
THE **REAL** CRAIG PETTIES



Road. River. Rail. Runway.

The four R's make Memphis America's Distribution Center and one of the country's most attractive locations for drug smugglers. With relative ease, products are moved into the Bluff City, then distributed throughout the country. This makes Memphis a key component in the nation's drug trade. In addition, Memphis' poor education and high unemployment provide a ready supply of young bodies, eager to learn the trade, even risking their lives to escape the desolation of poverty in the Memphis ghettos. This story is written into the rhythm of Memphis--the home of the blues and hard knocks. This is the birthplace of southern swag, big dreams,

bravado, smiles in spite of despair... and of Craig Petties, the man who would later become one of the nation's most notorious drug kingpins.

In "*BMF Smuggler: The World Is Ours*," Katherine Arandez goes beyond the news headlines and mugshots to tell the true, harrowing story of how Petties, as an ambitious teenager, would use sheer grit and guile to climb the ladder from petty crime in a Memphis ghetto to sit at the head of an international drug empire, and his staggering fall from grace at the hands of a DEA agent, obsessed with bringing him to justice.

"*BMF Smuggler: The World Is Ours*," is an edge-of-your-seat thrill ride with the ambitious teenage Craig Petties and leading DEA agent Abe Collins in a high-stakes game of cat and mouse that takes them around the world.