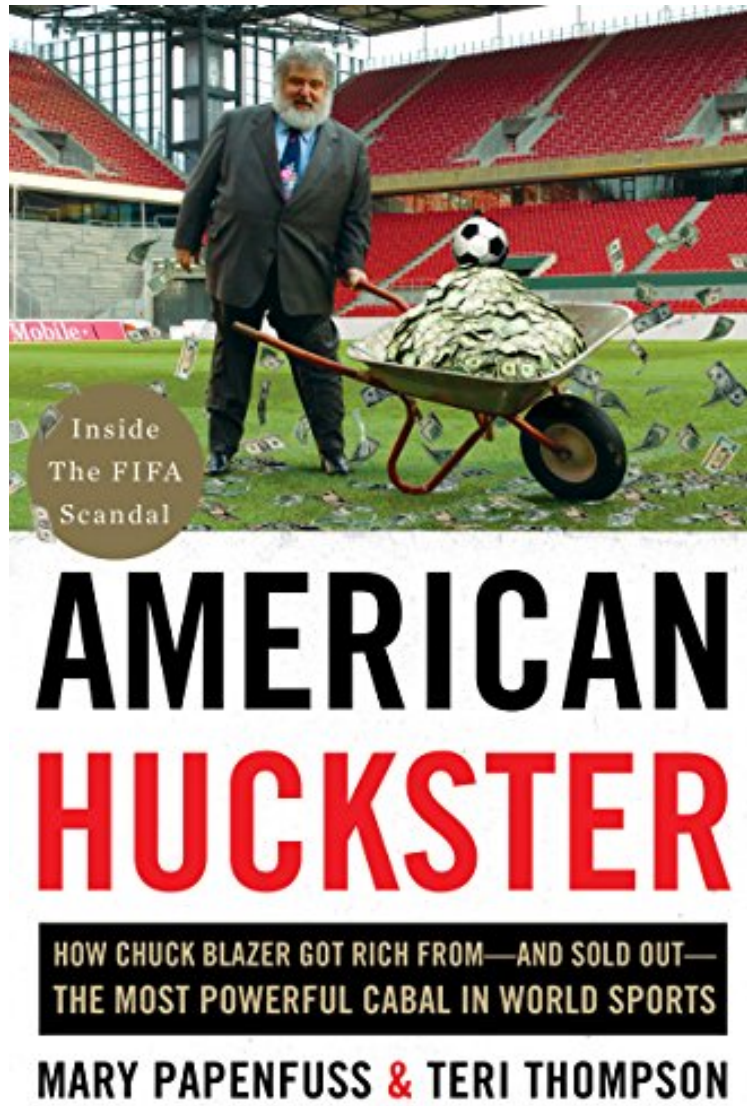


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like a thriller novel. You can't make this stuff up. The authors are world class sports investigative writers. Teri Thompson, fmr Exec Sports Editor of the NY Daily News, has spent her lifetime exposing corrupt multi-billion dollar sports business both in news print and her last 2 books (American Icon: The Fall of Roger Clemens and the Rise of Steroids in America's Pastime; The Card, how sports memorabilia business is corrupt). The authors exposed deep levels of corruption through some incredible investigative work and significant inside sources. If you're a Football (Soccer for the US) fan, and you care about the integrity of the 'Beautiful Game' this book will make your blood boil that the game can be bought and sold like some illicit commodity. Perfect example of that is how Qatar 'won' the 2022 World Cup. Qatar, a small Gulf country that get's over 120 degrees in the Summer with barely any infrastructure or professional soccer history, and that has allegedly enslaved thousands of migrant workers to build their stadiums, beat out defeating bids by the United States, Australia, Japan and South Korea. It's been practically accepted fact that tens of millions in bribes were paid to FIFA executive committee...Total corruption. Definitely a great book for any Soccer or sports fan.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Who will play Chuck Blazer in the movie?By Lewis MaharamFrom the moment I received this book, I could not put this book down! Teri and Mary have a great writing style bringing this incredible story to life. I can't wait for the movie! An Academy Award winning role but we know it's all true! Congratulations to the writers, publishers for bringing us the facts in a very entertaining style! Everyone needs to read this book!!!!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Greedy, greedy, greedyBy CMP1The levels of greed exhibited by everyone connected with FIFA were sickening: no accountability whatsoever. My feelings about Chuck Blazer are mixed. He was an avaricious abuser (of people and of funds), but he had a hint of conscience to realize that what he and his cronies were doing was wrong and he helped the Justice Department.

The first inside account of the international soccer scandal that rocked the world and the American at its center;the incredible story of how a stay-at-home New York soccer dad illegally made millions off the world's most powerful and corrupt sports organization and became an unlikely FBI whistleblower.He was the middle-class Jewish kid from Queens who rose from local youth soccer leagues to the heights of FIFA, becoming a larger-than-life, jet-setting buccaneer;and the most notorious FBI informant in sports history. For years, Chuck Blazer skimmed over \$20 million from FIFA, stashing his money in offshore accounts and real estate holdings that included a luxury apartment in Trump Tower, a South Beach condo, and a hideaway in the Bahamas. Instantly recognizable with his unruly mass of salt-and-pepper hair and matching beard;and a rotating crop of arm candy;Blazer was one of the most flamboyant figures in the glitzy social and political circles of international soccer. Over the course of thirty years, Blazer leveraged his friendships with the likes of Vladimir Putin, Hillary Clinton and Nelson Mandela, to increase his influence with the mandarins of global soccer;most notably Sepp Blatter, FIFA's long-time godfather.Once Blatter tapped Blazer to be the first American in almost fifty years to sit on FIFA's executive committee, the erstwhile accountant steadily accumulated money and power;until 2013 when the FBI and IRS nabbed Blazer and charged him with fraud, money laundering, and tax evasion. In exchange for immunity, Blazer agreed to let the Feds install a microphone in his keychain to entrap his larcenous band of brothers;leading to the shocking arrest and indictment of eighteen FIFA officials for racketeering and bribery.In this taut and suspenseful tale of white-collar crime and betrayal at the highest levels of international business, investigative reporters Mary Papenfuss and Teri Thompson draw on sources in U.S. law enforcement as well as in Blazer's inner circle to tell the surreal tale of this astonishing character and the scandal that rocked the world.

ldquo;Mary Papenfuss and Teri Thompson have done a fabulous job of unraveling the biggest corruption story in world sport. They've dug deep into documents they shouldn't have seen, talked with people who can't be named. American Huckster is a brilliant, gripping piece of work. (Andrew Jennings, author of The Dirty Game: Uncovering the Scandal at FIFA)ldquo;Chuck Blazer is a character straight out of Damon Runyon. He may have been able to extort millions from the Lords of Soccer, but in American Huckster Teri Thompson and Mary Papenfuss deliver the definitive take-down of a world-class fraud. (Mike Lupica)From the Back CoverWhere is home when you were born in the stars?nbsp; Aza Ray is back on earth. Her boyfriend, Jason, is overjoyed. Her family is healed. Shersquo;s living a normal life, or as normal as it can be if? yoursquo;ve spent the past year dying, waking up on a skyship, and discovering that your song can change the world.nbsp; As in, not normal. Part of Aza still yearns for the clouds, no matter how much she loves the people on the ground. When Jason's paranoia over Azasquo;s safety causes him to make a terrible mistake, Aza finds herself a fugitive in Magonia, tasked with opposing her radical, bloodthirsty, recently escaped mother, Zal Quel, and her singing partner, Dai. She must travel to the edge of the world in search of a legendary weapon, the Flock, in a journey through fire and identity that will transform her forever.nbsp; In this stunning sequel to the critically acclaimed Magonia, one girl must make an impossible choice between two families, two homes;and two versions of herself.About the AuthorMary Papenfuss has worked as an editor at the New York Post, the New York Daily News, Associated Press in San Francisco and Salon.com, and has written for People magazine in Paris, Ozy, the International Business Times, and Reuters. Shersquo;s the author of Climb Against

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