

True Crime / Biography

WANTED: Gentleman Bank Robber

The True Story of Leslie Ibsen Rogge, One of the FBI's Most Elusive Criminals



Book Summary:

Les Rogge, number seven on the FBI's most wanted, robbed more than 30 banks without firing a shot. In *Wanted: Gentleman Bank Robber: The True Story of Leslie Ibsen Rogge, One of the FBI's Most Elusive Criminals*, Les details his adventures from Alaska to Antigua, the Chesapeake to Cancun. But it all came to a halt when a fourteen-year-old in Guatemala forced him to turn himself in.

Here's what people are saying:

"Leslie Rogge is an island in the stream of spell binding ultimates, a place where wild men playfully challenge the system, a place where desperado winds swirl a thousand lifetimes into a breeze. Your uncle (Les) and I are superimposed curious and overgrown children indulging urges resentful of feels pretending to be adults. We are hipster medieval knights in pursuit of erudite high cheek boned nymphs drinking in full to the essence of extraordinary while surfing the edge of consciousness loving the hellish totality of fear."

George Jung - subject of book and movie "Blow" and author of "Grazing in the Grass until the Snow Came"

"How to rob a bank in several entertaining lessons. A scurrilous, often funny, sometimes serious account of a Gentleman Bank Robber. A swag-bag, get-away of a read that will not be daylight robbery!"

Helen Hollick - www.helenhollick.net

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Author: Dane Batty

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Review websites and magazine articles, Facebook, Twitter and other social media opportunities, blog tours, radio shows, paid national advertisements and the use of a paid promotional marketing firm.



Here's what more people are saying:

Reading *Wanted* is like being sucked into a swashbuckler about Blackbeard the pirate or watching Johnny Depp in *Pirates of the Caribbean*. What the protagonists did was undeniably wrong. Yet they did it with such panache and such chutzpa that it's difficult not to like them.

Les Rogge is a very likable rascal. And his story is like hitching a ride in a Top Fuel dragster – ferociously fast from beginning to end.

On the Read-O-Meter, which ranges from 1 star (really, really lousy) to 5 stars (really, really good), *Wanted* steals 5 stars.”

Randal Radic – Basil and Spice www.basilandspice.com

“This is the kind of true crime story that you seldom get to read since it is essentially written by the perp himself, and perps usually don't bother putting their tale to print because convicted felons by law can't benefit financially from their stories.

This is not your polished Ann Rule or Edward Humes true crime sort of tale, but for all that it is just as interesting as something from the masters of the genre. Dane Batty has done a great (if somewhat amateurish) job of allowing his uncle to present himself in a way that turns his first-person escapades into a rounded tale of human strength and weakness, of a life well and poorly spent, about a man part hero and part villain. The only weakness in the book is what is missing. Relying almost entirely on Rogge's recounting of events ensures that the deeper, darker side of his life remains untold.”

Dennis Littrel – Amazon top 125 Reviewer

You never know what you're going to get with first time authors. Often they have an excellent story to tell, just not much of a knack for telling it.

That is NOT the case here.

Batty doesn't actually tell Leslie Rogge's story; he has an inside scoop since Rogge is his maternal uncle.

Rogge tells his own story with a few commentaries from Batty thrown in for a relative's point-of-view.

And, let me tell you, Rogge may be a guy who stole an estimated \$2 million in his career as a bank robber, but the guy sure knows how to tell a story. Rogge skips all the childhood memories and delves right into his days of ripping off banks in a very gentlemanly fashion. He never used violence to get the cash. His crimes involved no high speed chases.

No, they were about as lax as you're going to see with this serious of a crime. When Rogge wasn't “sticking it to the man,” he was sailing the world with his wife, Judy – who at first was oblivious to Rogge's source of income. Written by Rogge as if he was talking directly to you, readers are invited to hear about his travels, his misdeeds, and a view into life on the lam.

I can't think of another time that I've wanted so much for the bad guy to get a way; to have a happy ending.

Some people are just natural born story tellers with great stories to tell. Some people do bad things, but they're the nicest folks in the world; willing to give you the shirt off their back in your time of need.

Leslie Rogge is one of them, and Batty has done a SUPERB job of compiling these stories into a book that's difficult to put down. Go ahead and pre-order this item because it's one that you MUST read!”

Kim Cantrell – True Crime Book Reviews www.truecrimebookreviews.com

