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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Kersten traces the history of Art Williams from his impoverished childhood to (infamous) career as one of the greatest counterfeiters in modern times. Though Williams serves as the center, Kersten also provides critical commentary on the institutions that shaped Williams, notably his family structure and the American prison system. The prose proves accessible and enjoyable, but Jim Bond's performance makes the book significantly more intriguing. His deep projection coupled with his matter-of-fact delivery make even the most technical passages enjoyable and relatable, and his masterful emphasis and pace help listeners slip into Williams's psyche. *A Gotham hardcover (Reviews, Apr. 20). (June)*

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### Review

Jason Kersten delves into the arcane world of a master counterfeiter with a fine eye for detail and novelist's grasp of character. A story about fathers and sons, filled with crime-fueled aslamminga trips, drug pirates, and obsessive desire, I couldn't put it down. After reading this true tale of money and crime, I'll never be able to look at a C- note the same way again.aaJulia Flynn Siler, author of the New York Times bestseller, *The House of Mondavi: The Rise and Fall of an American Wine Dynasty*

### About the Author

Jason Kersten writes for various national magazines, including *Rolling Stone* and *Men's Journal*. Also the author of the New York Times Notable Book *Journal of the Dead: A Story of Friendship and Murder in the New Mexico Desert*, he lives in New York.

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