

It's Just the Way It Was
Inside the War on the New England
Mob and other stories

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Joe has published three fictional crime thrillers. Two books center around the same character: East Providence, RI Police Sergeant Josh Williams. The third, a historical legal thriller called *A Change of Hate*, is about a Vietnam vet and former Green Beret- turned-lawyer.

Broadmeadow has also written two critically acclaimed non-fiction works on Organized Crime; **Choices: You Make 'em You Own 'em** (written with Jerry Tillinghast) and **Unmade: Honor Loyalty Redemption.** (written with Bobby Walason.)

The popular Crimetown podcast featured both Tillinghast and Walason in their Season 1 on Providence, Rhode Island.

Broadmeadow also writes for a blog, *The Writing of Joe Broadmeadow* and appears as a guest contributor in various publications and websites.

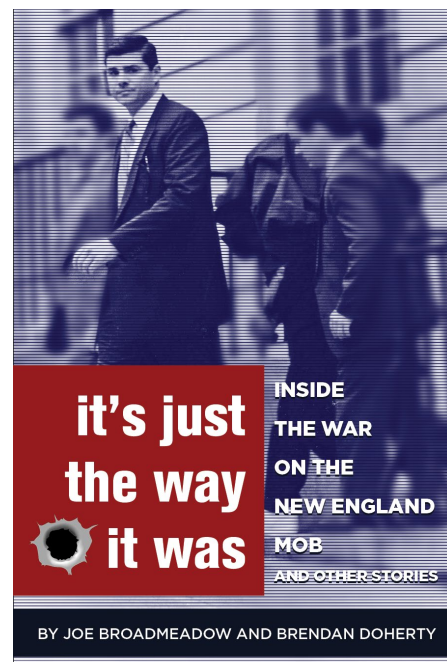
Brendan Doherty

Brendan Doherty served for almost 30 years with the Rhode Island State Police, five years as the Superintendent.

He spent much of his career as a detective in the Intelligence Unit targeting Organized Crime. In the course of Brendan's career, he developed myriad sources of information, operated undercover to ingratiate and infiltrate himself into wiseguy activities and built a reputation as a relentless but uncompromising investigator.

His time with the state police put him in the middle of fundamental changes within the organization from the end of the legacy of Colonel Walter Stone, the acceptance of women into the ranks of troopers, and the change of primary focus from Organized crime (reeling from it's own changes) to public corruption.

His perspective on the cases against the New England mob and others opens a door on a once secretive world.



Book Summary

In *That's Just the Way It Was: Inside the War on the New England Mob and other stories*, Joe Broadmeadow and Brendan Doherty take you inside the investigations, covert surveillances, and murky world of informants in the war against Organized Crime.

Make no mistake about it, it was a war targeting the insidious nature of the mob and their detrimental effect on Rhode Island and throughout New England. Indeed, the book reveals the extensive nature of Organized Crime throughout the United States.

From the opening moments detailing a mob enforcer's near death in a hail of gunfire to the potentially deadly confrontation between then Detective Brendan Doherty and a notorious mob associate, Gerard Ouimette, this book puts you right there in the middle.

Most books on the mob tell a sanitized story from the point of view of guys who relished their time as mobsters. As Nicholas Pileggi, author of *Wiseguys*, put it, "most mob books are the egomaniacal ravings of an illiterate hood masquerading as a benevolent godfather."

This is not that kind of book. This is just the way it was.