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An Incarcerated Boxer Goes Undercover for John McCain's Boxing Bill by JOE BIEL

"A fascinating story of Joey Torrey, a former boxer heading to the Olympics who cut a deal with the FBI in order to supposedly shorten his 25 to life in prison sentence. The story of murder, redemption, deceit, and many years behind bars, sees the light of day. I was hooked." —Profane Existence

"Has the makings of a best selling book."  
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"Joey Torrey, a convicted murderer who was temporarily released from prison in 2002, agreed to [clean up fixed fights.] At the age of 42, he resumed his boxing career . . . By cooperating, he hoped to avoid being returned to jail."  
—London Telegraph

"I think the man has proven himself to be a shining example of the future...and has used his dead time in some of the most constructive ways." —Edward James Olmos, Battlestar Galactica

"He has most definitely been there for a period of time where justice has been done." —Darryl Strawberry, former Major League Baseball outfielder

"[Senators Richard Bryan and John McCain] tried to do the right thing ... unfortunately, I think they faced on the federal level what I met on the state level. There are too many people involved who would, basically, have to tell on themselves or admit that they're doing wrong." —Reneau Wynn, Oklahoma Labor Commissioner

"A lot of prominent people believed Joey, but nobody bothered to check the facts. That includes Joey himself, because I believe he has convinced

himself of his story. He used that story to talk himself into two years of freedom." —Pamela Frohreich, Los Angeles District Attorney

In this introspective exploration of former boxer Joey Torrey's life, his past, his murder conviction, and his more than 30-year incarceration in a California state prison are each fine-tooth combed. Nearly five years after his original memoir, this new edition is re-written as a biography and delves deeper into circumstances surrounding Torrey's alleged murder of his boxing coach, the lengthy prison sentence handed down, his undercover collaboration with the FBI on "Operation Matchbook" in support of John McCain's proposed Professional Boxing Amendments Act, and the inner workings of the prison system in general.

From his days as a Compton gang leader and an Olympic boxing hopeful to being tried as an adult rather than a 17-year-old minor, this compelling narrative reflects on his life as a parable, as well as examining the strategies used in his conviction. And after more than three decades as a model prisoner—and saving the life of a prison guard—Torrey has prolifically written hundreds of letters to Joe Biel, who finds himself in the unlikely situation to share this story.

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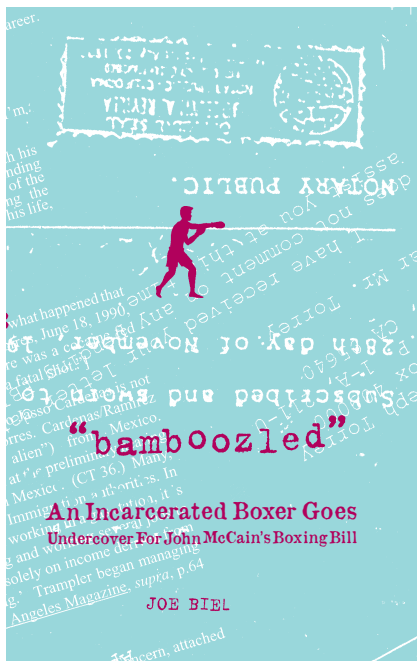
#### Benefits

- 1: A powerful story about John McCain's efforts to clean up fixed fights in boxing.
- 2: A better understanding of the back room scenes of boxing, prison, the judicial system, and the entertainment industry.
- 3: An entertaining and educational tale about morality, justice, and recidivism.



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