

Kill Shot Ben Spies: The Inside Story of the American Superbike Champion's Rise and Fall

Ben Spies was one of the most talented motorcycle racers of his generation. He won the AMA Superbike Championship in 2006 and 2007, and finished runner-up in the MotoGP championship in 2010. But his career was cut short by a series of injuries, and he died in 2019 at the age of 31.

Kill Shot Ben Spies is the inside story of Spies' rise and fall. The book is written by award-winning journalist Matthew Birt, who interviewed Spies, his family, and his friends to create a revealing portrait of a complex and troubled man.



Kill Shot by Ben Spies

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Birt tells the story of Spies' early days as a motocross prodigy. Spies was a natural talent on the bike, and he quickly rose through the ranks. He won

the AMA Superbike Championship in 2006 and 2007, and finished runner-up in the MotoGP championship in 2010.

But Spies' career was also plagued by injuries. He suffered a broken leg in 2008, and a broken shoulder in 2009. In 2011, he crashed during practice for the Malaysian Grand Prix and suffered a head injury that forced him to retire from racing.

After his retirement, Spies struggled with depression and addiction. He died in 2019 at the age of 31.

Kill Shot Ben Spies is a tragic story, but it is also a story of hope. Spies was a talented racer, but he was also a flawed man. He struggled with addiction and mental health issues, but he never gave up on his dreams. His story is a reminder that even the most talented people can be brought down by their own demons.

Excerpt from Kill Shot Ben Spies

"Ben was a natural talent on the bike," said his former manager, Gary Mathers. "He could ride anything, and he could make it go fast. But he was also a troubled kid. He had a lot of demons, and he never really got over them."

"Ben was a complex character," said his friend and fellow racer, Nicky Hayden. "He was a brilliant racer, but he was also a very troubled man. He had a lot of pain in his life, and he never really found a way to deal with it."

"Ben was a great rider," said his former teammate, Colin Edwards. "But he was also a very fragile person. He had a lot of talent, but he also had a lot

of problems. He never really found a way to balance the two."

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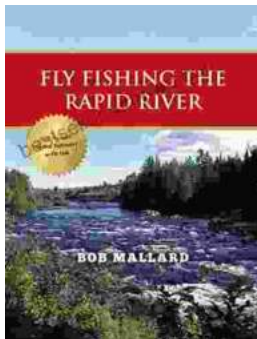
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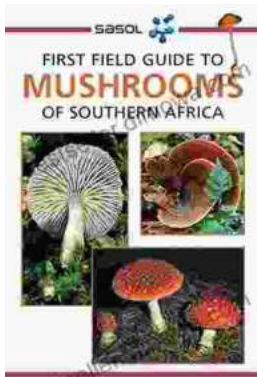
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