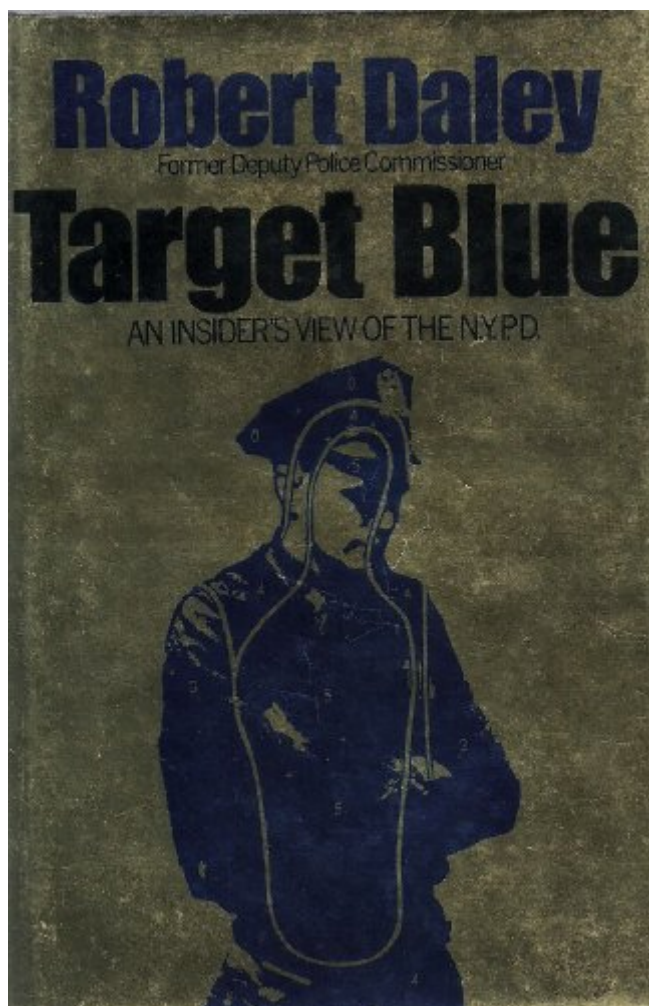


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# Target Blue



## Synopsis

It was a year of trauma, possibly the most traumatic in NYPD history. The so-called Black Liberation Army laid ambushes and shot cops in the back. In New York alone they assassinated four, machine gunned two others, assaulted others with guns and knives. A new commissioner, swearing to end corruption and bring the force into the modern age, took over, even as two mafia dons got whacked, the biggest jewel robbery in the city's history took place, and Sgt Durk and Patrolman Serpico brought on the Knapp Commission, which began to put cops in jail. Meanwhile, in the corridors of headquarters men with stars on their shoulders undermined the new commissioner where they could while jostling constantly for position and power.

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## Customer Reviews

Target Blue is a no nonsense look at what happens inside the largest police department in the world. The author, Mr. Daly, is asked to serve as a Deputy Commissioner, in this role he has the unique perspective of telling the story as a true outsider within the organization. That provides a rare

glimpse of what goes on within the political and administrative infrastructure of the New York City Police Department. What adds to this is the time that the book covers. The early 1970's saw the NYPD in chaos. Corruption, severe violence, and social unrest all put the department on a one way road to destruction. Who can save it? Is it worth saving? Anyone who wants to truly understand what goes on inside a large inner city police department must read this. It shows the NYPD at its best, and at its worst. This is a masterpiece.

What an emotionally charged account of the men in blue and all they stand for. Never should politics override the valour and tenacity of our police officers. Robert Daley is one of the proud representatives of "the forces" and he shows his support throughout this book.

great book ..

I first read this book in 1973. The NYC of those days was a dangerous place (as so many films such as Death Wish, Serpico, The Warriors, Dog Day Afternoon, Midnight Cowboy, etc. shows us). Robert Daley's take on those days (he was Deputy Police Commissioner) is spot on and brings back a ton of memories. Patrick Murphy, who was NYC police commissioner under Mayor John Lindsay does not come across well in the book - more like a bloodless technocrat who really was not interested in police work.

I first read this book back in the '70's and found it to be excellent. The down to earth real-life experiences that are described in this book are almost a mirror to what we as a society are living with right now. I highly recommend this book along with the book "Chief" by Al Seedman and the book "Commissioner" by Patrick Murphy.

If you ever desired to learn about what goes on behind the doors of One Police Plaza in New York, this is the book for you. Author Robert Daley was appointed as a three star Deputy Police Commissioner by Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy in 1968 and from day one it was a ride equal to any roller coaster in any amusement park world wide. Learn first hand about the Knapp Commission corruption scandals of the the 1970's where NYPD police officers made so much illegal money they never had to cash their paychecks! Learn about how the NYPD actually feared and dealt with the Black Liberation Army and how the NYPD finally won this bloody war. Others have tried to chronicle the private world of the upper echelon at One Police Plaza, but so far no one has been able to do it

as well as Robert Daley. READ TARGET BLUE for yourself.

I read this many years ago, and just located a copy from , in digital format. It's amazing that the events captured by the author 30+ years ago are so similar to many of the events and issued that are occurring today.

Always fascinating to get a glimpse inside the NYPD in the '70's. You're not going to find an autobiography that's not self-serving, but this one is also pretty damn interesting.

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