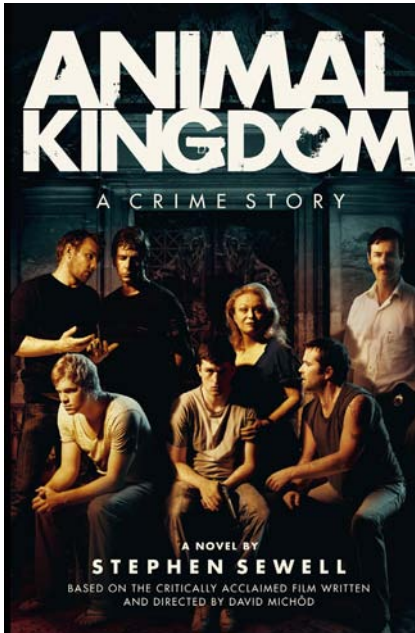


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ANIMAL KINGDOM

by Stephen Sewell

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Stephen Sewell is the screenwriter of the award-winning film *The Boys*, and has won numerous awards for his plays including *Three Furies: Scenes from the Life of Francis Bacon*. He was also script editor on the film *Chopper*.

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