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# ACTS OF DARKNESS

## NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS, THEIR DEFENDERS, PROSECUTORS, AND JAILERS

BY JOHN L. HILL

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*Acts of Darkness* provides a stark examination of notorious criminals and the systems meant to control them. It critiques how, despite efforts to make our criminal justice and correctional practices more humane, we continue to accept methods that often undermine public safety. Through the stories of these criminals, the book reveals the myths surrounding rehabilitation and exposes the realities of a system that often fails to prepare offenders for reintegration into society. *Acts of Darkness* challenges readers to confront the uncomfortable truths about the flaws and consequences of our current approach to justice.

“Hill has practiced and taught criminal and correctional law for forty years...he is a measured, straightforward writer who includes a lot of legal details and mentions of paperwork, perhaps an honest reflection of the bulk of a real attorney’s job (versus the network TV version).”

— Eve Thomas,  
*Montreal Review of Books.*”

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