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Get Lucky: A Rogue's Tale is the true story of a rogue, sometimes lovable but often otherwise. Paul's mum blamed his reverse Road to Damascus on a meeting between a bubble car and an oak tree. The blue-eyed boy became a rebellious teen, up for mischief and mayhem in the long hot Spanish summers of his misspent youth. It was women, booze and brawls, until one day he hit the big time and nicked a Rubens painting from a Dutch museum. This catapulted him into the louche demi-monde of Sixties Geneva: crooked billionaires, arms dealers, the world of the legendary art forger Elmyr de Hory and his partner in crime, Fernand Legros, a milieu portrayed in Orson Welles' F For Fake. Paul was captured by the French police, but escaped, only to be taken again. This time he was thrown into the notorious Marseilles gaol, Baumettes. He was then imprisoned in Holland, escaping just before the Sixties' end. In 1999, the rogue met his perfect match. He was gaoled for alleged witness intimidation, then freed when the cop pursuing him became the witness' lover. But while he was inside, his bank account was cleaned out by his lawyer and an erstwhile business advisor. It was revenge and retribution as his adversaries lined up: a bunny boiler, a consigliere to the Maltese Mafia, and Alan Bond's fixer. This path would take him from near madness to untold wealth - if he could get lucky and secure the rights to a rogue state's mineral deposits...Life happens to Paul Eagles, especially when he's not looking. Get Lucky: A Rogue's Tale is not a conventional autobiography; it's the tale of someone who hasn't always done the best by his fellow travellers, yet somehow comes up smelling of roses. From brawler to international art thief to successful entrepreneur would satisfy most people, but fate had other plans for Paul Eagles, as Get Lucky becomes a story of betrayal and retribution, often reading more like a novel than a memoir. But it is all true, with even the darkest moments leavened by humour in a book with a cast of real-life characters, many of whom once filled newspaper column inches. It's a quirky and idiosyncratic tale, as much an entertainment as it is the story of one lucky man's unconventional life.



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