

MEDIA RELEASE

BROTHERS

JUSTICE CORRUPTION AND THE MICKELBERGS

by Antonio Buti

ABOUT THE BOOK

When somebody swindled the Perth Mint out of gold worth more than half a million dollars — local police thought they had the culprits. The Mickelberg brothers, Ray, Peter and Brian, were their prime suspects. Already accused of defrauding millionaire Alan Bond by manufacturing a phony gold nugget, the Mickelbergs were tried and convicted despite the fact that the gold was never found.

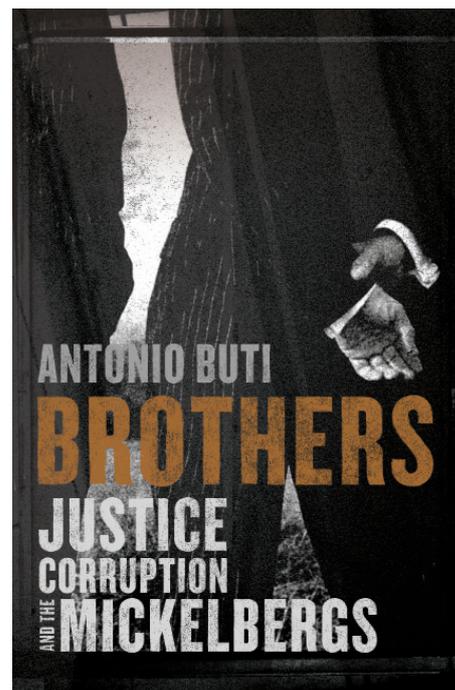
For more than 28 years Australia watched as the Mickelbergs fought to prove their innocence. *Brothers* is a gripping account of a courtroom drama that titillated the public during an era of crooked cops and corporate fraud. Along the way Brian Mickelberg lost his life in a mysterious aircraft crash and two corrupt officers met violent and untimely ends.

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MEDIA NOTES

- *Brothers* is a fast-paced and readable **true-crime** thriller based on courtroom transcripts and interviews with the key players in the Mickelberg saga, which had national ramifications for the legal system in Australia.
- Buti's biography *A Matter of Conscience: Sir Ronald Wilson* won the 2007 Western Australian Premier's Book Award.



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