

11 Minutes – Press Sheet

A Crime Novel of Melbourne's 1976 Great Bookie Robbery

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Logline: Six men. Eleven minutes. The perfect crime – and the decade of violence that followed.

Short Synopsis:

On 21 April 1976, a crew of masked gunmen robbed Melbourne's Victoria Club in broad daylight, escaping with what would now be worth \$80 million. No one was convicted and the money was never found. Within ten years, every man was dead. *11 Minutes* follows the rise and fall of the crew, their families, and the city that made them, blending meticulous research with lived experience.

Key Details:

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Angles for Interview / Coverage:

- 50th anniversary of the Great Bookie Robbery (April 2026)
- Author as younger brother of one of the real men linked to the heist
- Melbourne's gangland history and the Painters & Dockers waterfront wars
- How fiction can tell emotional truths that court records and police files can't

Selected Praise:

"A quietly devastating tale of crime, loyalty, and consequence – 11 Minutes captures the uneasy truths of Melbourne's underworld." — Mark Q., ex-Melbourne bookie