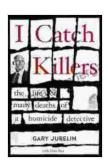
# The Life and Many Deaths of Homicide Detective

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Serpico's story is a fascinating and inspiring tale of one man's courage and determination to stand up for what he believed in. It is a story that is still relevant today, in an era when police corruption is still a major problem.

### The Early Days

Frank Serpico was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1936. His father was a police officer, and his mother was a homemaker. Serpico had a difficult childhood. His parents divorced when he was young, and he was often left alone to fend for himself.

Despite his troubled upbringing, Serpico was a bright and ambitious young man. He attended college and then joined the NYPD in 1959. He quickly rose through the ranks, and by the early 1970s, he was a homicide detective.

#### Witness to Violence

As a homicide detective, Serpico saw some of the most horrific crimes imaginable. He investigated murders, rapes, and assaults. He saw the victims of violence firsthand, and he was often haunted by what he saw.

In addition to the violence, Serpico also witnessed the corruption that was rampant within the NYPD. He saw police officers taking bribes, planting evidence, and beating suspects. He knew that this corruption was wrong, but he was afraid to speak out.

#### The Whistleblower

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jury about the corruption he had witnessed. His testimony led to a major

investigation and the indictment of dozens of police officers.

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The Aftermath

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Legacy

Frank Serpico is considered one of the most important whistleblowers in

American history. His testimony helped to expose the corruption within the

NYPD and led to major reforms. He is a hero to many people, and his story

continues to inspire people today.

In 1976, Serpico was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the

nation's highest civilian honor. He continues to speak out against corruption

and injustice, and he is a role model for people all over the world.

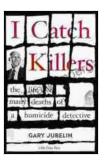
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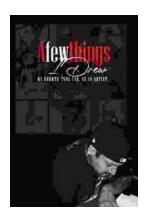
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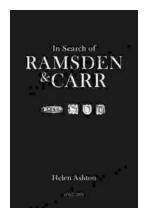
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