

Anonymous Source: At War Against the Media

In the wake of the Watergate scandal, anonymous sources became a staple of American journalism. Today, they are more ubiquitous than ever, lurking behind stories on everything from politics to crime to celebrity gossip. But who are these anonymous sources, and what are their motives?



Anonymous Source: At War Against The Media by Dan Cohen

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In *Anonymous Source: At War Against the Media*, veteran journalist and media critic Eric Lichtblau delivers a groundbreaking exposé of the anonymous source phenomenon. Drawing on exclusive interviews with sources, reporters, and editors, Lichtblau reveals the hidden agendas, motivations, and tactics of anonymous sources, and shows how they are undermining the public trust in the media.

Lichtblau argues that anonymous sources are not simply whistleblowers who are afraid of retaliation. In many cases, they are self-interested actors who use the cloak of anonymity to advance their own agendas. Some

anonymous sources are government officials who leak information to promote their own policies or damage their rivals. Others are corporate executives who use anonymous sources to manipulate the stock market or discredit their competitors. And still others are simply attention-seekers who enjoy the thrill of being in the know.

The rise of anonymous sources has had a corrosive effect on journalism. It has made it more difficult for reporters to verify information, and it has created a climate of suspicion and distrust between reporters and their sources. As a result, the public is less likely to trust the information that they read in the media, and they are more likely to believe that the media is biased or corrupt.

Anonymous Source: At War Against the Media is a timely and important book that sheds light on one of the most pressing issues facing journalism today. Lichtblau's groundbreaking reporting reveals the hidden world of anonymous sources, and shows how they are undermining the public trust in the media. This book is a must-read for anyone who cares about the future of journalism.

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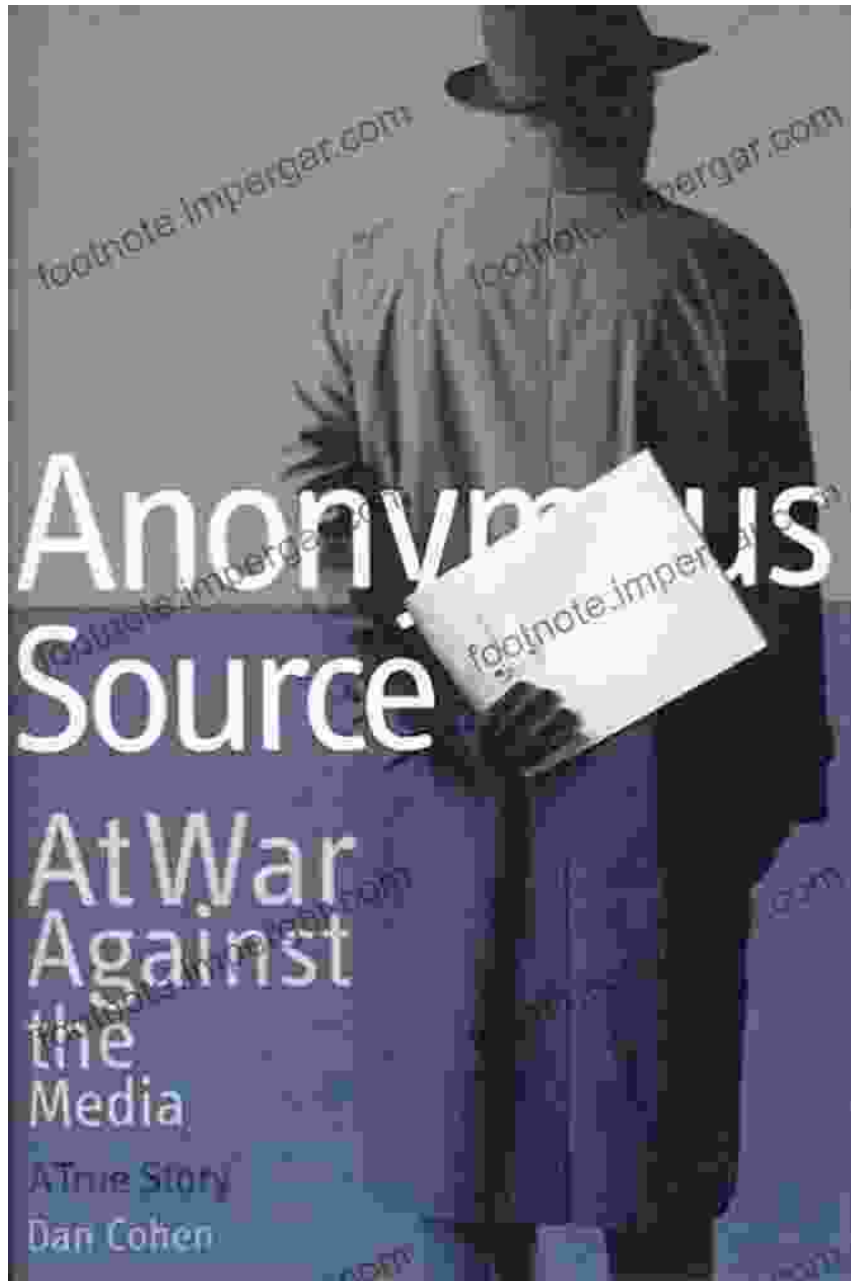
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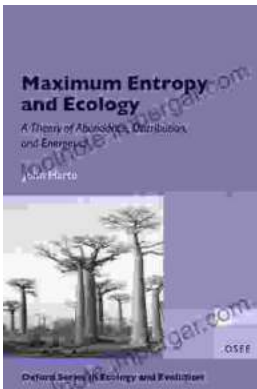
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