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Jack of Jumps

By David Seabrook

'Jack of Jumps is a close-to-the-flesh vamping of hidden files and forensic memories'
Iain Sinclair

'Seabrook transforms the state material of hundreds of "as-told-to" accounts
into an act of epic retrieval'
Guardian

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summon a whole, horrible era... Don't have nightmares'
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'There is no doubt that he succeeds in giving voice to his dead subjects. His solution to the
mystery is plausible too... a brutal, breathless ride... you're in for a treat'
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Between 1959 and 1965 eight prostitutes were found naked and murdered in West London. The 'nude' murders, as they became known, were the most notorious unsolved crimes since Jack the Ripper. By the time the body of the eighth victim was found in February 1965, a massive police operation was underway to catch the killer. The whole country waited to see what would happen next. The police had staked everything on the murderer striking again. But he didn't....

In 1970 the lead detective of the enquiry announced in his memoirs that the police knew the identity of the killer - that he had committed suicide as the net closed around him, and that they had vowed never to reveal his identity.

David Seabrook interviewed surviving police officers, witnesses and associates of the victims. He examined all of the evidence, the rumours, the accusations, allegations and half-truths. In this unique book, **Jack of Jumps**, Seabrook recreates the dark, brutal world of prostitution in 1960s London, and reconstructs every detail of the investigation into one of the 20th century's most vile serial killers.

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