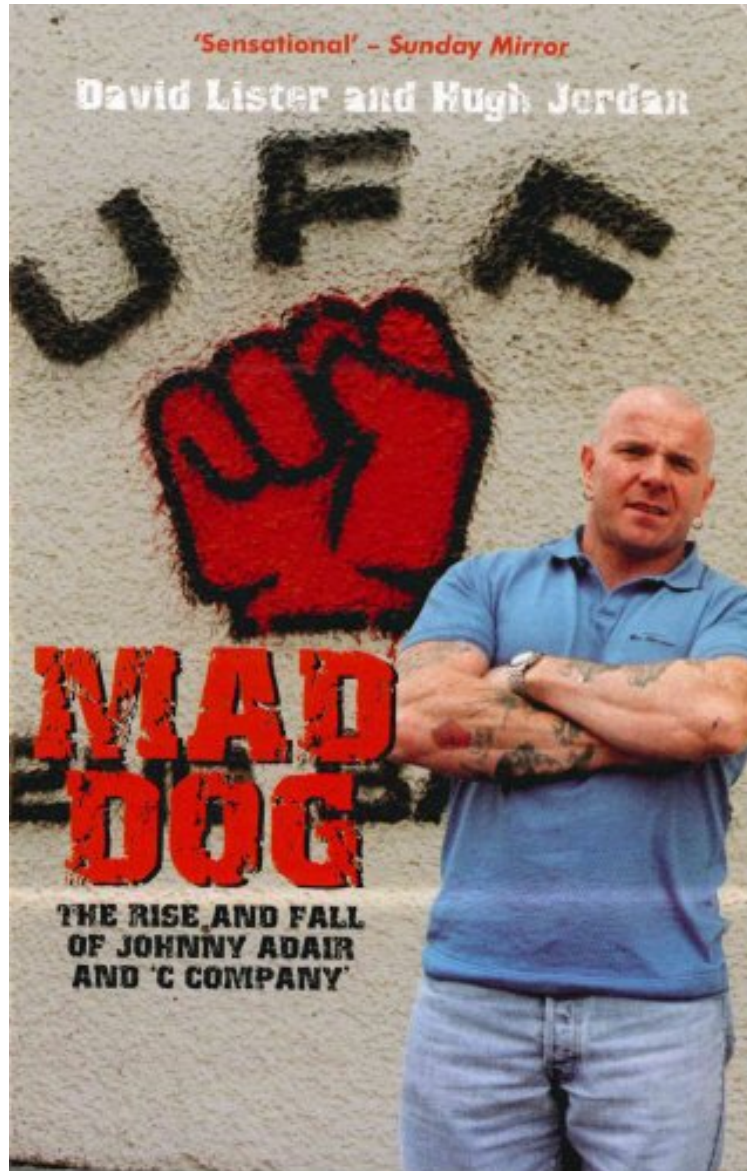


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David Lister, Hugh Jordan : Mad Dog: The Rise and Fall of Johnny Adair and 'C Company' before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mad Dog: The Rise and Fall of Johnny Adair and 'C Company':

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Clear Picture of a Terrorist/GangsterBy Geoff PursellThis book provides one of the clearest pictures of the man who is Johnny Adair. While other books chart the exploits of the

terrorist cum gangster, none delve into the inner workings of Adair's mind like this book. An engrossing read into the world of militant Loyalism and the so called 'Godfather' who stage managed all manner of horrendous atrocities. One suspects (and to which the author alludes) that were it not for the time and place he was born/lived in, Adair probably wouldn't have amounted to much. As it was, fuelled by violence, hatred, sex and drugs and power he became a legend for all the wrong reasons and one that was ultimately despised by those to whom he played puppet master. One now wonders, just who was the puppet and who was the master. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A must read for understanding Loyalism. By Jack Stone "Mad Dog" is a detailed history of Johnny Adair, the leader of C Company, Ulster Defense Association (UDA) in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The author has done a good job of interviewing those people closest to Adair, like former girlfriends, police officers, and fellow thugs. As a result, the reader gets a gripping depiction of one of the most prolific, low-life terrorists The Troubles produced. However, do not make the mistake of judging this book by the character it describes. True, Johnny Adair, a midget at only 5' 3", is a disgusting, pathetic figure. If it were not for The Troubles, which justified an outlet for his murders, this former punk rocker skinhead would have probably died sniffing glue or over-dosing on drugs. After reading this book, one can truly say there is absolutely no redeeming quality in Adair - he lived a self-serving life that brought misery to thousands and destroyed the lives of scores of innocent families. Importantly, from reading this account, we can see why the Protestant government of Northern Ireland and the British forces were unable to defeat the IRA or derail Sinn Fein. Supporting people like Johnny Adair only undermined their war efforts through his sectarian murders and indiscriminate terror. "Mad Dog" offers the reader a look inside Loyalist paramilitaries of Protestant Northern Ireland - including blatant collusion with British security forces and disturbing apathy by the Royal Ulster Constabulary - and it is not a pretty sight. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hard to follow By M. Benson This was required reading for my last class. It was very difficult to follow due to the variation of English words used by the Irish authors. It did not have a chronological flow to it, but jumped back and forth. The protagonist is a terrorist. After reading and admittedly re-reading a couple of times, I finally got the gist of the book and it made sense. It eventually proved to be a great resource for understanding the UFF and their enemy the IRA. Not all terror organizations originate in the Middle East.

The name Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair is synonymous with a killing spree by loyalist terrorists that took Northern Ireland to the brink of civil war. From humble beginnings as a rioter on Belfast's Shankill Road, Adair rose through the ranks of the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters to head its merciless killing machine, "C Company." Surrounded by a group of trusted friends, his reign of terror in the early 1990s claimed the lives of up to 40 Catholics, picked out at random as Adair's hitmen roamed Belfast. Mad Dog describes in graphic detail Adair's criminal empire and an egomaniac's bloody war against Catholics and anybody else who got in his way. Adair's friends and enemies talk for the first time about the murders he ordered, his sordid personal life, and his attempts to become Northern Ireland's supreme loyalist figurehead. Using sensational new material, the authors expose the mass murderers who did Adair's bidding and provide new insights into some of the biggest secrets of the Troubles.

"Sensational" * Sunday Mirror * "The definitive history of Johnny Adair and his Company of evil . . . Well written, meticulously researched and richly illuminated" * Belfast Telegraph * "Ulster's book of the year" * News of the World * "Disturbing" * Irish Times * About the Author David Lister has been Ireland correspondent for The Times since October 2001 and is based in Belfast. He was previously a reporter for the newspaper in London before spending two years as its correspondent in Brussels. Hugh Jordan is a reporter for the Sunday World in Belfast, specialising in crime. He is the author of the bestselling Milestones in Murder and has reported on Northern Ireland for more than ten years.