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American Desperado: My Life--From Mafia Soldier to Cocaine Cowboy to Secret Government Asset

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Random House USA Inc, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 203 x 130 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. In 2008 veteran journalist Evan Wright, acclaimed for his New York Times bestselling book *Generation Kill* and co-writer of the Emmy-winning HBO series it spawned, began a series of conversations with super-criminal Jon Roberts, star of the fabulously successful documentary *Cocaine Cowboys*. Those conversations would last three years, during which time Wright came to realize that Roberts was much more than the de-facto transportation chief of the Medellin Cartel during the 1980s, much more than a facilitator of a national drug epidemic. As Wright's tape recorder whirred and Roberts unburdened himself of hundreds of jaw-dropping tales, it became clear that perhaps no one in history had broken so many laws with such willful abandon. Roberts, in fact, seemed to be a prodigy of criminality but one with a remarkable self-awareness and a fierce desire to protect his son from following the same path. *American Desperado* is Roberts no-holds-barred account of being born into Mafia royalty, witnessing his first murder at the age of seven, becoming a hunter-assassin in Vietnam, returning to New York to become -- at age...



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