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We've all heard—if not lived—grim tales of prison life, but you can almost smell the stench of a month in "the hole" through actual inmate Seth Ferranti's words. According to him, the daily ruckus on his cell block is a reflection of street life, though on a smaller scale, and he's bound to make believers out of most readers. The story of Ferranti's life behind bars is interesting, to say the least, as threats from correction officers and rival inmates force him to make difficult (and often regrettable) choices to stay alive and build his rep. Plenty of blood is shed in this intense record of the harsh realities of the penal system. Even in prison, drug-dealing and gambling are profitable—though dangerous—pastimes, and a painful death is assured for snitches. For the sake of Ferranti's safety, one can only hope that he changed the names to protect the not-so-innocent.—*Blaine Martin*

