

CITY OF DEVILS

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BY THE AUTHOR OF **MIDNIGHT IN PEKING**—WINNER OF BOTH THE **EDGAR AWARD** FOR BEST FACT CRIME AND THE **CWA GOLD DAGGER** FOR NON-FICTION

IN THE 1930S, Shanghai was a haven for outlaws from all over the world: a place where pasts could be forgotten, fascism and communism outrun, names invented, fortunes made—and lost.

“Lucky” Jack Riley was the most notorious of those outlaws. An ex-Navy boxing champion, he escaped from prison in the States and rose to become the Slots King of Shanghai. “Dapper” Joe Farren—a Jewish boy who fled Vienna’s ghetto with a dream of dance halls—ruled the nightclubs. His chorus lines rivalled Ziegfeld’s.

In 1940, Lucky Jack and Dapper Joe bestrode the Shanghai Badlands like kings, while all around them was poverty, starvation, and genocide. They thought they ruled Shanghai, but the city had other ideas. This is the story of their rise to power, their downfall, and the trail of destruction they left in their wake. Shanghai was their playground for a flickering few years, a city where for a fleeting moment even the wildest dreams seemed possible.

City of Devils is impeccably researched narrative nonfiction told with superb energy and brio.

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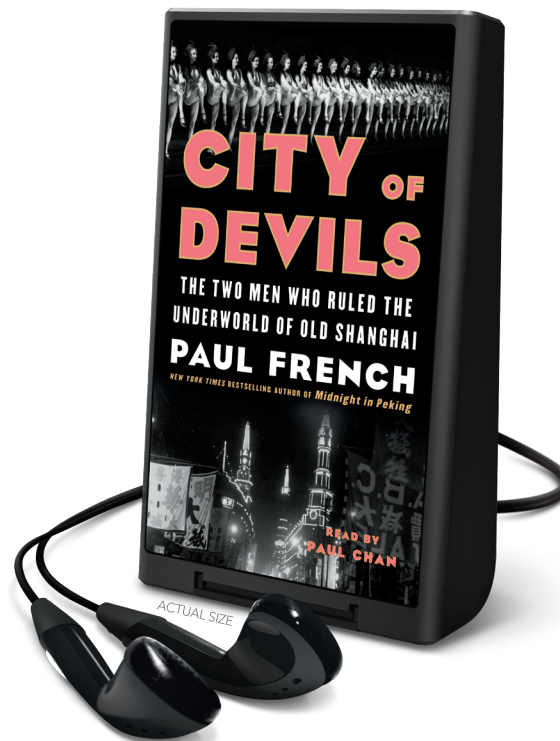
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