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Review

Truly excellent. . . . This is one of the two or three best conceptual analyses of 'cops and robbers' I have read. It is mandatory reading for all fans of *The Wire* and recommended for everyone else.

From the Back Cover

"A devastating critique of America's failed war on drugs. *Cop in the Hood* is a powerful and truly unique document in the sociology of criminal justice. Using an original blend of personal experience, adroit cultural interpretation, and hard-edged sociological analysis, Moskos sympathetically dissects the social context of the drug users' world, and shows us this tragedy close up from the police perspective."--**Orlando Patterson, Harvard University**

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"Peter Moskos, a sociologist by training, somewhat inadvertently became a police officer. *Cop in the Hood* is the fortuitous and fascinating result. It gives the reader the real dope from someone with the training and ability to put the street into the larger context. Highly recommended."--**Alex Tabarrok, George Mason University, cofounder of *marginalrevolution.com***

"*Cop in the Hood* is an extremely valuable study centered on patrolling a drug-infested Baltimore police district. Readers interested in drug policy, criminology, or policing cannot help but to learn a lot from this book. I know that I did, and I am grateful to the author. Many of his insights are eye-opening. His voice is unique and essential in debates concerning drug-policy reforms."--**Jim Leitzel, University of Chicago**

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