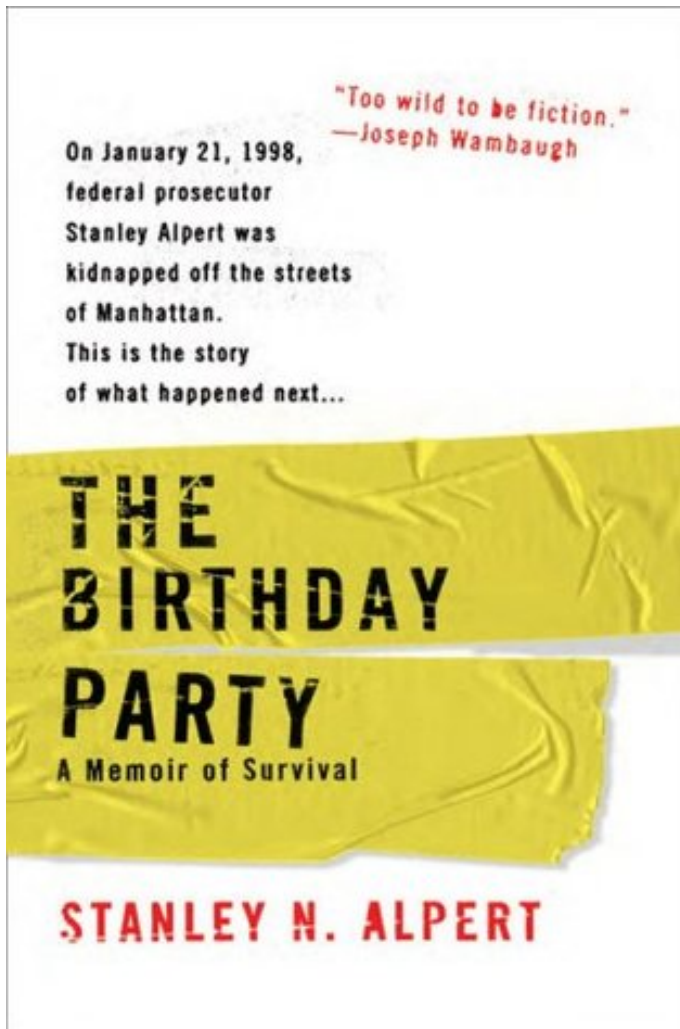

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Description

On January 21, 1998, the night before his thirty-eighth birthday, federal prosecutor Stanley Alpert was kidnapped off the streets of Manhattan. This is the story of what happened next. . . .

Alpert was taken by a carful of gun-toting thugs looking to use his ATM card, but when they learned his bank balance the plan changed. They took him, blindfolded with his own scarf, to a Brooklyn apartment, with the idea of going to a bank the next day and withdrawing most of his money. But the later it got, the more the plan changed again . . . and again . . . as his captors alternately held guns to his head, threatened his family, engaged him in discussions of "gangsta" philosophy, sought his legal advice, and, once they learned it was his birthday, offered him sexual favors from their prostitute girlfriends as a "birthday present." All the while, Alpert, still blindfolded, talked with them, played on their attitudes and fears, tried to figure out where their mood swings would take them next, and memorized every detail he could in the event that he ever managed to get out of there alive.

In the meantime, his friends and law enforcement colleagues, worried that they hadn't heard from him, launched a major police and FBI investigation. It, too, would take many twists and turns before it was done-and some of them would be very strange indeed.

Filled with immediacy, drama, and extraordinary characters, told not only from Alpert's memory and notes but from police reports, interviews with NYPD detectives, FBI agents, and witnesses, videotaped confessions, and court records, *The Birthday Party* reads like a thriller-but every word is true.

Insightful reviews

Denise: I've never seen someone be so damn proud of the fact that they were kidnapped, held at gunpoint, and then released unharmed. I'm not sure how this somewhat anti-climactic true crime tale could be stretched into 200+ pages (and honestly, I'm not sure it was- I skipped a bunch at the end because it was so repetitive). So yeah, I guess this is a suspenseful read, if you don't mind knowing how it comes out (which I totally did not spoil- it's written on the damn book jacket) and you like a little nerdy-environmental-lawyer-turns-urban-cowboy and latent racism mixed in with your guns n' ammo.

Jane: This book was quite interesting. Stanley Alpert tells of his kidnapping off the street in Greenwich Village by 3 thugs in a car on the eve of his birthday in 1998. Their intent is to use his ATM card and PIN to milk his bank account of his money. Alpert goes through 26 hours sitting on a bed blindfolded in a Brooklyn apartment at the hands of his gun wielding teenaged kidnapers and is miraculously released by them unhurt and with \$20 for the cab fare home. Because of his job as a federal prosecutor and the idea that the feds look after their own the perpetrators are quickly rounded up. It is this part of the book that I found myself skimming. The book was described as 'harrowing, often hilarious' which I didn't think it was but it was a page turner nevertheless.

Susanne Bard: This book randomly showed up in my inbox at work, and I couldn't put it down until I had read every harrowing detail.

Bridget: This tale is so intriguing. I learn the ebook in evenings...less than 24 hours. It pulled me in fast and informed of a global so different than mine. I really don't need to visit Manhattan urban as a result crime and violence that was once painted as universal place. Stan's tale is amazing. Pay attention the F-bomb is all over during this book. Usually, I do not learn books with undesirable language. This language did not hassle me as badly most likely simply because it is a real tale and it used to be quoting thugs. Yet I used to be quite disillusioned on the finish of the booklet whilst even the great men have been losing F-bombs all around the place. I admire to imagine reliable men have fresh language. So this burst my bubble a bit.

Liz: Stanley was once strolling down the road within the Village the evening prior to his birthday in 1998 while a motor vehicle packed with thugs pulled up subsequent to him to call for he accompany them to the closest ATM. Once they observed how a lot he had in his account, they made up our minds they'd continue him until eventually the subsequent day, whilst they might be capable of get more cash than the \$200 limit. What they did not notice used to be that he was once an Assistant US District Attorney. Seriously. Not just the tale of his 24-hour capture, "The Birthday Party" can be the tale of ways they ultimately came across the culprits when they enable Stanley escape. "Here's a guy, ya know, they've got a kidnapping and they are offering, 'Hey, by means of the way, ya need a sandwich? Oral sex? Anything?' Ya know, we sorta checked out one another going, 'How bizarre is that?'" yet from my eye touch and how I dealt with myself throughout the interview, Burroughs was once convinced, and by the point they have been accomplished all he stated to Wich was, "Come on, let's cross get 'em."

Ilana: This can be a form of publication I would mostly by no means decide up -- a first-person account by means of a brand new York federal prosecutor who was once abducted via a few low-level Brooklyn pimps and thugs who desired to use his ATM and credit cards. He survived, and this can be the tale of his kidnapping after which the police investigation. As I said, it isn't whatever I'd regularly choose up -- yet my husband had met the writer on a journey of Jewish environmental activists to Israel numerous years in the past and therefore had the publication on his evening table. In any case, it used to be interesting to have an inside of view of this sort of crime and follow-up. Alpert tells the tale quite good for a non-professional writer, and even if it isn't a resource of deep mental or social insight, it's certainly attention-grabbing as a true-crime tale that isn't a Scott Peterson, OJ Simpson crime-of-the-century yet even more universal even if no much less terrifying for the victim.

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