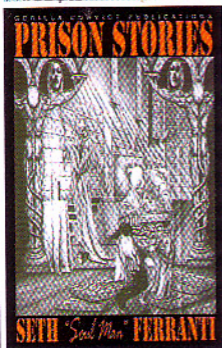


PRISON STORIES

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In 1991, facing a mandatory sentence of at least 20 years for leading a small LSD-dealing operation in suburban Virginia, Seth Ferranti faked his own suicide and went on the lam, a desperate stunt that tacked on an extra year to his bid when he was eventually caught two years later. Since then, the self-described "prisoner in the war on drugs" has spent his time chronicling the prison experience for various magazines and writing this very lightly fictionalized novel. *Prison Stories* follows a newly incarcerated white suburban drug dealer who tries to maintain his hustle in

a federal penitentiary while avoiding the business end of a shank. Ferranti intersperses his slang-heavy narrative with slice-of-prison life vignettes that show why snitching is always a bad idea, how to turn baby oil into an ugly little weapon and how to gain and keep respect through equal measures of politeness and violence. Don't expect a heartwarming story of redemption; expect an unbelievably addictive tale of how things really operate in prison, and how one man is surviving it. 
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