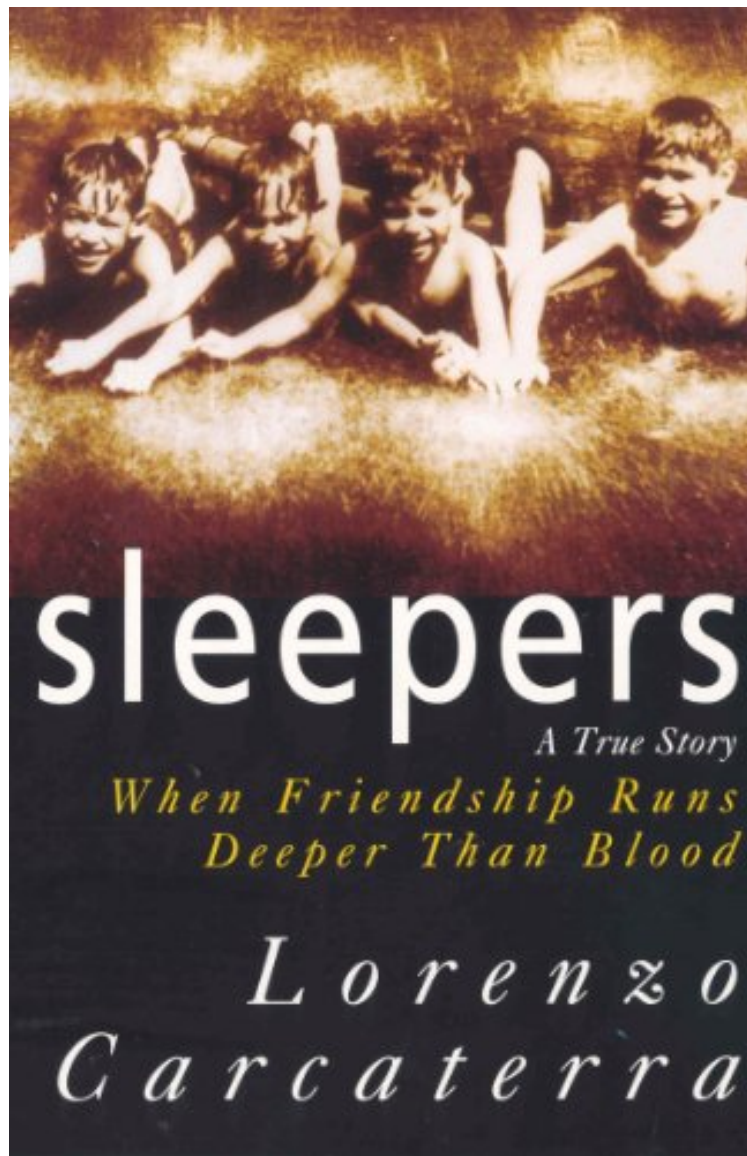


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**Von Lorenzo Carcaterra : Sleepers** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sleepers:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
Revenge. Sweet lasting revenge.Von Ein KundeEvery time each boy was hit in the face, the arm, the back. You felt it. It was written so you would. So you'd understand what fuelled the anger of four boys; what ruined their life beyond repair, once they were freed from the Wilkinson's Home for Boys. People always say that two wrongs don't make a

right, that you should go on your way, people will get what they deserve. But is it really true? Does it really count as realistic when such torture is inflicted on you, your innocence lost and you can't do a thing about it because you're on the other side of the law; you're the criminals and whatever the guards do goes unnoticed, uncared for. Lorenzo Carcaterra puts these questions forward to you in "Sleepers". An excellently written probe through to his heart on his feelings and reflections. It successfully allows us to feel every blow, and sink into the suspense. It makes us visualise the streets of Hell's Kitchen and know the victory when revenge was extracted in such a clever way. You could hear the sound of justice and see it through Carcaterra's eyes. "Sleepers" is a book that will touch your soul, and question your values. It leaves you wondering what you would do in such a situation; and wonder who really is justified. It gives you a bite sized chunk on the sweetness of revenge, when some books don't even let you get a proper taste.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ist nicht wieder aus der Hand zu legen. Von Ein Kunde Spiegelt die Situation der Einwander Kinder in New York wieder. Die Geschichte spielt in den 60ern und deswegen wirkt es wie ein Science-Fiction Roman für die Menschen, die in der Jetztzeit leben. Die vier Jungs leben in einer Welt, die von Gewalt und Verbrechen beherrscht wird. Der Autor der dieses Buch geschrieben hat, erlebte den Inhalt des Buches selbst mit. Deswegen konnte er die Gefühle auch so gut widerspiegeln, die sie empfinden. Meiner Meinung nach ist dieses Buch eines der Besten, die zur Zeit auf dem Markt sind und es ist absolut lesenswert.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The BEST book I've read! Von Ein Kunde The book Sleepers takes place on the streets of Hell's Kitchen in New York. It's about four teenage boys who grew up in a neighborhood full of gangs and mobs. The four boys grew up together and they had planned on growing old together. This plan would've went through successfully, but an event that they caused would change their lives forever. Their daily games of cheating and stealing were inherited by their "leader" Fat Mancho. Fat Mancho's a man, that no one dared to mess with because he was the most powerful man known to Hell's Kitchen. Sometimes the pranks they pulled got out-of-hand especially their last one that sent them all to a home for boys for more than a year. After serving their sentences, they were released. This home for boys that was suppose to "set them straight" was the cause of two cold-blooded killers that were paid to kill, a lawyer with a heart of gold, and a newspaper worker that believed he'd be in his dead end job for all eternity. If you want to know more about this book, you'll have to read it on your own! If you're not the "reading type," then you can just watch the movie! There's so many great details that I decided to save! I usually read horrors or mysteries, so this is a major change. I'm extremely glad I chose this book because once I began reading it, I could barely put it down! I highly recommend this book to anyone!

**Kurzbeschreibung** An unforgettable true story of friendship, loyalty and revenge, set against the unmistakable backdrop of New York City. They were four boys who shared everything - the laughter and bruises of an impoverished upbringing in New York's West Side. Then one of their pranks misfired - a man nearly died and they were sent away to a reformatory school. There they suffered the worst abuse the guards could inflict on them. They were forever scarred by their experiences. Eleven years later two of them became killers for the mob. They met the ringleader of the guards who abused them - and shot him dead in front of several witnesses. No one thought they would see the outside of a prison again - but the four friends banded together once more and in one last, audacious stand brought their own vengeance to the courtroom. Sleepers was adapted into an award-winning film, featuring Hollywood stars Dustin Hoffman, Brad Pitt, Robert de Niro and Kevin Bacon. A moving and shocking coming-of-age story that is a must read for fans of the cult film, Stand by Me. Lorenzo Carcaterra was born in New York where he still lives. He was a reporter on the New York Daily News before he wrote A Safe Place. His second book, Sleepers, became a bestseller on both sides of the Atlantic. From Publishers Weekly: Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen, summer 1967: "a place of innocence ruled by corruption." John "The Count," Tommy "Butter," Michael "Spots" and the author, "Shakes," went to parochial school, stole anything that wasn't nailed down and ran errands for the local mobster, King Benny. It was all fun and games, but that ended the day a childish prank went wrong, a man almost died and the kids became "sleepers"? inmates of the Wilkinson Home for Boys in upstate New York. The boys were brutalized by sadistic prison guards; beatings, rape and sodomy happened daily. The author and his pals survived Wilkinson, but their lives were permanently scarred by their detention. John and Tommy became mobsters. One evening in 1980, they happened upon their chief tormentor and shot him dead in a Hell's Kitchen pub. At trial they were prosecuted by their old friend, Michael, now a district attorney, who would purposely lose the trial, and in the process exorcise their childhood demons. Although the author uses fictitious names to protect identities, this is a riveting story delicious with revenge as he details how every guard that brutalized them was exposed. In a memoir that reads like a novel, Carcaterra (A Safe Place) mixes horror, laughter and pathos to show that justice, like love, is in the eye of the beholder. Movie rights to Propaganda Films; author tour. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist: A book with a punch equal to its publicity hype! Journalist Carcaterra tells with gripping force of his days growing up in the tough New York City neighborhood of Hell's Kitchen in the 1960s (the names have been changed to protect the innocent and the guilty). He and his three closest buddies engaged in petty crime until the day their tricks got out of hand and escalated into a major offense, for

which they were sent to a juvenile home in upstate New York. They were tormented during their months there, not by other young inmates but by their adult guards, who brutalized them relentlessly in a program of horror and torture that included rape. Once out, once grown up, one of the boys became a lawyer, and through a bizarre twist of events worthy of being turned into a movie (in fact, the movie rights have been sold, with Barry Levinson lined up as director), he, Carcaterra, and the other two friends expose the horrible wrongs they suffered in that detention home. Both difficult to read and difficult to put down, this book will garner lots of attention, and as a result, readership demand will be high. Brad Hooper