

news junkie

by Jason Leopold

In **NEWS JUNKIE**, the cutthroat worlds of journalism, politics, and high finance are laid bare by Jason Leopold, whose addictive tendencies led him from a life of drug abuse and petty crime to become an award-winning investigative journalist who exposed some of the biggest corporate and political scandals in recent American history.

Leopold broke key stories about the California energy crisis and Enron Corporation's infamous phony trading floor as a reporter for the Dow Jones Newswires. While he exposed high-rolling hucksters and double-dealing politicians, Leopold hid the secrets of his own felonious past, terrified that he would be discovered.

As Leopold closed in on his biggest story to date—one that would implicate a Bush administration member—he found himself surrounded by angry colleagues and pilloried by the press secretary of the president of the United States in an attempt to end his journalism career.

In the end, **NEWS JUNKIE** shows how a man once fueled by fear and self-hatred transforms his life, regenerated by love, sobriety and a new, harmonious career with a burgeoning independent press.

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— **T.D. Allman**, journalist and author of *Rogue State*, *Unmanifest Destiny* and *Finding Florida*

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