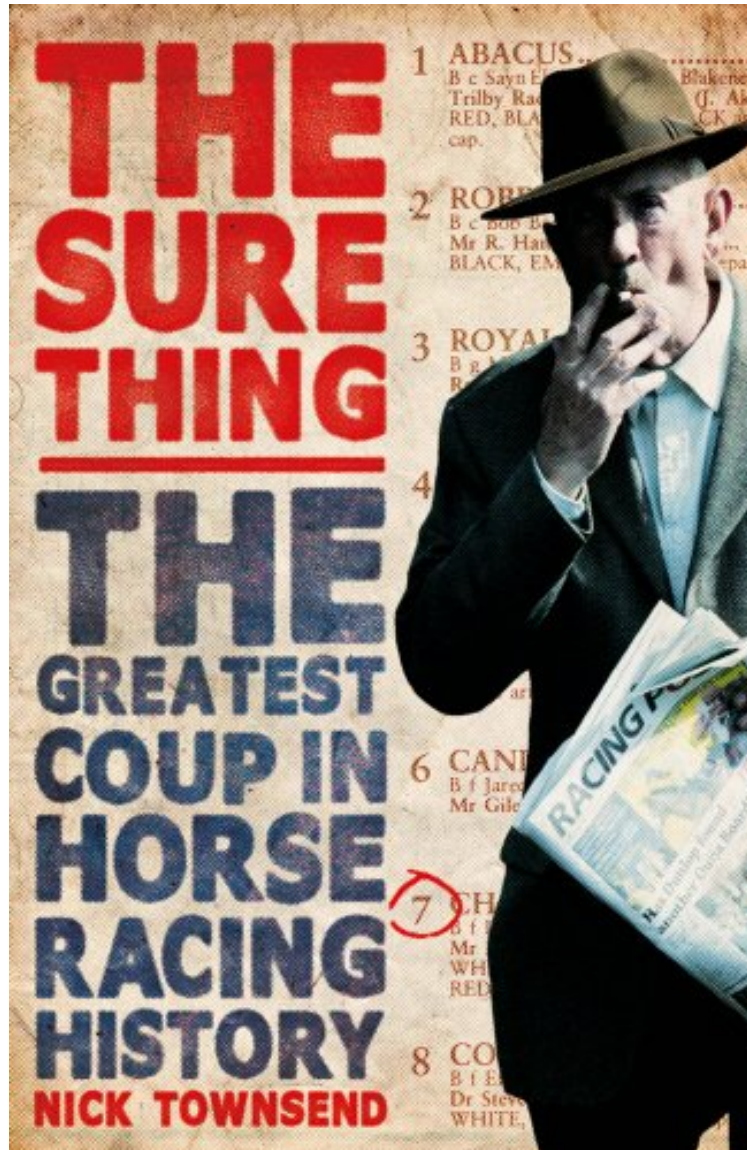


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Barney Curley did was akin to working a 3D jigsaw puzzle with moving pieces in its complexity and sheer audacity. The fact that it was not illegal and that Barney Curley also ran a charity from his winnings was icing on the cake. One can't help but admire both his mind and the dispensation of the wealth it brought him. We only gave it 4 stars instead of 5 because some of the betting minutiae bogged it down, but since we didn't understand it anyway, we just skimmed through and enjoyed it despite. Highly recommend!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful bookBy Dale D. WyattI loved this book! I knew very little about Curley, but this book was wonderful to read. I didn't realize that he helped jockeys like Frankie Dettori and Tom Queally who rode Frankel. Also his great friend was Tommy Stack, the rider of Red Rum. Very fascinating man and I was interested in the Yellow Sam Coup and of course the one in 2010.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not what I wanted Bunch of writers experienceBy tom waldenNot what I wantedBunch of writers experience

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