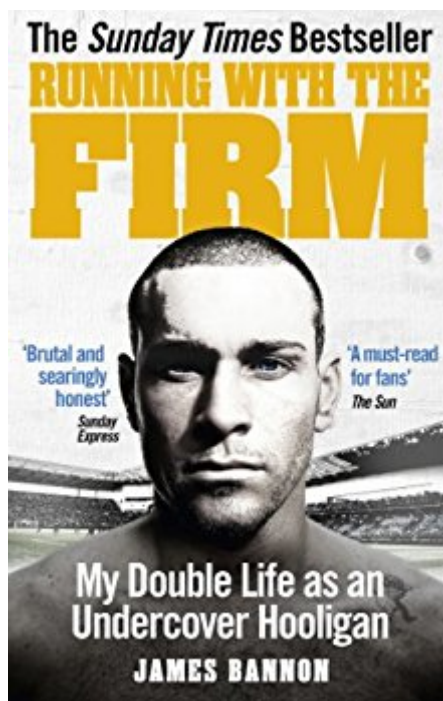


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# Running With The Firm



## Synopsis

'Of course I'm a f\*\*king hooligan, you pr\*\*k. I am a hooligan...there I've said it...I'm a hooligan. And, do you know why? Because that's my f\*\*king job.' In 1995, a film called I.D., about an ambitious young copper who was sent undercover to track down the 'generals' of a football hooligan gang, achieved cult status for its sheer brutality and unsettling insight into the dark and often bloody side of the so-called beautiful game. The film was so shocking it was hard to believe the mindless events that took place could ever happen in the real world. Well, believe it now...Almost twenty years on, the man behind the film has explosively revealed that the script was largely a true story. That man, James Bannon, was the ambitious undercover cop. The football club was Millwall F.C. and the gang that he infiltrated was The Bushwackers, among the most brutal and fearless in English football. In *Running with the Firm*, Bannon shares his intense and dangerous journey into the underworld of football hooliganism where sickening levels of violence prevail over anything else. He introduces you to the hardest thugs from football's most notorious gangs, tells all about the secret and almost comical police operations that were meant to bring them down, and, how once you're on the inside, getting out from the mob proves to be the biggest mission of all. A disturbing but compelling read, this is the book that proves fact really is stranger than fiction.

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It was a very interesting book to read. The author is very candid about his feelings and emotions. Nevertheless, I think his positive attitude to hooligans is a little disturbing. Nevertheless, the author tries to be fair and acknowledge that bad decisions (actions) of the local police are often the start of the fights. The end of the book is very abrupt and confusing (the reason for the 4 and not five stars).

Having been to the 'Old Den' and having sampled the hospitality of Millwall's die hards, I didn't need much encouragement to part with my hard earned to buy this. It reads like a novel for much of the time, but is I suspect unnervingly accurate. Two young covert rozzers infiltrating the notorious 'Firm' from Saarf London. Well written, nicely balanced, the only downside is I wanted the 'love interest' to do something outrageously daring, maybe she did ? Having read 'Boys from The Mersey', 'Scally' and Cass Pennants musings, James Bannons account is magnetic. A cracking read, a scary read and hugely insightful.

Having run with the firm for years I can not believe this Jerk is for real. I put him in the same league as Dodgy Dave Courtney a first class bulls\*\*\*ter. I think even Inspector Clayton who used to follow us everywhere would have laughed at this book. Millwall fans are staunch and we got away with right libertys. He was so undercover he werent there. Jack the Hair !!

Really enjoyed this book as it was non stop and didn't pause for sentiment. The movie I.D., which was good, is weak in comparison.

Couldn't put it down easy read. Not as violent as you would think. Want to watch I.d. to see how good of a flick that is.

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