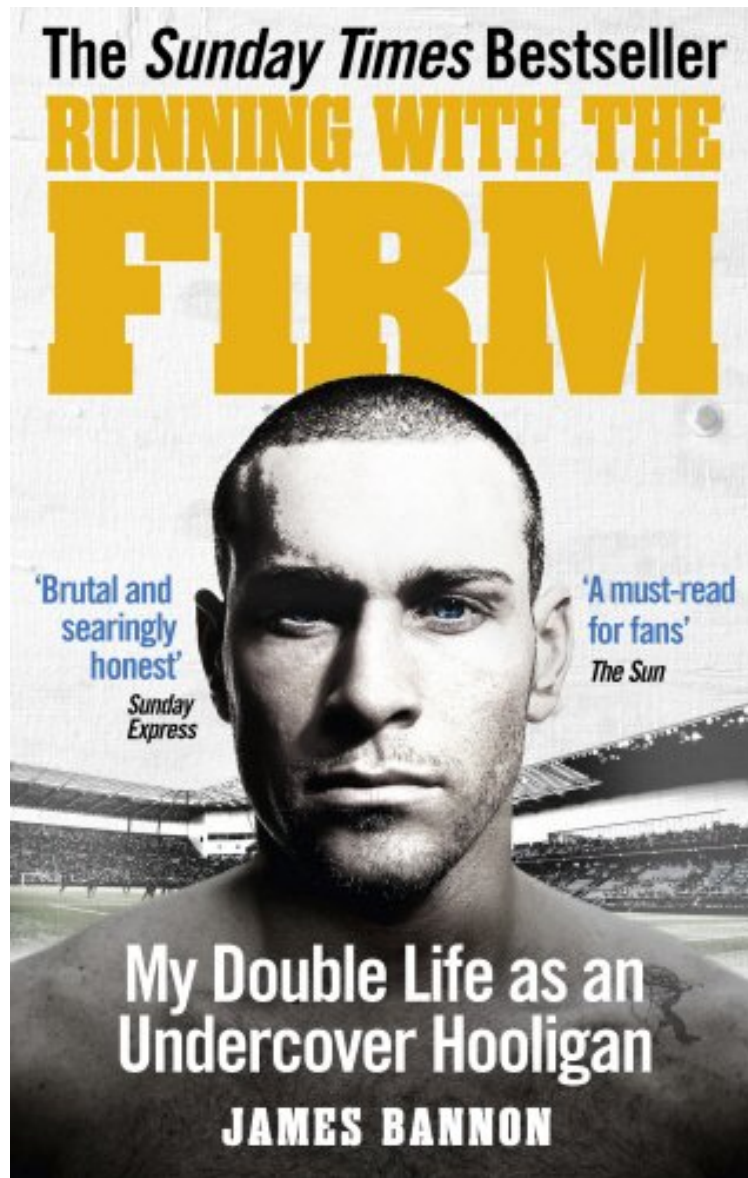


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came out I ordered it quick. I don't know why I dislike it so much. It's well written. I guess I'm just tired of getting lectures in these books about the soul searching about how what they do is so bad. Blah blah blah. It really gets annoying in this book. All this guy does is whine. About half way through I couldn't take it anymore. I forgot if I finished it (we all know the story so it's not like I had to get to the end ) Not one of the better hooligan books but considering 80 per cent are just garbage this is upper 20 percent. If that mean anything 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Undercover By FMG It was a very interesting book to read. The author is very candid about his feelings and emotions. Nevertheless, I think his positive attitude to hooligans is a little disturbing. Nevertheless, the author tries to be fair and acknowledge that bad decisions (actions) of the local police are often the start of the fights. The end of the book is very abrupt and confusing (the reason for the 4 and not five stars). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Decently interesting book By A Customer An enjoyable if slightly tame read. Some of the prose got a little grating at times and, unfortunately, you're left without much resolution at the end but some fascinating stories and characters all the same.

"Of course I'm a f\*\*king hooligan, you pr\*\*k. I am a hooligan...there I've said it...I'm a hooligan. And, do you know why? Because that's my f\*\*king job." In 1995, a film called I.D., about an ambitious young copper who was sent undercover to track down the "generals" of a football hooligan gang, achieved cult status for its sheer brutality and unsettling insight into the dark and often bloody side of the so-called beautiful game. The film was so shocking it was hard to believe the mindless events that took place could ever happen in the real world. Well, believe it now... Almost twenty years on, the man behind the film has explosively revealed that the script was largely a true story. That man, James Bannon, was the ambitious young copper. The football club was Millwall F.C., and the gang that he infiltrated was The Bushwackers, among the most brutal and fearless in English football. In *Running with the Firm*, Bannon shares his intense and dangerous journey into the underworld of football hooliganism where sickening levels of violence prevail over anything else. He introduces you to the hardest thugs from footballs most notorious gangs, tells all about the secret and almost comical police operations that were meant to bring them down, and, how once you're on the inside, getting out from the mob proves to be the biggest mission of all. A disturbing but compelling read, this is the book that proves fact really is stranger than fiction.

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