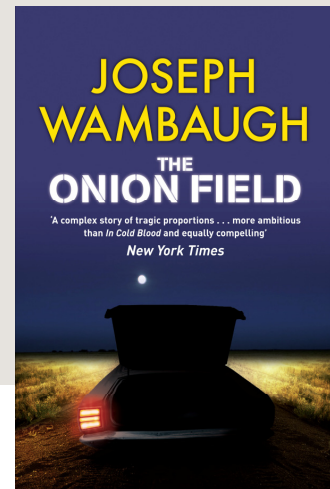


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Description

This is the frighteningly true story of two young cops and two young robbers whose separate destinies fatally cross when a routine traffic stop leads to a bizarre execution in a deserted field outside Los Angeles.

Hollywood. 1963. A Saturday night. A broken taillight leads to a routine traffic stop. It shouldn't have changed the lives of the four men involved, but it did. Before the night was over, one would be dead, two would find themselves facing the death penalty, and the other's life would never be the same again. Fresh from a string of robberies, the car contained two desperate men who got the better of the two LAPD cops who stopped them, seized their guns and kidnapped them. They then drove to a rural onion field where they decided to execute the cops. One officer was able to escape, but only at the price of his partner's life.

Haunted by horrific memories, wracked by guilt, ostracised by his own and repeatedly tormented by defence attorneys in one retrial after another as the defendants manipulate the legal system, this cop suffered emotional meltdown. *The Onion Field* takes us meticulously through the crime, second by second, and then tells the surviving cop's powerful and moving story: the destruction of a forgotten victim.

Sales Points

- Originally published in 1973, *The Onion Field* is Joseph Wambaugh's best known and most celebrated work
- 'A complex story of tragic proportions ... more ambitious than *In Cold Blood* and equally compelling' – *The New York Times*
- Following his success with *Hollywood Station* (ISBN: 9781847242396, RRP \$22.95, available now), this new look for *The Onion Field* will bring Wambaugh's finest book to new and old fans alike

Author Profile

Joseph Wambaugh served with the LAPD for fourteen years, beginning to write during his last three. His first novel, *The New Centurions*, was published in 1971 to international acclaim and success. He followed this with a series of impressive novels including *The Choirboys* and this true crime work, which he then personally produced as a film. He also created the popular and influential TV series, *Police Story*. He is a Grand Master of the Mystery Writers of America and has been awarded four Edgar Allen Poe Awards.