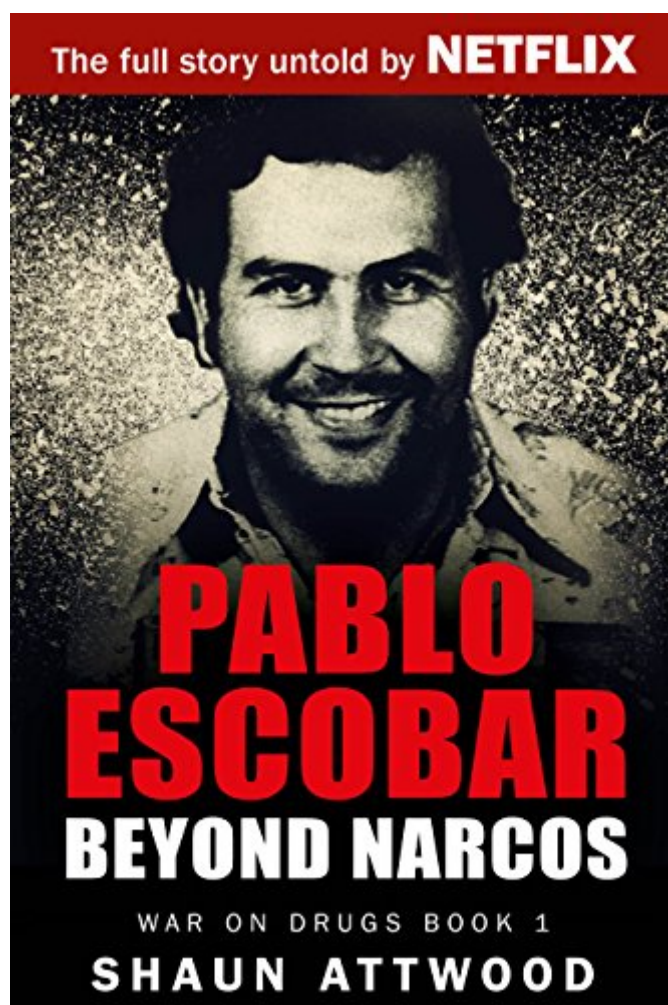


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Synopsis

The mind-blowing true story of Pablo Escobar and the Medellín Cartel beyond their portrayal on Netflix. Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was a devoted family man and a psychopathic killer; a terrible enemy, yet a wonderful friend. While donating millions to the poor, he bombed and tortured his enemies - some had their eyeballs removed with hot spoons. Through ruthless cunning and America's insatiable appetite for cocaine, he became a multi-billionaire, who lived in a \$100-million house with its own zoo. PABLO ESCOBAR: BEYOND NARCOS demolishes the standard good versus evil telling of Pablo's story. The authorities were not hunting Pablo down to stop his cocaine business. They were taking over it. Shaun Attwood's WAR ON DRUGS TRILOGY - PABLO ESCOBAR, AMERICAN MADE and WE ARE BEING LIED TO - is a series of harrowing, action-packed and interlinked true stories that demonstrate the devastating consequences of drug prohibition. Shaun Attwood is a London-based best-selling author with 100,000 copies sold.

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Customer Reviews

Downloaded this book onto my kindle application as I've always been interested in Pablo Escobar and many similar criminals of his ilk. One of the questions most professional criminology students can never seem to agree on has always been if these individuals are either incredibly mad or just simply plain evil. Shaun Attwood addresses this conundrum with facts gleaned from deep research into Escobar from his young life onwards and the environment he emerged from and challenges the reader to make their own judgment of how they'd cope in similar circumstances. When life is cheap and everyone is on the make, only the dollar in your pocket or the gun in your hand can save you and your family from torture and/or excruciating death. This book tackles these issues head on and I'm sure it will encapsulate the reader as it did for me. Loved reading this book and I highly recommend it as a cracking read. Steve Abbott

The book tells Pablo's story in such an exciting way, while completely demolishing any justification of the war on drugs. While previous books about Pablo use a good (authorities) against evil (Pablo) narrative, this book shows that the authorities were not hunting Pablo down to stop his cocaine business. They were taking over it. Pablo became so wealthy that he was targeted by predators ranging from the Cali Cartel to George HW Bush. I was left wondering who was the bigger villain, Pablo or George HW Bush...If you've watched Narcos on Netflix, you'll love this book

On vacation, I hoped to get a chance to read this book. Once I started, I couldn't put it down. The scope of the information is staggering. Attwood's research encompasses the history of cocaine. He puts the rise of Pablo Escobar in the context of the black market created by our drug laws, without which Pablo would never have been able to capitalize and wreak the mayhem so vividly described in this book. Each chapter had me gripped from start to end. The characters were well-developed, and I particularly enjoyed the descriptions of the elite hostages Pablo kidnapped, and the priest Father Garcia, who brokered Pablo's deal to surrender himself to the prison he built for himself called the Cathedral. The sickening violence associated with the black market in cocaine will never end until our futile drug laws are revised. The Mexican cartels are a prime example. That's why this book has particular relevance for this day and age.

Title: Blows Away Narcos And Killing Pablo Having read plenty on Pablo, I figured Attwood's new book would rehash the same old story, but as the kindle price is so cheap, I figured I had nothing to lose. Previous treatments of Pablo's story have comprised US special forces as the representatives of goodness, battling the forces of darkness, portrayed by Pablo and his henchmen.

Attwood's book shows how the US government worked with Pablo's competitors to usurp the Medellín Cartel, thereby becoming equally corrupted. Attwood's book gets so deep into the dirty games the Colombian and US governments were playing with Pablo, the reader is left wondering who are the bigger villains.

As a massive fan of the TV show Narcos and having read a few other books about Pablo, with the most obvious and well established one being "Killing Pablo", I have to say this is by far and away the best book I have ever read on a subject I have always been very interested in. Exceptionally well researched, very well written, with lots of new information and a completely different perspective on a well told story, "Beyond Narcos" turns everything you thought you knew about Pablo's demise on its head. Is a great read and I highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys watching Narcos on Netflix.

Riveting, very well written and presents all the aspects that the TV series could not show. Attwood did a phenomenal job of bringing the characters to life, vivid descriptions, accurate biographical info. I was immediately enthralled by this book. It is definitely a must-have.

If you've watched Narcos, you will absolutely love this book. I'm a busy person but this book was so fast - paced I couldn't put it down. Having read other books about Pablo, I'd say that Attwood has structured this book in a way that brings everything up to date and fills in all of the blanks left by Narcos and the fascinating backgrounds of other Medellín cartel members like Carlos Lehder who adored Adolfo Hitler and John Lennon, becoming a cocaine billionaire by running all of the inhabitants off a Bahamian Island to turn it into a transit point for Pablo's Cocaine entering America. Again, unlike other books, Attwood gets deep into the political background and the root causes of the cocaine epidemic without sounding 'preachy'. I truly commend the author for the skill he has used not only to make this book an utterly compelling read but also in the construction and skill in which he tells this remarkable story.

So I picked up this book and decided to read it just to kill time and 2 minutes in I was hooked! I read the whole book in one sitting! Attwood does a fine job on giving Escobar the actual human qualities he possessed by going into his upbringing background and how "Robin Hood" of a fellow he was with using his wealth to actually help and better communities. At the same time you get a good look at the messed up world of drugs and a really thought provoking view of how America could have

actually been a lot more involved than the government wants you to think. This book actually taught me a lot of information I didn't know about Escobar, the government, and the Colombian drug ring. I'm really glad I gave this book a read 10 outta 10! Great job Shaun Attwood!!

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