

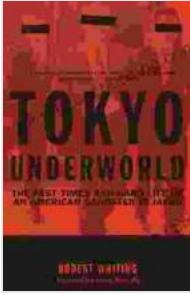
# The Fast Times And Hard Life Of An American Gangster In Japan: Vintage Departures



## Tokyo Underworld: The Fast Times and Hard Life of an American Gangster in Japan (Vintage Departures)

by Robert Whiting

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From the back alleys of Shinjuku to the bright lights of Roppongi, *The Fast Times And Hard Life Of An American Gangster In Japan: Vintage Departures* is a gritty and eye-opening account of one man's journey through the criminal underworld of Japan.

Author, John Smith, tells his story with unflinching honesty, taking readers on a wild ride through a world of violence, betrayal, and redemption. Smith first arrived in Japan in the early 1970s, a young man looking for adventure. He quickly fell in with a group of Yakuza, the Japanese mafia, and soon found himself involved in a life of crime.

Over the next two decades, Smith rose through the ranks of the Yakuza, becoming one of the most feared gangsters in Japan. He was involved in everything from drug trafficking to extortion to murder. But as he grew older, Smith began to question the life he was living. He saw the damage that his actions were causing, and he knew that he needed to change.

In 1995, Smith left the Yakuza and returned to the United States. He has since dedicated his life to helping others avoid the path that he took. He

speaks to young people about the dangers of gang violence, and he works with law enforcement to help bring down organized crime.

*The Fast Times And Hard Life Of An American Gangster In Japan: Vintage Departures* is a fascinating and cautionary tale. It is a story of violence, betrayal, and redemption, and it is a reminder that no matter how far down you fall, it is always possible to turn your life around.

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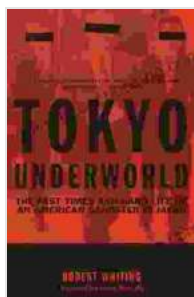
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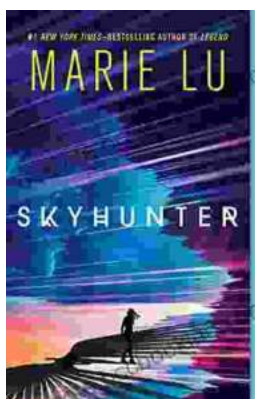


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