



S5 Uncovered

By James Durose-Rayner

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Epic new crime novel explores the real-life goings-on within Sheffield's underworld, the South Yorkshire Police and the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA).

When a man released on police bail is murdered, Don Chaps, the deputy director of the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA), is encouraged by his superiors to find a reason for the killing, beyond the standard, drugs-related likely motive. But there's another reason why senior officials want Chaps on the case; they want him to eliminate South Yorkshire Police's internal funding crisis and raise the number of convictions at the same time. With the aid of his executive director, Chaps creates a covert task force which will work solely on achieving these two targets.

In 2008, the BBC commissioned an hour-long documentary following an elite government task force which had been ordered to go undercover in Sheffield for an entire year. Their remit was to use the Proceeds of Crime Act to fill up the police federation's coffers using illegally gained intelligence and cash, while overlooking - and in some cases even encouraging - major criminal activity, such as murder, kidnapping and torture. But that's not all. The force was also busy surreptitiously acquiring pre-bargained guilty pleas from defendants, then reneging on those deals, leading to some of the heaviest sentences ever handed out in the UK. However, this programme was never aired.

S5 Uncovered by James Durose-Rayner tells the everyday story of violent crime within the city and how it is perceived on both sides of the fence. Through the intertwining perspective of Chaps and an unnamed second criminal working in Sheffield's murky underworld, **S5 Uncovered** illustrates the differences in urban and rural policing and the dangers of leaving any powerful organisation, private or public, left unchecked. Vast in its scope and detail, this is a darkly humorous novel that sheds new light on corruption within the British justice system.

About the author: James Durose-Rayner has over twenty years' experience in journalism. He is a member of the Writer's Guild and the editor of NATM, the UK's leading specialist civil engineering journal. His writing has been featured in over 210 magazines and his debut indie-novel, *S63: Made in Thurnscoe*, published in 2001, received positive reviews. In 2015, *I Am Sam* (Clink Street Publishing) and *itv Seven* (New Generation Publishing) followed to more affirmative acclaim. Durose-Rayner currently divides his time between the UK and Cyprus. **S5 Uncovered** by James Durose-Rayner (published 19th July 2016 by Clink Street Publishing, RRP £19.99 paperback, £5.99 e-book) is available to buy online from retailers including amazon.co.uk and can be ordered from all good bookstores. For more information please visit james-durose-rayner.co.uk and follow him on Twitter at [@natm_mag](https://twitter.com/natm_mag).

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