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Lenny McLean was one of the deadliest bare-knuckle fighters Britain has ever seen. He had dear, powerful friends, but he also had terrible enemies. So much so that he has two bullet wounds in his back, and has been stabbed repeatedly—always from behind. Lenny, however, is also a warm, grizzly bear of a man, whose main weakness is an overwhelming desire to put the welfare of his mates ahead of his own well-being. In this autobiography he tells of how the mafia flew him to New York to take on their greatest bare-knuckle boxer in a multi-million pound illicit challenge bout. The Mafia's man lasted less than three minutes. When the IRA fronted up a London gang in a money-laundering scam, Lenny was brought in to intimidate the terrorists. The IRA, not surprisingly, backed off. Lenny's most serious trial came when he was accused of murder. Fighting to prove his innocence against a minimum sentence of 25 years, Lenny never gave up, and went on to be found not guilty. After deciding to retire from the violent life, Len turned his hand to acting, having parts in *The Fifth Element* and *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*.

## **The Guv'nor Details**

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## **Carlee Loveday says**

Very good book! Highly recommended

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## **Jules Anderson says**

### **Amazing life story**

Loved this book I would recommend it to anyone who thought Len was a heartless animal who loved violence, instead you get to know a family man who would gladly put himself out to help friends and family despite his tough upbringing a caring man always the Governor.

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## **Andrew Culyer says**

I read this and his opponent's book one after the other...

Roy 'Pretty Boy' Shaw vs Lenny McLean - I've read both and they seem to be in disagreement about what happened between them... anyway, I guess that will happen.

Overall, a great insight into a world I have never and never will know...

..it is truly is amazing what some people get up to.

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## **Deyth Banger says**

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I am talking about the mad piece of shit."

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"but still is this part from the work?"

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Lenny McLean"

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## **Katie says**

I've read a lot of 'Hardmen' autobiographies, but none seem as interesting, intelligent and kind natured as the dearly departed McLean.

This book had me right to it's sad ending and beyond, it's great that such a downtrodded individual could make a stand and a name for himself, both on the cobbles and in peoples hearts. The man is a legend and will no doubt live on in history. A fantastic book by a fantastic man. The Guv'nor is dead, long live the Guv'nor!

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## **Garion Bracken says**

If you've seen the movie Lock Stock and Two smoking barrels by Guy Richie you'll have seen the character Barry the Baptist. A big formidable character who was an enforcer for Hatchet Harry. A huge intimidating character who oozed menace with his voice, appearance and reputation. Well that character was played by Lenny McLean who was no less menacing in real life. Though according to his autobiography 'The Guvnor' he never killed anyone. He was a boxer, a 'minder' and an actor at times. He was also a self professed villain before deciding to go straight. The man built him self up from the ashes of society and became someone who millions of people know today and made big impacts on peoples lives in personal ways along the way. His book is a fascinating screen into a world most of it's readers will no little about outside of the movies.

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## **MR RP MCKEAN says**

### **Great read**

A great insight into the life of the Guvnor. I enjoyed it immensely. The man was a legend, feared and respected.

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## **Michael says**

Decent autobiography for a man I only knew of from Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. It basically Lenny McLean sitting down at his kitchen table, telling you his life story. From as far back as he can remember, and I believe up until his death. From his abusive step father, his run in's with the law, his

fighting career, AND his time locked up while awaiting trial for murder. NOW as an American its a bit hard to understand the British slang. BUT if you enjoy a read about a man who lived a hard life, BUT stuck by his principals... Worth it.

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### **D.A. Cairns says**

A remarkable book. The phrase same planet, different world comes to mind. A thief and a thug who is a family guy with a strong moral code. he said he never assaulted any "straight" people, just underworld types: those who in his words "had it coming". I was a little shocked by the casual violence in this book and by The Guv'nor's attitude to it. Lenny McClean used a writer to help with this book, but it reads very authentically as the voice of The Guv'nor. It's full of slang, the understanding of which was only partially aided by the glossary at the front of the book. The style is very casual and conversational. It took me a while to get used to it, but I think it was very effective. A very engrossing "auto" biography. I'm still shaking my head about it, so I guess it was a good read. Hence the four star rating.

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### **Mike Green says**

The most phenomenal book I have ever read ! If Lenny's life journey doesn't have you captivated from the first few pages then you're a beige bastard with no sense of excitement. This remains the quickest book I have ever read, and without a doubt the most jaw-dropping. How they never finished making a film about him remains a mystery, but then again who could pull off the great man with such conviction. READ IT !!!!

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### **Digit says**

decent read but falls into the usual cliché that only bad guys got hurt. His story and the violence was very honest and worth reading in between books

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### **Justin says**

Pretty good,

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### **Ghost14 says**

"I look what I am ..a hard bastard" for a tagline and a cover image of an almost Peek a boo stance (I do not think the "stance" makes any difference whatsoever to Lenny McLean) ! The Guvnor cannot go wrong with a Selling point like that.

And then the content of the auto biography . The no-holds-barred narrative makes for a very interesting/ amusing and "street" read. I say street because the narrative in the book is free-flowing but not haphazard. Not really literary but not too crude either(the guv'nor bashing up thugs is not crude, its vigilante-stuff).

Delightful and cheeky but not in a "cheap-bloke" kind of manner.

I have known nothing of Lenny Mc Lean before I bought this book. And then 10 pages through, I wanted to meet him someday. imagine my disappointment when I realized he is no more. May all peace be with him. The image of being a "hard-lined bad-ass" is his, all-hands-down! R E S P E C T

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### **Borys says**

Well, that an interesting experience to consider the crime life from the other side, from the villain's side. And to find there logic, and, well, I'll call that integrity or something akin to it, love, and heaps of fighting spirit. That's another question of judgement: don't be too quick to judge others, chances are you do not understand them and their lives at all.

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### **Ryan says**

It one of the best book I read its so sad and its really funny it was my first book I read and I loved it

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