




# Sunday Books

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## TRUE CRIME

### Inside the Oz mafia

**INFILTRATION**  
 COLIN McCLAREN (VICTORY)  
 RRP \$24.99

*INFILTRATION* is a gripping page-turner that inspired the latest instalment in the *Underbelly* TV series. But don't let that put you off.

It tells the story of undercover police detective Colin McLaren, who over two years infiltrates the shadowy world of the Calabrian mafia and their base in Griffith, NSW. Acting as a dodgy art dealer, "Cole" eats with them, sits in their homes and cuddles their children while slowly, slowly climbing the ranks of the family chain until finally befriending godfather Antonio Romeo.

It's a world of listening devices, wire taps and nerve-racking drug deals and takes in two of the bloodiest decades in Australia's organised-crime history including the Walsh St police murders, Mr Cruel kidnappings and the NCA bombing and murder.

But the real beauty of this book lies in combining the tense excitement of the criminal world with the head-banging frustration of working within the confines of the police force.

The mafia and police come in for as much criticism as the other in this no-holds-

barred read.

Colin also delves into his childhood living with a violent father, which helps explain his future choices.

*Infiltration* will entice true-crime readers, but also offers an intriguing insight into Colin's thoughts and feelings through what remains Australia's biggest police sting. First released in 2009, *Infiltration* has been rereleased to coincide with the *Underbelly* telemovie, shown this week.

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