

BY NORMAN OLLESTAD

INSIDE THE F.B.I. by Norman Ollestad offers a refreshingly honest and not at all flattering view of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by one of its former agents. It is a first-person report and the first time a former agent has dared to give the public an inside view of our national police agency. It spares neither honesty nor humor.

Norman Ollestad was an earnest young California attorney when he decided to dedicate his life to fighting crime and subversion. To him, the F.B.I. was an awe-inspiring organization made up of men of purity, virtue and courage.

Ollestad joined the F.B.I.

The next few months provided him with a sad disillusionment.

It began, he says, with a rude awakening the first day in class carried forward through his meetings with J. Edgar Hoover . the pedantic, yet inadequate training . . . the tradition of lies and deceptions . . . the unhealthy implications in F.B.I. official attitudes toward women and minority groups.

INSIDE THE F.B.I. is a book that needed writing. It is a book that F.B.I. agents will buy and read in secret, publicly disown and privately cheer.

No conscientious American can read this very-often-funny, very-often-startling book, without being concerned about the obvious limitations of the man who directs the F.B.I., the manner in which it works and the things that it does and fails to do because of the peculiar way it is controlled.

This is a brave book . . .

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"His book is a condemnation of the present operations of the F.B.I." —HERB KENNY, The Boston Globe

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