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Cocaine is big business. One million Britons are now snorting it and almost all of our countries banknotes are contaminated with it. A group of friends in Dublin were even killing each other over it!



COCAINE

WARS

FAT FREDDIE THOMPSON AND THE
CRUMLIN/DRINMNAGH FEUD

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When best friends become arch enemies – it's murder...

"They started out as most criminals do – robbing cars, joyriding and getting involved in petty thieving. They were boyhood friends and neighbours. They had gone to the same primary school, and those that continued in education also ended up in the same secondary school. They were a tight group – around ten friends who were fiercely loyal and protective of each other. If you took on one, you took them all on. That was the way it was ... The future seemed bright, but a petty squabble saw the gang permanently disintegrate – with deadly results."

In March 2000, police raided a central Dublin hotel and uncovered a £1.7 million drug-mixing factory. Of the three men arrested at the scene, just two were charged. The third, Declan Gavin, was labelled a 'rat'. Within eighteen months he was dead, and a deadly gangland feud was born. Over the course of ten years, sixteen young men have been brutally murdered in tit-for-tat killings.

A **number one bestseller** in Ireland, **Cocaine Wars** chronicles the shocking story from the growth of the gang through to the brutal way in which they established themselves as Dublin's most feared drugs mob. For the first time, the stories behind the feud are revealed: the mother who has lost two sons to the relentless violence, the criminal who orchestrates murders from inside his prison cell, and the women who remain loyal to the ruthless gangsters.

Author, Mick McCaffrey, is the best-selling author of *The Irish Scissor Sisters* and has specialised in crime journalism for the last seven years.

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