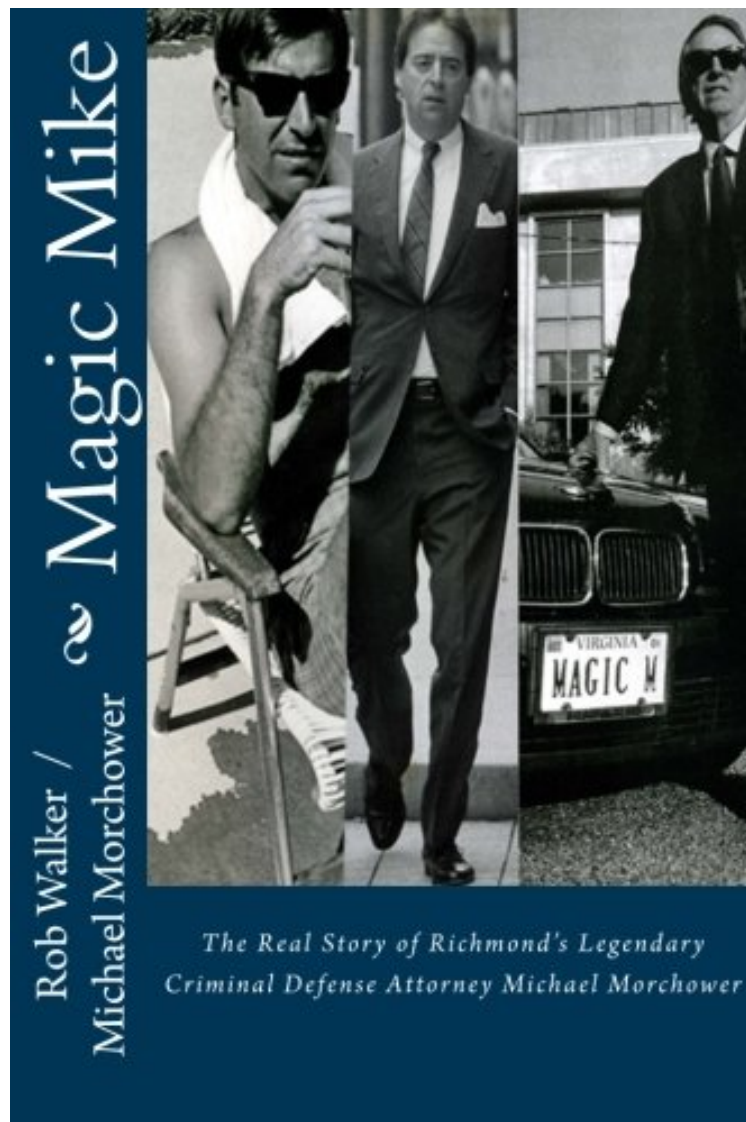


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Rob Walker : Magic Mike: The Real Story of Richmond's Legendary Defense Attorney Michael Morchower before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Magic Mike: The Real Story of Richmond's Legendary Defense Attorney Michael Morchower:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Read this book. Whether you're a lawyer, friend, or just a Richmod

resident. You'll enjoy it. By RONALD AMON First, I want to say what a great job Lorna Wyckoff (Style Weekly) did in editing this book. A perfect job. So many times reviewers complain about spelling and grammar and inaccuracies. But not here. Thanks, Lorna. Smart, ambitious, competitive, and restless--the traits everyone seeks in a lawyer and they were all there. I appreciated the case references and there's a lot of name dropping. Familiar names that played a critical role in the building of a great attorney. While being a former FBI agent was helpful this is not necessary in being a great attorney. I recall being told by the FBI of recruitment problems with newbies testing positive for heroin use. That is until they realized that eating a poppy seed bagel for breakfast caused a positive test. They now have a way to factor that out. And the relentless problems with alcohol use which is not uncommon in police work. And that nice car! The sporty car! I had a girl once tell me on Strawberry St that her brother became a lawyer just so he could drive and own a Mercedes SL. And Mike's reliance on psychiatric testimony helps with good results. I often think that those accused of heinous crimes, very heinous crimes and/or crimes that don't make sense have serious undiagnosed brain pathology, having studied under noted brain pathologist, Walther Riese, MD, at the Medical College of Virginia. But rarely do you read or hear of the courts requiring an exam. Particularly telling is the 2nd paragraph on p43 in which Mike noted the law violated a client's right to privacy in which "Her sexual acts, if any, will be performed with heterosexual consenting adults in the privacy and seclusion of a massage establishment and she in no way will relinquish the private atmosphere surrounding those acts." While Mike won injunctions against the laws they were later rewritten. I recall having Mike's campaign manager, George Bright, MD for Adolescent Medicine at MCV and was in undergraduate class with Boatright, also named in the book. And the offering of \$1 million for a local school system makes more sense than locking up non-violent criminals--at taxpayer expense. This is a no brainer. But there are those, still those, among us who would rather pay for jail than to live better lives themselves. And Mike is right on with the statement, "The value of locking up non violent offenders such as these men is a continuing issue for debate" adding "Prisons are still housing a lot of people at a high price to the taxpayers when many of these folks should be offered community service instead." (p66). And Mike's pro bono was a lot different than what many can expect even to the point of "contingency" seeming to dilute the otherwise effectiveness of attorneys who don't see the green waving immediately upon taking a case. Yes, Mike gave it 100% on pro bono and that helped make a name for himself. AND, Chp 8 Romancing the Brand is something anyone in business should always do but brings to mind a current \$75,000+ lawsuit against Shaquille O'Neal for his Instagram photo that shows Shaq's great sense of humor but was not appreciated by the dude pictured next to him. Yep Shaq is being accused of keeping his "21 million-a-year brand in the news." I first learned of Magic Mike through the Richmond Police Officer who was investigating my case. The young officer never made it to trial as he was killed in the line of duty before trial began. I was brutally attacked in Monroe Park one night and left for dead on the cold pavement while the girl I was with crouched behind a nearby park bench witnessing the entire event. The only thing missing was the popcorn. The boy had an 8th grade education and didn't just smell bad--he stunk. Even the officer admitted this. How he got transported down to the lockup in the police car is anybody's guess. I was approached initially by his uttering the statement to which I testified in court asking "where's Bubba?" The judge even asked him in court "Who's Bubba?" And he said he didn't know. I later, much later, realized he was making an attempt at the English language and was actually asking "Where's the Money?" After the assault, he dropped my wallet off at the nearby Commonwealth Club. In the dumpster. And kept my Seiko watch which I was later returned from Evidence. The boy needed money to get his mama out of jail. She had just killed her boyfriend. After leaving the Commonwealth Club, I was told he headed back to the Park for another victim. To get more money. It took me an entire year of going to court and fighting his court appointed attorney (not Magic Mike) to get him 4 years in jail. And he had no weapon. Only his fists. The officer would not release me on the night of the event and had me admitted to the MCV where a brain pathologist was brought in. I had no short term memory. I kept asking the officer who he was and his telling me did not register. But my conversation with the officer left me with a lasting impression of Magic Mike.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Lawyer One Would Want to Know By Hope Norfleet I loved reading this book and am so thankful "Magic Mike" gave us (the public) an insider's look at his life and times. Couldn't put his autobiography down and ended up reading it all within 24 hours. He had an amazing life; I only wish his life could be never ending because there are not many people like him in this world. I count myself one of the lucky ones who knew him for a few short days in his very busy life. - Jill Cullum a/k/a J. Hope Norfleet

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A man of his time place. By Monty If ever a man couldn't be separated from his time place it is Magic. Progress was needed in the legal system and it needed him to shake it up. Beyond the individuals he helped, we all benefited. Who will continue this fight now that he has retired? The war on drugs still wastes lives and money. Those that want to abuse their power still need to be held in check.

I came to the University of Richmond in 1958 to play basketball. Unfortunately, I wrote an article in the student newspaper criticizing my coach for incompetence and, as a result, I sat on the bench for the rest of my basketball career. After three years of law school, I became an FBI agent, then a Federal prosecutor, then a Magistrate Judge. Finally, I became a defense attorney and found my niche and success. I was fortunate to be lead defense attorney in some of the most celebrated criminal cases in Richmond and throughout Virginia. Enjoy the read, it's better than

fiction because it's real! Magic Mike

About the Author Michael Morchower retired at the end of 2012 after a 40 year career. Where once his life was consumed by the law, it is now dominated by his dogs, Tiger and Google, wife, Kathy, and cats, Joey, Ozzie and Taj. They all reside in Irvington, Virginia.