

# BIOGRAPHY

## COLIN McLAREN

Colin is an Australian documentary film maker, crime writer and former police detective sergeant and task force team leader in Victoria.

In the 1990's, Colin joined a covert surveillance unit aimed at drug importers and the ringleaders of organised crime. He went undercover and organised covert stings. He worked on the task forces for the Walsh Street murders, the Mr Cruel child rapes and the murder of thirteen-year-old Karmein Chan.

McLaren went undercover for two years and infiltrated Australia's mafia which netted 11 Mafia bosses sentences of up to 13 years each for major drug trafficking and racketeering.



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Upon his retirement from detective work, Colin - by this time something of an expert on all things Italian (!) but more so the wine and food - opened his own **gourmet restaurant Villa Gusto in Victoria** which after accumulating 6 chef hats, he sold in 2013

Colin made many great friends and clients here who loved his knowledge of Italian wines, food, history and crime. He has now conducted over 20 tours to Italy in the last 14 years.



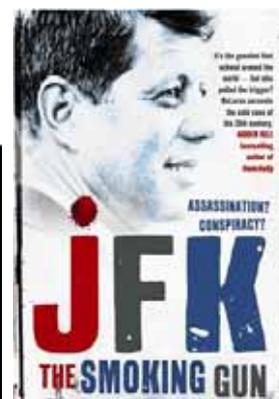
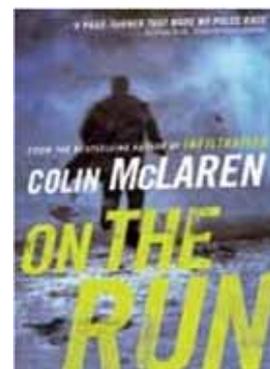
After Colin sold Villa Gusto in 2007 he went on to produce documentaries and write five books.

One of his books "On the Run" tells the exploits of Cole Goodwin, McLaren's real-life Mafia alias, who escapes a hit and goes 'on the run' with the assassin in pursuit; through South America, New York and eventually throughout Italy.

We get to visit the spots in Venice where Colin describes how Cole evaded his nemeses in this book

Colin co-wrote the **UNDERBELLY** TV series and in 2013 published his 5<sup>th</sup> book; **JFK: The Smoking Gun**, concerning the assassination of John F. Kennedy which was released in conjunction with a 90-minute TV documentary of the same name.

2016 working in Paris, Colin completed the TV documentary: "**Princess Diana's Death - Mystery Solved**".



Colin is currently investigating a controversial murder in Tasmania - a 6 part TV series - and is about to present his findings to the authorities.