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MUP to publish *Mick Gatto: My Story* in October 2009

Melbourne University Publishing (MUP) is pleased to announce its forthcoming publication of Mick Gatto's autobiography *Mick Gatto: My Story*, which is due for release in October this year.

From a colourful character with an extraordinary life, *Mick Gatto: My Story* promises to deliver all the makings of a fascinating biography and Australian true crime at its best.

After many years of resisting media attention Mick Gatto has decided it is important to tell his own story. In a unique partnership, Mick Gatto will write the book with experienced crime writer and bestselling author, Tom Noble, who wrote *Neddy: The Life and Crimes of Arthur Stanley Smith*.

Mick Gatto said today, "I am busy working with Tom Noble on my autobiography. He knows my world inside out and is a terrific writer. I'm confident that book buyers will find it a ripper of a yarn. The book will be produced by a fine local publisher, Melbourne University Publishing".

"Mr Gatto is a larger-than-life personality who continues to intrigue people. It is the story of a kid with a passion for boxing, the illegal gambling rackets that brought huge wealth to so few and ruin to so many, and it is the story of Australia's very own violent underworld", Louise Adler, CEO and Publisher-in-Chief of MUP said today. "If readers want an insider's account of the crime scene in Australia, no book will offer a more brutally honest account than *Mick Gatto: My Story*".

Much has been said about Mick Gatto in both series of Channel 9's *Underbelly* and in relation to Melbourne's underworld battles. Mick Gatto is now ready to tell all in an unprecedented and extraordinary insiders account of Australia's underworld.

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