

## Graham Johnson

### Writer

Graham Johnson is a best-selling author and investigative journalist who has contributed to a variety of publications including News of the World, Sunday Mirror, The Observer, Vice magazine, The Guardian and Liverpool Echo. He has made documentaries for Sky, Panorama and Germany's ARD, as well as frequently appearing on Sky and BBC as a crime pundit and reporter.



## Publications

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### Non-Fiction

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Publication Details	Notes
<b>CARTEL: INSIDE BRITAIN'S GLOBAL DRUGS GAME</b> 2012 UK: Mainstream	CARTEL describes a global workforce that generates billions in sales. But unlike Tesco or BP, few have heard of it. The Cartel is Britain's biggest drugs organisation. It is a shadowy network stretching from the freezing, foggy banks of the Mersey to the glittering marinas of Marbella, from the coffee shops of Amsterdam to the trading floors of Canary Wharf. It is run by godfathers as rich as Branson who are kept in line by a new generation of teenage killers. Here is the inside story.

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<b>HACK: SEX, DRUGS AND SCANDAL FROM INSIDE THE TABLOID JUNGLE</b> 2012 UK: Simon & Schuster	<p>Graham Johnson was a fresh-faced journalist with an ambition to break the big news stories and make his name as a star reporter when an offer came in to work at a leading tabloid. He couldn't say no. Instantly he found himself drawn into a world of sleaze, spin and corruption, where bending the law was justifiable in the hunt for the big story and bending the truth was the norm. Against his better judgement Graham found his niche in this new world and, what's more, he found that he was good at it. In his time first at the News of the World then the Sunday Mirror, he made a name for himself as a man who could deliver the story, no matter what - a kind of tabloid terrorist who rifled through celebrities' rubbish bins, staked out politicians' hotel rooms, and paid-up Page Three girls to seduce Premiership footballers, all in the name of selling newspapers.</p> <p>HACK is a compelling and intoxicating story of one man's time in the tabloid jungle - a world that in its heady mix of sex, drugs and casual immorality is reminiscent of the City - and how he ultimately saved himself.</p>
<b>DRUGLORD: GUNS, POWDER AND PAY-OFFS</b> 2011 UK: Mainstream	<p>A shocking account of the dealings of infamous drug baron John Haase, including Home Secretary Michael Howard's involvement in his case</p>
<b>FOOTBALL AND GANGSTERS</b> 2007 UK: Mainstream	<p>Who controls football in Britain today? The FA? The clubs? The fans? The shocking reality is that organised crime is moving in more aggressively than a Wayne Rooney tackle and there's little the authorities can do about it. Football and Gangsters is a revealing investigation into how organised crime has begun to take hold behind the scenes of professional football. Michael Owen, Rio Ferdinand and Robbie Fowler are just some of the sport's big names to have fallen foul of the game's godfathers and paid the price. Their alarming stories are told here.</p> <p>Criminal organisations have manoeuvred themselves into a position of power in football. Drug dealers launder money by buying clubs; hooligan gangs have muscled their way into the boardroom; and the influence of Asian betting rings continues to grow. Through a series of dangerous undercover investigations, along with interviews with players, club officials, police and the underworld figures responsible, the sensational evidence is laid bare in this book.</p>
<b>POWDER WARS</b> 2005 UK: Mainstream	<p>POWDER WARS is the true story of the supergrass who brought down Britain's biggest drug dealers. Gangster Paul Grimes was a one-man crimewave with a breathtaking capacity to steal. Any villains who got in his way were made to pay - often with their blood. But when his son died of a drugs overdose, the old-school mobster swore revenge on the new generation of Liverpool-based heroin and cocaine dealers. Against all odds, he turned undercover informant.</p>