

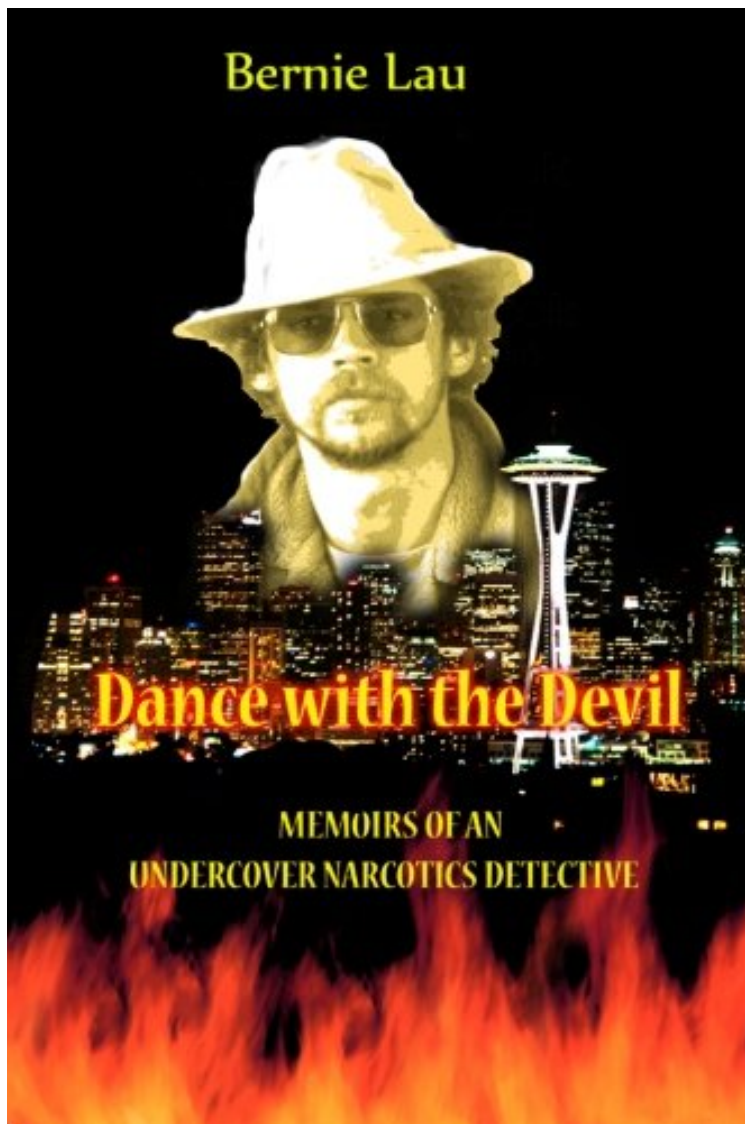
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Bernie Lau : Dance with the Devil: Memoirs of an Undercover Narcotics Detective before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dance with the Devil: Memoirs of an Undercover Narcotics Detective:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. OK, rather typical however.By EssieIt's ok but nothing outstanding. I read it because of family connections to the police department in this book. I think he jazzed it up a bit by adding some (very macho) sex parts that his editor probably told him to include to make it more interesting to readers. He has

this unlikely total recall as to those forty-five year old sex scenes, not matched by total recall for everything else. I actually bought the book because it was originally loaned to me and it was accidentally damaged. I felt obligated to return the book in good condition. I would never bother to buy it for myself. Sorry.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Has its moments, but ultimately falls shortBy CustomerLau has an interesting take on a subject not many people have first hand knowledge of. Although the book does have its moments, it lacks a cohesive narrative and offers very little introspection into how Lau felt about the laws and policies he enforced. Given that Lau served as a narcotics officer before and during the war on drugs, it seems a major opportunity is missed to comment on how this national policy impacted Seattle and his own ability to police effectively. Instead of weaving a narrative arc of a city in political, cultural and economic transition, Lau offers a series of anecdotes that are loosely connected at best. He also seems to be a somewhat unreliable narrator. One page he casts himself as a laid back martial art zen master turned cop, the next he's an unapologetic Dirty Harry-esque 4th Amendment rule breaker eager to tell his bosses where they can stick their rule books and the next he is the consummate professional representing the model police officer. I wish Lau had explored these conflicting points of view instead of peppering the book with sexual exploits and poorly rendered characters. The book is not without its merits though. The Seattle Lau policed is a far cry from the one of today. Lau's ethnicity and parentage also factor in and put him in a rare category of not being a full-fledged member of any one community, but able to be accepted and respected by all communities. This gives Lau's stories a unique perspective you won't find anywhere else.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Dance With the Devil, By Bernie LauBy David Orange, Jr.Ever wonder what happens to undercover narcotics officers once their day is done?In Bernie Lau's story, undercover law enforcement is only one part of a long and amazing journey.Beginning with his birth and early life in a French orphanage, where, at age two, he ate the head of the baby Jesus from the family creche, Dance With the Devil takes the reader to Hawaii, where the young Frenchman is adopted by his mother's new Chinese husband, and Bernie is raised as a good Chinese boy. He becomes one of the earliest caucasian masters of aikido and serves in the US Navy before going to Seattle and joining the police. He passes through a time perhaps best known as Hell before emerging to claim the wisdom of age.A tremendous book that could have become technical or didactic, but instead became deeply human. A worthy read for anyone! Highly recommended!

Born in occupied France during WWII and brought up in Hawaii; Bernard Lau was one of the first non-Japanese practitioners of aikido. After a long stint in the navy as a submariner and diver, Lau joined the Seattle police department and eventually wound up as an undercover narcotics agent. This is the story of the off-beat and action-filled life that he had planned for himself at the age of 16, a life that didn't always go according to plan.