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### Pimp My Airship

Michael Joseph

In our society today, although used out their original contexts, the words “Pimp” and “Pimpin” have been embraced wholeheartedly by today’s hip hop generation and frequently used in

slang to describe a motif of a newly set standard of flamboyant living. However, in his debut release, Donald Ray Lavan (AKA Noble Dee) provides the true definition of both words, separating the real and the facts from the façade and the fiction of today’s controversial terminology. Best of all, he describes in very minute details,

what the Game (Pimpin') was like for him in his era... the 1960's to Y2K (The New Millennium). In this tell all non-fiction: Noble Dee illustrates, in a very blaxploitation manner...his personal existence in the game. Not only does he exploit his successes, he also exposes the very grim details of the life; both in tones whereas you the reader... bask in his glory, and share his pains; the pain of possibly regret in the life that he cherished for almost four calendar decades. Wholeheartedly, Noble Dee expresses how his own glorification of the game, indirectly allured his first born daughter into a position to be manipulated and exploited by pimps,

just as he had manipulated and exploited so many daughters throughout his 35 years plus career. Not since Robert Beck revealed to the masses the vivid street Realities of a Pimp's Life in his book "Pimp: The Story of My Life" By Iceberg Slim has the entrenching truth behind the lifestyle-termed pimpin' been exposed to this degree. Thus, the primary title... "Pimp:...Reflections of My Life".  
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### **The Naked Soul of Iceberg Slim**

Canongate Books  
Doom Fox is the final instalment in Iceberg Slim's searing sequence of highly-charged books that began with his critically acclaimed and multi-

million selling autobiography, Pimp. Slim's powerful, raw prose and eye-opening reflections of black ghetto realities have helped to redefine modern American literature, offering the reader a glimpse into lifestyles and language never before seen in print. Doom Fox tells the tragic story of three generations of the Allen family in post-war L. A. Written with Slim's typically disturbing honesty and sharp humour, it paints their lives with compassion, telling their stories in their own words, in the language of the street. The result is another riveting and potent urban parable, a bitter commentary on a society that has as its core a legalized policy of discrimination.

*The Story of My Life*  
Running Press  
Teenagers Sandra and Chink fall in love after they start selling drugs in inner-city Los Angeles, but when he goes to jail and Sandra is later raped, Chink escapes to seek revenge against the men responsible.  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux  
The ultimate anti-hero, Iceberg Slim, takes you into the secret inner world of the pimp, and the smells, the sounds, the fears and petty triumphs of his world. A legendary figure of the Chicago underworld, this is his story: from defending his mother against the evil men she brought into their lives, to becoming a giant of the streets. A seething tale of brutality, cunning and greed,

Pimp is a harrowing portrait of life on the wrong side of the tracks, and a rich warning from a true survivor.

The Biography of a Pimp  
Rowman & Littlefield

"You pimp! You trafficker! You should be skinned alive and burned at the stake! How could you possibly exploit another sexually for your own sick financial gain? They were prostituting minors! How could they be so sick? Prison, yes prison should be where we hide you forever for the destruction of human life that you caused. Stopping you means stopping the human sex trafficking epidemic! If we incarcerate you we can stop modern day slavery!" I heard these

words as I watched a group of my mentees go through their case in federal court. With RICO conspiracy charges hanging over their heads, they were presented as gang members that trafficked girls for the benefit of the gang. I knew these allegations were false. I knew these young men personally. They were not pimps and definitely not "traffickers," a new word to me that I had never heard before until now. A word that I had to learn the meaning of fast. How did I know that they weren't "traffickers"? I quickly found out that for many years of my life I myself was a trafficker. I sat in the courtroom silent, not able to speak my first-hand knowledge of

"the game."

Regardless of whether I knew my mentees were innocent or not, these were charges they could never shake. I listened as law enforcement experts testified from their expertise. Ha! What did they know? These were people who had never spent a single day in the subculture of pimping and prostitution. They had no clue what that life was really like and if they did they were lying on purpose to continue the mass incarceration of young black and brown lives. Yeah, that had to be it. Entering the anti human sex trafficking movement as a former pimp and trafficker, I knew I would be alone. My past will not be taken well by many, but what other option

do I have, stay quiet?

Should I not educate people about domestic human sex trafficking and the pimping culture I was raised to believe was my only way of success? I can't stay quiet! I can't go off and live a normal life, glad to have survived the game. Out of 8 of my closest friends I am one of 4 still alive. The only way to help end this cycle of death and incarceration is to teach the truth from my perspective. All sides of this problem must be at the table because so far only a portion of the story is being told. This portion of the story still doesn't truly reflect the lived realities of the many women survivors that I know and love. Staying quiet is not an option for me - I'm willing to

die to save future generations from this trap. This was no "game" we were playing. It was an illusion. An illusion that was pressed upon me and my entire peer group as we grew up in San Diego, California. Pimp City. To all who want to truly want to help fight human sex trafficking and sexual exploitation this book is needed in your arsenal. This is not a "how to" book on pimping. This is also not a book about human sex trafficking in general. This book presents a deeper understanding of the mind-frame and make-up of those involved in human sex trafficking. This book specifically deals with the pimping and prostitution subculture that has risen from

impoverished communities across the United States, communities in cities like mine. This subculture can affect your family no matter what social or economic class you come from. Do you want to learn the truth so that we can really deal with the problem? Here's your opportunity. [Holding Tight to Permanent in a World That's Passing Away](#) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform  
In "The Naked Soul of Iceberg Slim," the fierce and lyrical icon for criminal reformation describes himself as "ill...from America's fake façade of justice and democracy." For Iceberg, the illness may have been a

detriment, but for us, it's a gift. His tales serve as a chilling reminder that we are all still inmates of one prison or another, and the time to break free has arrived. Iceberg Slim took the public into the raw, unseen, predatory reality of America with "Pimp". This time around, he puts the emphasis on reality with his collection of personal essays. This is Iceberg, in California, broken down into a million pieces of anger, wisdom, but ready for a shift in his own consciousness. From the corrupt LAPD to a broken heart, Iceberg recounts woes that the average Joe can't even fathom. Iceberg Slim takes us for a ride; this time not only through the harrowing world of a pimp, but through his

brain, his soul, and his psyche. The racist, gut-wrenching universe Iceberg Slim inhabits throughout this novel and his struggle to endure is one that will be appreciated by all. The story's arch of chaos to cleansing is startlingly honest. After all, one can't help but root for the man who had the courage to rupture the bars of the cell society created for him and the man who gave a voice to those too afraid to speak. In "The Naked Soul of Iceberg Slim" his voice reigns loud and clear, and ready for vengeance.

### **Pimp My Ride**

Random House Books for Young Readers  
 "[In Pimp], Iceberg Slim breaks down some of the coldest, capitalist concepts I've ever heard in my life."

—Dave Chappelle, from his Netflix special *The Bird Revelation* Pimp sent shockwaves throughout the literary world when it published in 1969. Iceberg Slim's autobiographical novel offered readers a never-before-seen account of the sex trade, and an unforgettable look at the mores of Chicago's street life during the 1940s, 50s, and 60s. In the preface, Slim says it best, "In this book, I will take you, the reader, with me into the secret inner world of the pimp." An immersive experience unlike anything before it, *Pimp* would go on to sell millions of copies, with translations throughout the world. And it would have a profound impact upon

generations of writers, entertainers, and filmmakers, making it the classic hustler's tale that never seems to go out of style.

### **The Story of My Life**

Independently  
Published

This classic Dr. Seuss Beginner Book features silly tongue twisters that will have readers of all ages giggling with glee. When a fox in socks meets Knox in a box, you know that hilarity will ensue. Add chicks with bricks (and blocks and clocks) and you're sure to get your words twisted and lips locked. With his unmistakable gift for rhyme, Dr. Seuss creates a hysterical and energetic way for beginning readers to dive into the joy of reading. This book comes with the following warning:

"This is a book you READ ALOUD to find out just how smart your tongue is. The first time you read it, don't go fast! This Fox is a tricky fox. He'll try to get your tongue in trouble." Originally created by Dr. Seuss, Beginner Books encourage children to read all by themselves, with simple words and illustrations that give clues to their meaning.

**Death Wish** B&H

Publishing Group

Tells the story of Otis Tilson, a transvestite living a life of pimping and tricking amid the violence and crime of the homosexual underground.

**Nothing But the**

**Truth** Infinite Dreams Publishing

The pimp has reached nearly mythical status. We are fascinated by the question of how a

guy from the ghetto with no startup capital and no credit -- nothing but the words out of his mouth -- comes not only to have a stable of sexy women who consider him "their man," but to drive a Rolls, sport diamonds, and wear custom suits and alligator shoes from Italy. His secret is to follow the "unwritten rules of the game" -- a set of regulations handed down orally from older, wiser macks -- which give him superhuman powers of charm, psychological manipulation, and persuasion. In Pimpology, star of the documentaries Pimps Up, Ho's Down and American Pimp and Annual Players Ball Mack of the Year winner Ken Ivy pulls a square's coat on the

unwritten rules that took him from the ghetto streets to the executive suites. Ken's lessons will serve any person in any interaction: Whether at work, in relationships, or among friends, somebody's got to be on top. To be the one with the upper hand, you've got to have good game, and good game starts with knowing the rules. If you want the money, power, and respect you dream of, you can't just "pimp your ride," you need to pimp your whole life. And unless you've seen Ray Charles leading Stevie Wonder somewhere, you need Ken's guidelines to do it. They'll reach out and touch you like AT&T and bring good things to life like GE. Then you can be the boss

with the hot sauce who gets it all like Monty Hall

### **The Savage Detectives Reread**

Simon and Schuster  
Pimp C: The Untold Story of Chad Butler takes readers inside the life of the late Hip-Hop Icon who was 1/2 of the legendary group, UGK. Pimp C is heavily regarded for guest appearances on smash hits such as: Jay Z "Big Pimpin," 3-6 Mafia "Sippen on Sizzurp," Ludacris "Stick em Up," T-Pain "In Love with a Stripper," and many more. This book provides foresight into Pimp C's final eight hours of life, the forming of UGK, his multiple personalities, the event that led to his incarceration, and more. If you are a fan of Pimp C and Southern Hip-Hop this book is

definitely for you, as we preserve a piece of history on one of the most talented and diverse musicians of our times.

She Reads Truth Simon and Schuster

Warning: Don't Believe the Hype! All the poet called Sleepy wants to do is spit his verses, smoke chiba, and stay off the COP's radar—all of which becomes impossible once he encounters a professional protestor known as (120 Degrees of) Knowledge Allah. They soon find themselves on the wrong side of local authorities and have to elude the powers that be. When young heiress Sophine Jefferson's father is murdered, the careful life she'd been constructing for herself tumbles around her.

She's quickly drawn into a web of intrigue, politics and airships, joining with Sleepy and Knowledge Allah in a fight for their freedom. Chased from one end of a retro-fitted Indianapolis to the other, they encounter outlaws, the occasional circus, possibly a medium, and more outlaws. They find themselves in a battle much larger than they imagined: a battle for control of the country and the soul of their people. The revolution will not be televised!

### **Shetani's Sister**

Kensington Books  
Chili Pimping in Atlantic City: The Memoir of a Small-Time Pimp and Hustler, the controversial autobiography of Michael Mick-Man Gourdine, AKA the Candyman, as he was

known on the street. The book pulls no punches and provides an honest and sometimes shocking look at what one man from the wrong side of tracks felt compelled to do to achieve the American Dream. Gourdine became a pimp who operated primarily on the streets of Atlantic City, New Jersey, while working as a corrupt NYPD cop who specialized in narcotics trafficking and prostitution. Employed as a police officer from 1990 to 2000, Gourdine reportedly made an estimated \$2.5 to 3 million dollars in illegal graft, bribes, prostitution and drug dealing before being fired. Gourdine was a chili pimp-that is, a small time pimp who had between one and

three girls working for him. As a chili pimp, Gourdine didn't stay in the most expensive hotels or eats in the most expensive restaurants; he couldn't afford it. Instead he relied on his ability to give his girls more care, attention and on-the-spot dependability than a bonafide pimp could give. Today, Gourdine recalls, "It is a sad existence that I was lucky enough to escape and maybe some readers will avoid after reading my book." Chili Pimping in Atlantic City describes how Gourdine developed the stomach for the pimping game, became a corrupt cop, learned the pimping trade and survived on the mean streets. The author paints vivid profiles of some the

interesting characters he meets along the way. He concludes with some hard lessons.

"The best way to steer a young boy away from pimping is to change his environment,"

Gourdine writes. "If a young boy is starving, living without heat in his house, with no real men around him, guess what he's going to take when he sees the first person who he deems the best fit to survive in his dismal

circumstances? And believe you me, he will not be a law abiding citizen." Gourdine now resides somewhere in New Jersey where he owns and manages numerous properties, and changes residences often. He is married with four sons.

**Chili Pimping in Atlantic City** Old School Pub

Immerse yourself in the role of one of the most famous and prolific pimps of 20th century America. In this page-turning biography you will get to know an ambitious, ruthless and vicious man - Robert Beck, more commonly known by his street-earned nickname "Iceberg Slim". Being one of the most popular and talked about pimps of the last century, there are many stories surrounding the character of Iceberg Slim, some extraordinary and unbelievable, but this book aims to show the reader the true and factual events from Iceberg Slim's life that shaped him into the notorious pimp he would become, and his life after his pimping career. Follow the life

path of a unique character of America's last century. Many biographies about Robert Beck focus mainly on his political views, and sometimes objectionable behavior, but many overlook the dark publishing world he found himself long after he had been done with his pimping career, something which this biography aims to correct. Meet the characters of the most iconic pimp of the 20th century and discover the many little known facts about Robert Beck in this biography by Robert Lewis.

**Pimp** Simon and Schuster  
In the tradition of Donald Goines and Iceberg Slim comes A Pimp's Life, the story of the rise and fall of Mack Jones. He's at the

top of his pimp game in Queens, New York, until he breaks one of the cardinal rules of Pimping 101 and falls in love with one of his girls. Destiny was once an innocent young girl tricked into selling her body, but now she's as tough as the most seasoned professionals on the street. Then a tragic turn of events causes her to open her heart once again. When Mack is shot, she stays by his side during his recovery, proving herself to be as devoted as any wife would be to her husband. After she sees that Mack has regained his strength, Destiny finally gathers the courage to leave the life behind her, and Mack is forced to make a decision. He won't stop her from leaving, but he must decide if

he will follow her out of the game. Will he stay with what he's always known, or take a chance on love? And even if he does choose to get out, will the streets let him go that easy?

### **The Story of My Life**

R. R. Bowker

Straight from the source: Iceberg Slim gives unprecedented insight into his incredible life and mind in this second collection of rare, explicit, interviews. Iceberg Slim is infamous as a pimp. But he was many things: Victim of childhood abuse, racism and the Great Depression; drug addict; hustler; prison escapee; multi-million book selling author; one of the first rap record artists; orator; pre-eminent writer;

father; husband; advocate of socially constructive life. The interviews (big topics from applying the game in square relationships, to the con game, sex, drugs, education, writing, racial issues, fatherhood, politics, crime and punishment) are complimented by: Camille Beck's tragic story, told by her sister Misty; FBI records, mug shots, historical records; the true story of Baby Bell and Sweet Jones; and the true story of Henry and Iceberg's mother. Revealing insights with those who knew Iceberg Slim are included: Mike Tyson; Camille and Misty Beck; Diane Beck; Betty Beck's story from the day she met Iceberg; Bentley Morriss (CEO, Holloway

House Publishing). Plus Ice-T, Bishop Don Magic Juan and others provide relevant commentary on Iceberg's life, work and great legacy.

### **A Biography of America's Most Notorious Pimp**

AuthorHouse  
Whoreson Jones is the son of a beautiful black prostitute and an unknown white john. As a child, he's looked after by his neighbourhood's imposing matriarch, Big Mama, while his mother works the streets. At the age of 12, his street education begins when a man named Fast Black schools him in trickology. By 13, Whoreson is a cardsharp. At the age of 16 his childhood comes to an abrupt end when he becomes

a fully-fledged pimp: cold-blooded and ruthless. As he battles to understand his world, he must learn to live up to his mother's words, 'First be a man, then be a pimp'.

### **A Pimp's Life** Urban Books

Dennis Hof, proprietor of the world-famous Moonlite BunnyRanch brothel and the P.T. Barnum of prostitution, charts his path to fame and infamy, while dispensing homespun wisdom about sex, sales, money, and how to live as the country's most recognizable pimp. In *The Art of the Pimp*, Dennis Hof offers a hilarious, insightful, behind-the-scenes look at life as the proprietor of *The Moonlight BunnyRanch*, the world's most famous legal brothel, and recounts his chaotic

life as the king of America's sex industry. Hof, the star of HBO's critically lauded series *Cathouse*, reveals the tricks of turning tricks, the secrets of his outrageous marketing stunts, and scandalous details of his friendships with porn stars, prostitutes, and politicians. Readers will learn how Hof's "girls" negotiate the highest prices for sex, the dirty little secrets of getting men to fall in love with them, and the inside tales of "The Girlfriend Experience," the #1 requested menu item. *The Art of the Pimp* will take readers on a wild ride through his countless sexual conquests, romantic failures, and business successes.

### **A Pimp's Notes**

Kensington Books

*The Savage Detectives*

elicits mixed feelings. An instant classic in the Spanish-speaking world upon its 1998 publication, a critical and commercial smash on its 2007 translation into English, Roberto Bolaño's novel has also been called an exercise in 1970s nostalgia, an escapist fantasy of a romanticized Latin America, and a publicity event propped up by the myth of the bad-boy artist. David Kurnick argues that the controversies surrounding Bolaño's life and work have obscured his achievements—and that *The Savage Detectives* is still underappreciated for the subtlety and vitality of its portrait of collective life. Kurnick explores *The Savage Detectives* as an epic

of social structure and its decomposition, a novel that restlessly moves between the big configurations—of states, continents, and generations—and the everyday stuff—parties, jobs, moods, sex, conversation—of which they're made. For Kurnick, Bolaño's book is a necromantic invocation of life in history, one that demands surrender as much as analysis. Kurnick alternates literary-critical arguments with explorations of the novel's microclimates and neighborhoods—the little atmospheric zones where some of Bolaño's most interesting rethinking of sexuality, politics, and literature takes place. He also claims

that *The Savage Detectives* holds particular interest for U.S. readers: not because it panders to them but because it heralds the exhilarating prospect of a world in which American culture has lost its presumptive centrality.

The Art of the Pimp  
Apex Publications  
Hollywood Godfather is Gianni Russo's over-the-top memoir of a real-life mobster-turned-actor who helped make *The Godfather* a reality, and his story of life on the edge between danger and glamour. Gianni Russo was a handsome 25-year-old mobster with no acting experience when he walked onto the set of *The Godfather* and entered Hollywood history. He played

Carlo Rizzi, the husband of Connie Corleone, who set her brother Sonny—played by James Caan—up for a hit. Russo didn't have to act—he knew the mob inside and out: from his childhood in Little Italy, where Mafia legend Frank Costello took him under his wing, to acting as a messenger for New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello during the Kennedy assassination, to having to go on the lam after shooting and killing a member of the Colombian drug cartel in his Vegas club. Along the way, Russo befriended Frank

Sinatra, who became his son's godfather, and Marlon Brando, who mentored his career as an actor after trying to get Francis Ford Coppola to fire him from *The Godfather*. Russo had passionate affairs with Marilyn Monroe, Liza Minelli, and scores of other celebrities. He went on to become a producer and starred in *The Godfather: Parts I and II*, *Seabiscuit*, *Any Given Sunday* and *Rush Hour 2*, among many other films. *Hollywood Godfather* is a no-holds-barred account of a life filled with violence, glamour, sex—and fun.

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