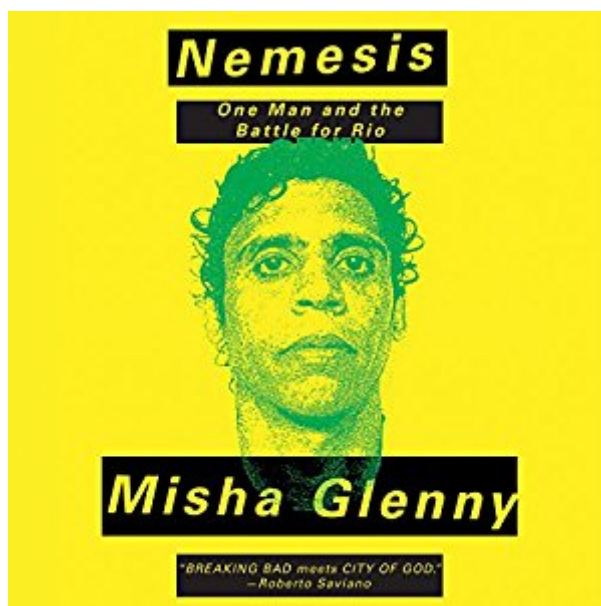


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Nemesis: One Man And The Battle For Rio



Synopsis

Nemesis is the story of an ordinary man who became the king of the largest slum in Rio, the head of a drug cartel, and perhaps Brazil's most wanted criminal. It's a gripping tale of gold hunters and evangelical pastors, bent police and rich-kid addicts, quixotic politicians and drug lords with math degrees. Traversing through rain forests and high-security prisons, filthy slums and glittering shopping malls, this is also the story of how change came to Brazil. Of a country's journey into the global spotlight and the battle for the beautiful but damned city of Rio, as it struggles to break free from a tangled web of corruption, violence, drugs, and poverty.

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A true tour-de-force, even better than McMafia. An amazing primer on the rise of favela culture, humanized by the portrayal of one of its most notorious Don's. Unravels the socio-economic complexities in Rio while also revealing the dysfunction of Rio law enforcement. A true "page-turner" despite the over use of the phrase and couldn't recommend it more highly. Bravo!

Journalist Misha Glenny's exploration of criminal gangs and drug trafficking in Rio de Janeiro focuses on one favela (slum) and one drug lord. It's a fascinating and surprising tale that pokes under the covers of the broad generalizations that dominate news coverage both of poverty in Brazil and of the drug trade. Drug trafficking, the arms trade, and Brazilian politics. Glenny's subject is Antonio Francisco Bonfim Lopes, "Nem of Rosinha." (Glenny translates Nem as

“Babe.” Conducting interviews with Nem in prison, he reviews the rocky political history of the country during the military dictatorship (1964-85) and the tumultuous democratic period that followed. Though he keeps returning his attention to Nem throughout the book, Glenny describes the man’s trigger-happy predecessors and competitors and veers off into broader issues. Nem comes off as extremely intelligent and a brilliant manager, and he resorts to violence much less frequently than his rivals (or, apparently, the police, for that matter). Unlike other Rio drug lords, Nem dealt almost exclusively in cocaine, shunning the arms trade and extortion that were common in other slums. Like the others, he meddled in the corrupt politics of the region.

“The most wanted man in Brazil.” Nem ruled the favela of Rosinha in the south of Rio de Janeiro for four years (2007-11). Glenny describes the favela as the largest of Rio’s many slums. But Nem’s influence extended far beyond the borders of his community. When arrested by police in 2011, he was estimated to be responsible for more than 60% of the cocaine consumed in Rio and have a net worth of \$60 million. The Brazilian government labeled him Public Enemy #1. A pitched gun-battle inadvertently triggered by some of his henchmen brought unwelcome attention and soon led to his capture. Ironically, Nem presided over nearly four years of peace and stability in Rosinha. He vigorously enforced rules against extortion and murder within the favela. The neighborhood descended into chaos following his arrest and imprisonment.

About the book

Nemesis is not an easy read. Glenny lurches from past to present and back again with annoying regularity, sometimes on a single page. It’s dizzying. And, despite his reputation as a top-flight journalist, he is careless with facts from time to time. For example, in one place Glenny refers to one of Nem’s rivals as running a region that consisted of “dozens of favelas,” implying that this constituted a large swath of the city. Later, he states that there are “more than 1,000 favelas in Rio. Later still, he asserts there are “some 900.”

About the author

Misha Glenny is a British journalist who specializes in southeastern Europe, cybersecurity, and global organized crime. Nemesis is the only one of his six books to deal with Brazil.

The book itself is outstanding and I specifically bought a hardcover after buying it in kindle format to have it in my collection. But the book print quality (sold by !) is just poor as hell and this is certainly NOT what you want to buy for \$15+shipping! The book I got looks like it’s a poor Chinese fake print rather than a high quality book. Can’t express how disappointing I am.

Interesting story and some great detail on the maze of Brazilian law enforcement, but at times becomes too descriptive.

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