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The Ranks of Jody Brae

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The Ranks of Jody Brae

By Jonathan Michael Cullen

Boston 1964: Fires rage throughout Roxbury, a vast urban slum, destroying buildings and leaving families homeless. The local press, politicians and civic leaders have all ignored the rash of fires, probably because the Arson squad has determined every incident to be accidental. But as the fires become a nightly affair, police reports and building records go missing and fear becomes a regular companion for the residents of Roxbury.

What begins as a routine investigation turns into a nightmare for Jody Brae, a Boston cop who grew up in an orphanage in the neighborhood. As Roxbury burns, he walks the back alleyways of the city alone, determined to uncover the secret of the fires. Abandoned by his own police department and questioned by the women he loves, Brae's search leads him to an aging underworld figure who knows as much about the fires as he does about Brae's troubled past.

With no one left to trust, Brae makes a pact he may not live to regret. Jonathan Michael Cullen creatively navigates the reader through the dark Boston streets for each missing piece of the mystery. The brutality of the underworld mixed with a flicker of romance will propel both men and women to sit on the edge of their seats. *The Ranks of Jody Brae* is as blissfully puzzling as it is engaging; a perfect mix for a suspenseful narrative.

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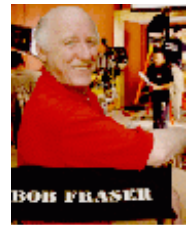
Jonathan Cullen grew up in Boston and attended public schools. After a brief career as a bicycle messenger, he attended Boston College and graduated with a B.A. in English literature (1995).

During his twenties, he wrote two unpublished novels, taught high-school in Ireland, lived in Mexico, worked as a prison librarian and spent a month in Kenya, Africa before finally settling down three blocks from where he grew up. He currently lives in Boston (West Roxbury) with his wife Heidi and a three year old daughter Maeve. *The Ranks of Jody Brae* is his first novel

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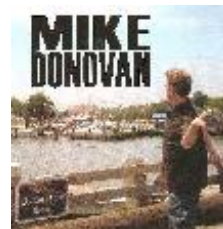


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The Ranks of Jody Brae



Three Friends Chasing Tail...



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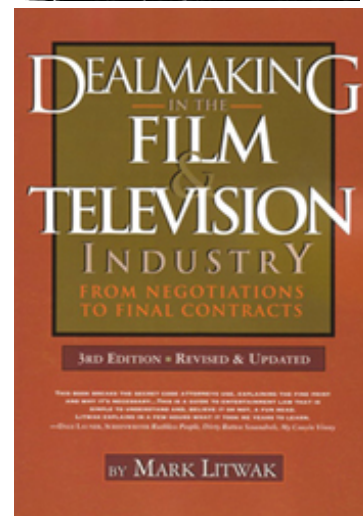


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