

WELCOME

In the course of any criminal enterprise there is usually someone who makes a complete pest of himself. If that person is on the side of the team, the solution is simple. He goes. Unfortunately, if he's an agent of the US Drug Enforcement Agency, he is then an almost intractable problem. He has at least 6,000 colleagues to take his place should he fall. One of them, against whom I held no special grudge, made it his business to end my life. Bill Shenkmann appeared before me at the times of major arrests for over thirty years, even though not one of the cases had a US connection. That's devotion.

Unforgiving Destiny follows the threads that link those unwelcome visits and the background fire of the smuggling trade that drew him close. It is also a story of survival. I'm too old to apologise for my life, and have made too many apologies to the dead to care how evil readers believe I am. Besides, would a good guy tell you what you really want to know?