimp who subsequently became an influential author among a primarily African-

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American readership. Beck's novels were adapted into movies, and the imagery and tone of Beck's fiction have been acknowledged as an influence by several gangsta rap musicians, including Ice T

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The World We Used to Live In

The true story of the Calabrian Mafia in Australia

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The Biggest Score of His Life  
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Whoreson Jones is the son of a  
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unknown white john. As a child,  
he's looked after by his



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neighbourhood's imposing matriarch, Big Mama, while his mother works the streets. At the age of 12, his street education begins when a man named Fast Black schools him in trickology. By 13, Whoreson is a cardsharp.

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At the age of 16 his childhood comes to an abrupt end when he becomes a fully-fledged pimp: cold-blooded and ruthless. As he battles to understand his world, he must learn to live up to his mother's words, 'First be a man,

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an evil empire of powerful ganglords, contract killings and police corruption. At its dark heart was the East Midlands city of Nottingham. A prosperous centre of business, education and leisure, Nottingham had fallen

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onwards created an alienated underclass. In the 1990s, a more malignant breed of organised criminal emerged. Crime families who had been involved in armed robbery, protection rackets and extortion now sought to control

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the recreational drugs trade and forged links across Europe to import wholesale quantities of cocaine, ecstasy and amphetamines. By 2002, shootings were running at one a week. HOODS uncovers how outlaw



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of turf wars; how the shadowy Dawes Cartel built a lucrative international drugs empire; and how the Bestwood Cartel and its terrifying leader, Colin Gunn, corrupted police officers and left dead and maimed in its wake. As

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local police struggled to cope with the mayhem, MI5 and the National Crime Squad launched a massive undercover investigation into the Nottingham 'untouchables'. It led ultimately to the dismantling of some of the

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UK's most powerful crime networks. HOODS is a stark account of what happens when the rule of the gun supplants the rule of law and fear stalks the streets. The author that brought black literature to the streets is back.

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side Chicago where the only characters are those who con and those who get conned. Trick Baby tells the story of "White Folks," a blue-eyed, light-haired, con-artist whose pale skin allows him to pass in the streets as a white man.

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Folks is tormented early in life, rejected by other children and branded a "Trick Baby," the child conceived between a hooker and her trick. Refusing to abandon his life in the ghetto and a chance at revenge, Folks is taken under the

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wing of an older mentor, Blue. What happens next is not to be believed. Only Slim could bring us the story of a hustler, forced to learn the game and rise to the top. It's Slim's story and he tells it in the only way he knows how, in the



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Among those who really  
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The Calabrian mafia is Australia's oldest, largest and most ruthless

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crime syndicate, trafficking drugs worth billions of dollars and laundering the proceeds through sophisticated international networks. Enforcing discipline with age-old tools of violence and intimidation, the Calabrians have

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been responsible for nearly 40 murders in Australia since the mid-1970s and many more before that. Mafia families in Australia report directly to bosses in Calabria and profits are funnelled back to the mother organisation. Yet despite

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overwhelming evidence to the contrary, Federal and State law enforcement agencies have long assured the public that there is no Calabrian mafia in Australia. With powerful and uncompromising clarity, *Evil Life* shatters this myth.

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Drawing on court documents and unreleased intelligence reports, as well as interviews with well-informed sources, the authors reveal how the Calabrian mafia evolved from its beginnings on the north Queensland cane fields in the



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1920s to establish cells in every major capital city, making Australia a key outpost in the world of global organised crime.

In “The Naked Soul of Iceberg Slim,” the fierce and lyrical icon for criminal reformation describes

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himself as “ill...from America’s fake façade of justice and democracy.” For Iceberg, the illness may have been a detriment, but for us, it’s a gift. His tales serve as a chilling reminder that we are all still inmates of one prison or another,

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From a career as a, yes, ruthless pimp in the '40s and '50s, Iceberg Slim refashioned himself as the first and still the greatest of "street lit" masters, whose vivid books

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have made him an icon to such rappers as Ice-T, Jay-Z, and Snoop Dogg and a presiding spirit of "blaxploitation" culture. You can't understand contemporary black (and



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tale is his suffocating mother - Mama Black Widow. Poisoned by the bigotry and abuse she suffered in early life, she in turn infects those that surround her. The damage

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she does to all she loves  
is deeply disturbing, no-  
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standard justice, radical  
bigotry and criminal  
economic freeze-out, Mama

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