



## Ron Stallworth

### Topics

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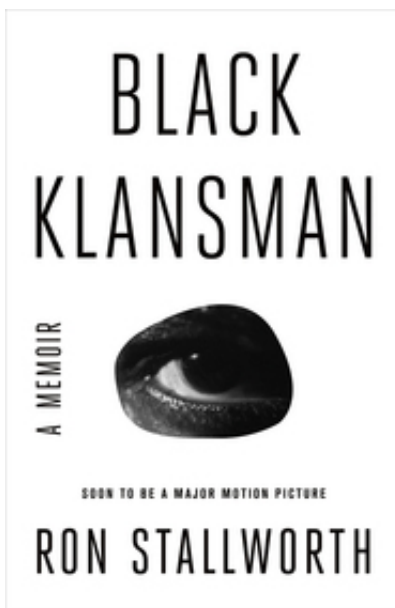
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### Bio

Ron Stallworth is highly decorated law enforcement veteran who worked undercover narcotics, vice, criminal intelligence and organized crime beats in four states. As the first black detective in the history of the Colorado Springs Police Department, Ron overcame fierce racial hostility to achieve a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. His book, *Black Klansman: A Memoir*, tells the tale of how Ron Stallworth, working in an undercover capacity, was able to penetrate the Ku Klux Klan chapter in Colorado Springs, making a fool of Grand Wizard David Duke while preventing domestic acts of terrorism. By recruiting his partner Chuck to play the "white" Ron Stallworth, he infiltrated the 1978 KKK and helped sabotage cross burnings, expose white supremacists in the military, and even befriended David Duke himself. Stallworth also led an undercover investigation into the anti-Klan protesters of the Progressive Labor Party. The book is also the basis for the upcoming major motion picture *BlacKkKlansman*, written and directed by Spike Lee, produced by Jordan Peele, and starring John David Washington and Adam Driver. Stallworth was raised in El Paso, Texas. He received his

B.A. in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia College in 2007. He has received numerous awards, including official commendations from numerous law enforcement departments, the 1998 Frederick Milton Thrasher Outstanding National Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award. He has given interviews and talks about his incredible investigation and career to organizations including MSNBC, CNN, NPR, BBC, *Vice* magazine, *Daily Mail* and more. In addition to *The Black Klansman*, Ron Stallworth is the author of *Bringing the Noise: Gangster-Reality Rap in the Dynamics of Black Social Revolution* and *Gangsta Code: The Sociological Implications of Gangster Rap Music and Hip Hop Culture*.

## BOOKS



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