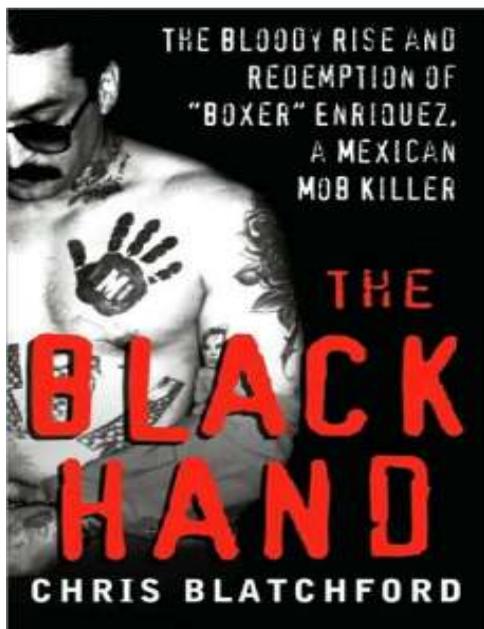


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CHRIS BLATCHFORD THE BLACK HAND

The Bloody Rise and Redemption of "Boxer" Enriquez, a Mexican Mob Killer

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- *Publishers Weekly* ★ Review
- National broadcast and print media campaign
- Award-winning journalist
- Bestselling author of *Three Dog Nightmare*

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