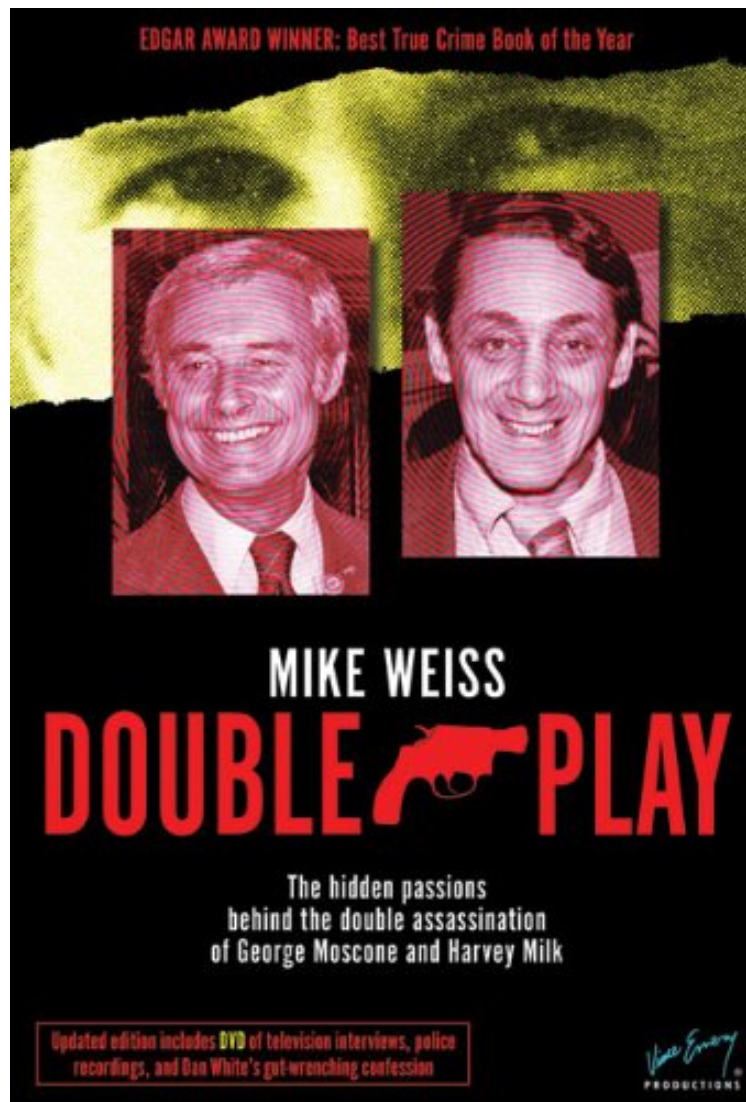


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through reading it. It's extremely well-written, as it should be since the author is a journalist, and it gave me lots of detail I didn't previously know from the 1978 assassinations. I think the author bent over backwards to be objective but should have tipped his hand a little bit more, as he did in the DVD that accompanies the book and on a recent booksigning on CSPAN/BookTV. He attended the trial so he focuses on that in detail and I would have liked to have seen more detail about the riot in S.F. after the minimal sentence murderer Dan White received. Overall I loved the book and could have kept reading for an extra 200 - 300 pages. 12 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Great book about Politics and Murder in San Francisco By Cranky Greg I remember when Dan White murdered San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. I was only 16 years old and lived a couple of thousand miles away, but I remember at the time how bizarre it seemed. I remember when Dan White was tried and we all heard about the "Twinkie Defense." And the resurgent interest in Harvey Milk and Sen. Dianne Feinstein's long political career which is still continuing make it an interesting topic today. I saw an article about the book on the Internet somewhere so I looked it up on and ordered this book and could not put it down once I started reading! The author does a nice job of describing the backgrounds of the major players - Moscone, Milk White. I think the author knew it was essential to understand the backgrounds of the major players and the politics in the City in order to understand White's crime and the resulting fallout, which is still being felt in California and all across the country. I really enjoyed the part of the book that covered Dan White's trial. I love trial stories, and this one was quite a read. I learned that the "Twinkie Defense" was not a "Twinkie Defense" at all - not even close. It's amazing how a term can stick to a story, no matter how false it is. As an attorney myself, I can certainly appreciate the efforts of the defense team, who performed, in my opinion, remarkably, considering the circumstances and the times and the setting and the ill will in the community on both sides. What I really enjoyed was the enclosed DVD that had video interviews with Mayor Moscone and Dan White as well as 911 calls after the killings. It made the book that much more enjoyable and real. I bet your feelings about the case will change after reading this book, one way or another. Mine sure did. I think that's a sign of a well-written insightful book which is not just a regurgitation of newspaper and media coverage of the event, as so many true-crime books are. What a great book for summer reading! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. THE REAL STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO By Scott Evans Mike Weiss covered this story as a reporter, so he knows it inside and out. What raises this book above the level of the true-crime genre is the author's ability to place a singular tragedy within the context of a certain time and place. San Francisco in the late 70s was a volatile stew of internecine conflict, both politically and socially. Even if you were here, it's hard to believe it happened. This book tells you why...

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