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"Lawson [has] found gold...This is a fantastic story, in both senses of the word, with a freshness that recalls *Liars Poker*."

--Bryan Burrough, *New York Times*

"Read this book to understand Wall Street...Someone is going to *Octopus* into a movie. By this time next year, Lawson will have a fat deal...The reason for that is that *Octopus* is an incredible dark comedy with one of the craziest true-life ironic twists you can possibly imagine.

--Matt Taibbi, *Rolling Stone*

"Lively...turns a lens on the fast and loose ways of Wall Street...would make an excellent gift for a regulatory complicity officer...or a shrink."

--Bloomberg Businessweek

"A cautionary tale of the highly sophisticated, often endemic fraud that still lurks on Wall Street...I was riveted by Mr. Lawson's telling...the story is mind-boggling."

--Andrew Sorkin, *New York Times (Dealbook)*

"Entertaining...a colorful contemporary story about greed and ambition warping judgment, about con men duping other con men...replete with secret markets, shady intelligence operatives, and even a space alien that overdosed on ice cream."

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"Full on *Twilight Zone*...features not just rampant fraud but guns, supposed CIA double agents, drugs, JFK's assassination, and oh yes, world domination. Did I mention that this is a nonfiction book?...An outrageous but definitely movie-worthy tale. Lawson's reporting is prodigious."

--Fortune

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--Maclean's

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--Canadian Business

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--*Washington Times*

"If you dig movies about cons, like *Catch Me If You Can*, *The Sting*, and *The Spanish Prisoner*, you will blow through *Octopus*, Guy Lawson's deftly and enthusiastically told tale of Same Israel and the Bayou hedge fund."

--*The Daily Beast*

"Penetratingly comprehensive...Lawson nimbly traverses the labyrinthine depths of a worldwide banking con that managed to involve looted Federal Reserve notes and the JFK assassination...An eye-opening window onto Wall Street's destructive culture of unchecked hubris and a harrowing thrill ride into the unraveling mind of a desperate operator."

--*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author

GUY LAWSON has traveled the world reporting on war, crime, politics, and sports. His work has appeared in many national publications, including the *New York Times*, *Harper's*, *GQ*, and *Rolling Stone*, and he previously coauthored *The Brotherhoods*. He and his family make their home in upstate New York.

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