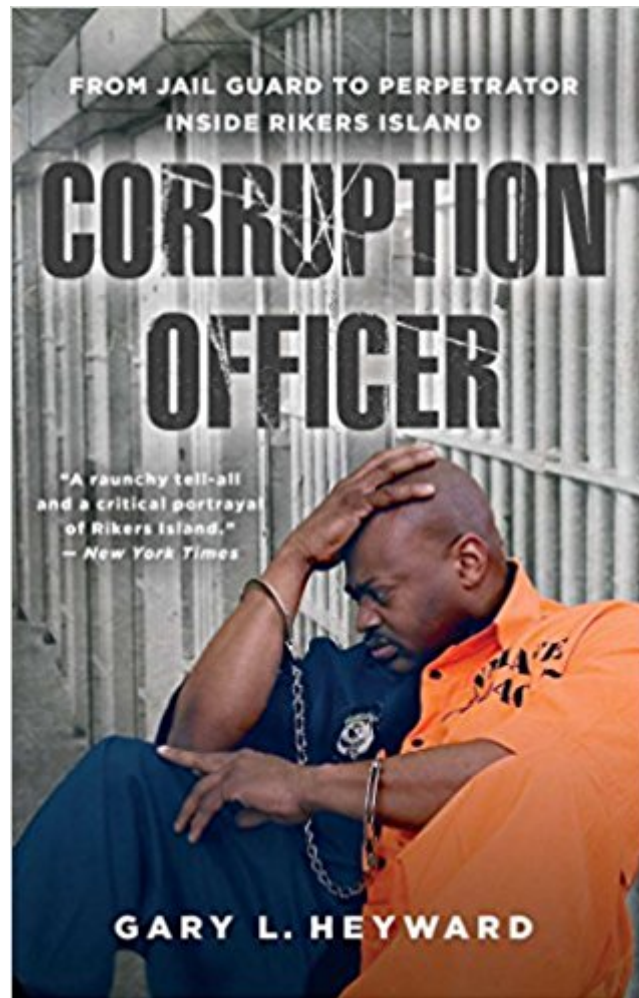




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# Corruption Officer: From Jail Guard To Perpetrator Inside Rikers Island



## Synopsis

In this shocking memoir from a former corrections officer, Gary Heyward shares an eye-opening, gritty, and devastating account of his descent into criminal life, smuggling contraband inside the infamous Rikers Island jails. Gary Heyward's life changed forever when he received a letter from the New York City Department of Corrections announcing he was accepted into the academy for new recruits. For the Harlem-born ex-Marine, being an officer of the law was the ticket he'd been waiting for to move up from a low-wage security job and out of the Polo Ground Projects in New York City and take his mother with him. Heyward was warned of the temptations he'd encounter as a new officer, but when faced with financial hardship, he suddenly found himself unable to resist the income generated from selling contraband to inmates. In his distinctive voice, Heyward takes you on a journey inside the walls of Rikers Island, showing how he teamed up with various inmates and other officers to develop a system that allowed him to profit from selling drugs inside the jail. *Corruption Officer* is a jarring exposé of a man having lived on both sides of the law, a rare insider's look at a corrupt city jail, and a testament to the lengths we'll go when our backs are against the wall.

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"A raunchy tell-all and a critical portrayal of Rikers Island." (New York Times) "Corruption Officer is a page turner. Gary Heyward's words flow from one page to the next. This book is an emotional roller coaster, one the reader will not soon forget. The best book I've read in quite some

time.~ (Shannon Holmes, bestselling author of B-More Careful)~ “Eye-opening page-turner . . . . A brutally-honest confessional exposing the ugly underbelly of an American incarceration system that nobody really wants to take a long, hard look at.”~ (Kam Williams, syndicated film and book critic)~ “A good read . . . . Definitely something you can breeze through in a weekend.”~ (Kelsey Minor The Huffington Post)

Gary Heyward was born and raised in New York City~s Polo Ground Projects in Harlem. At the age of nineteen, he joined the United States Marines and became a decorated war veteran by serving in Desert Storm/Desert Shield Operation in 1990~ 1991. After receiving an honorable discharge he served as a New York City corrections officer, working ten years at Rikers Island. In May of 2006 Gary was arrested and convicted for selling drugs throughout the jail. During his incarceration he developed a passion for writing and penned his memoir, Corruption Officer. He was released in 2008 and currently works for the city of New York.

This book was Really good and if you read this book and still give it one star or a low rating then you’re prob a corrupt correctional officer or corrupt officer in general because of the many secrets he let out of what happens outside of "going by the book." Gary Heywards book is a threat to all those corrupt officers that are still out there. Love the sense of humor and as a first timer Gary did a great job on this book! I recommend this book to anybody, as it was hard for me to even drop this book while I was reading non-stop.

I absolutely could not stop reading this book, I am drawn to non-fiction books. I Chose this book because I saw an interview with the author and his description had me sucked in and I had to read this book! I rated this book 5 stars because it kept my interest and was worth it. I live in Manhattan in NYC and I worked as a detention officer for INS and would have never taken the chances of making any choices that Mr. Hayward made but still I will not judge him because he introduced me to a whole other life that can take over when granted such authorities( never knew such things could go on in jail like that). I was so happy for him when he regained his freedom and entered the workforce again but as an upstanding citizen. GREAT BOOK!!!

Written in very colloquial and straight forward language, the tales in this book will hold you prisoner (pun intended). Once I started reading, I could not put it down. Many of the stories are verifiable through news reports and documentary footage of events at Riker’s Island during the time that the

author worked there. I was surprised at how this book made me see a fuller view of the humanity of incarcerated people and those charged with holding them. We have a serious problem with our prison industrial complex and this book gives an insider's look at many of them.

I found this book surfing around on . I ordered it and it was so good I sent my mother a copy. She finished reading it before I did. Three weeks later I heard Gary Heyward on the Maggie Linton show on Sirius XM "Urban View" and the interview was great. I don't have kids but I can somewhat relate to where Gary was in life. When you have your back against the wall and everyone wants more of you than you have the options can be very limiting. I do NOT fault Gary one bit. He was not the first and won't be the last. White officers have been doing this for close to 100 years..Altho, I do hate that Gary had contributed to the beatdown of his friend he grew up with in Rikers Island. That was bad business. I wonder if he could go back would he have done it the same. Overall, great read people if you want to know the inner workings of Rikers Island and just how easy it is to get contraband in. Keep your head up Gary.

As a first time writer, I have to give him praise. I'm a grandmother, but living in the projects.... I know street language, and it doesn't scare or intimidate me, so if your bothered by cussing, and the raw reality that is prison, I wouldn't suggest this book. I saw Gary on HONY (Humans of New York) on Facebook, and thought - he just put it out there....his truth. I have to admire the tenacity of someone being so honest (after living a lie), and to basically tell the whole world what he did, without concern for the backlash.

Excellent from start to finish, very intriguing, couldn't put book down, couldn't believe so much is going on in rikers island

Overall its a great book and a pager turner. I just wished that his prison term was a little more longer and detailed and also how his adjustment were made when he finally got released. Deff should read if interested in any type of law enforcement.

Good, gritty book.

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