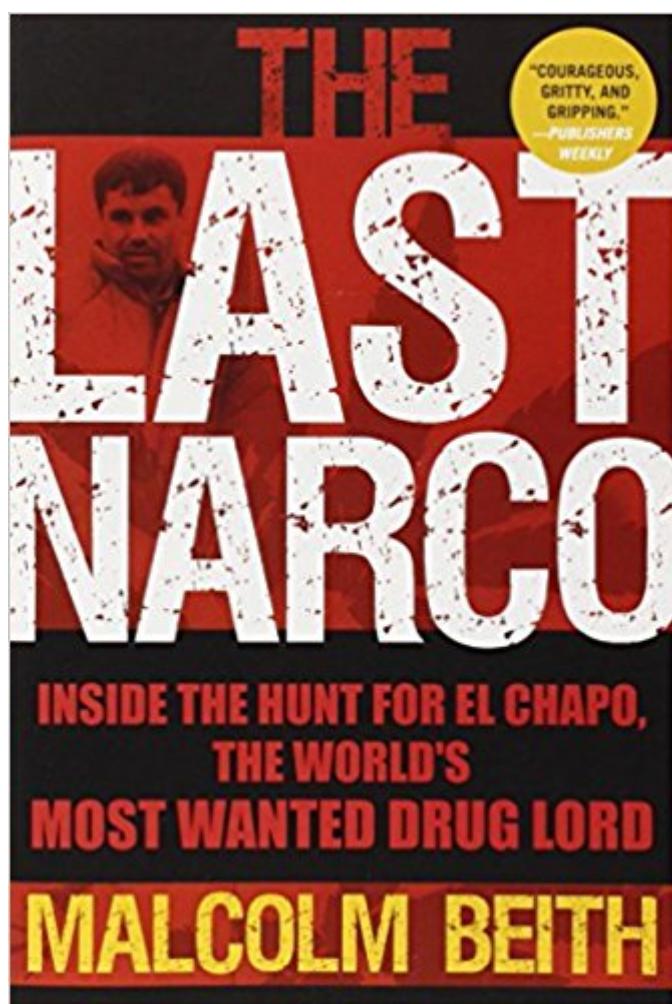


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# The Last Narco: Inside The Hunt For El Chapo, The World's Most Wanted Drug Lord



## Synopsis

The dense hills of Sinaloa, Mexico, are home to the most powerful drug lord since Pablo Escobar: Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman. Guzman is among the world's ten most wanted men and also appeared on Forbes magazine's 2009 billionaire list. With his massive wealth, his army of professional killers, and a network of informants that reaches into the highest levels of government, catching Guzman was considered impossible until now. Newly isolated by infighting amongst the cartels, and with Mexican and DEA authorities closing in, El Chapo is vulnerable as never before. Newsweek correspondent Malcolm Beith has spent years reporting on the drug wars and follows the chase with full access to senior officials and exclusive interviews with soldiers and drug traffickers in the region, including members of Guzman's cartel. The Last Narco combines fearless reporting with the story of El Chapo's legendary rise from a poor farming family to the "capo" of the world's largest drug empire. The Last Narco is essential reading about one of the most pressing and dramatic stories in the news today—a true crime thriller happening in real time.

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"All of Mexico is El Chapo country. His rise parallels that of Pablo Escobar." "Newsweek" Malcolm Beith's book is a virtual nonstop chase. "Albuquerque Journal" The Last Narco is a brave and terrific headlong journalistic trek into the dangerous, and immensely relevant, terrain of drug trafficking in Mexico, and the life and times of its foremost practitioner. "Sam Quinones, author of True Tales from Another

Mexico; The Last Narco gracefully captures the heroic struggle of those who dare to stand up to the cartels, and the ways those cartels have tragically corrupted every aspect of Mexican law enforcement. *Laura Bickford, producer, Traffic*; Malcolm Beith slaps our faces with our ignorance. We barely know Mexico, and understand even less of its major industry, drugs. In *The Last Narco*, he gives us a look into a place our government either denies or lies about. This time you can run, but you can't hide. *Charles Bowden, author of Murder City*; *No war on terror* was ever as terrifying as the ferocious wars of the drug lords in Mexico. In *The Last Narco*, Malcolm Beith courageously takes us to the front lines in the heart of the Mexican badlands; and also right on the border of the United States. This is a threat to homeland security that is too often ignored by the press and public, and this is the book that brings it all into focus. A must read. *Christopher Dickey, author of Securing the City: Inside America's Best Counterterror Force*; the *NYPD*; Malcolm Beith risked life and limb to tell the inside story of Joaquín *El Chapo* Guzmán Loera, Mexico's notorious drug capo. A novelist could not have presented a more intriguing or compelling tale of corruption, intimidation, murder, blood feuds, life-and-death negotiations, and the entrepreneurial skill of a near-mythic figure whom *Forbes Magazine* named one of the world's richest men. Beith's superb book corroborates the cliché that fact is stranger than fiction. *George W. Grayson, professor of government at the College of William & Mary and the author of Mexico: Narco-Violence and a Failed State?*; He is the last of the Mohicans. All of the other big cartels have been decapitated. That is why they want him so badly. *Jorge Chabat, Mexico City Law Enforcement Expert*; A virtual nonstop chase. *Trading Markets*

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Now that *El Chapo* has been caught (for a 2nd time), there will no doubt be some people who come to looking for a book about him and the cartels in Mexico. Beth's book is a good lightweight introduction to a very complex issue. Crucial history is touched on throughout the entire book, but unfortunately - due to the deaths of so many journalists and people on the right side of the law, it

addition to folklore surrounding narcos - there is so little accurate information to build a completely comprehensive account. The 3-Star rating pertains more to the fact that I've read several books about this topic prior to undertaking "The Last Narco." If you have never read a book about the cartels in Mexico, this might be a 4-Star or 5-Star to you.

El Chapo is a very intriguing person. He is a friend to his people and they seem to stand behind him, but the question is - how do they explain the violence and loss of lives? Being in Mazatlan on the day El Chapo was captured, makes his story all the more interesting.

Very good book! Thoroughly enjoyed this book! Highly recommend this book! LOVED!!!! A+A+A+

Awesome book. Really enjoyed it. Of course this epidemic is a neverending journey.

It's impossible to follow current events without hearing about the violence carried out by Mexican drug cartels, but info on the cartels themselves can be (understandably) tough to come by. The Last Narco represents a massively useful, hopelessly compulsive page-turner; it's impossible to read without learning a whole lot.

I really did like this book. All because it was a true and i live in the same area where we were all effected by his doings

Great read...adds context to a major player in the international narco-drug traffickers.

Good research to make conclusions and lay out some of our current problems with drugs and the border. Sure makes you glad that you live in the United States, but we are more of the problem than than the solution.

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