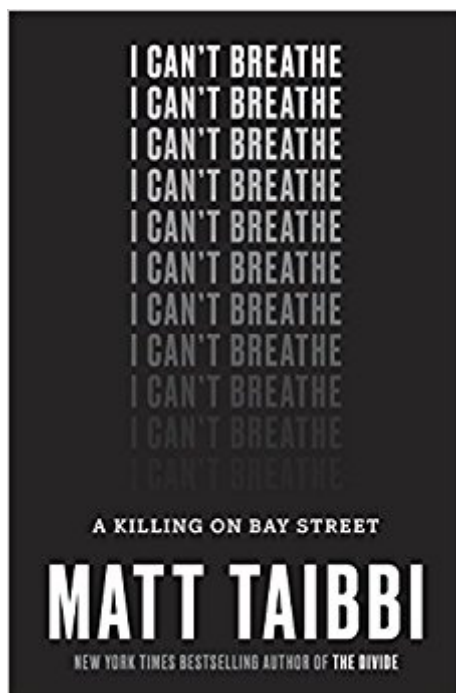The book was found

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A work of riveting literary journalism that explores the roots and repercussions of the infamous killing of Eric Garner by the New York City policeÃ¢ ¬â •from the bestselling author of The Divide Ã Â On July 17, 2014, a forty-three-year-old black man named Eric Garner died on a Staten Island sidewalk after a police officer put him in what has been described as an illegal chokehold during an arrest for selling bootleg cigarettes. The final moments of GarnerÃ¢ ¬â„¢s life were captured on video and seen by millions. His agonized last words, Ã¢ ¬Å"I canÃ¢ ¬â„¢t breathe,Ã¢ ¬Â• became a rallying cry for the nascent Black Lives Matter protest movement. A grand jury ultimately declined to indict the officer who wrestled Garner to the pavement. Ã Â Matt TaibbiÃ¢ ¬â„¢s deeply reported retelling of these events liberates Eric Garner from the abstractions of newspaper accounts and lets us see the man in fullÃ¢ ¬â •with all his flaws and contradictions intact. A husband and father with a complicated personal history, Garner was neither villain nor victim, but a fiercely proud individual determined to do the best he could for his family, bedeviled by bad luck, and ultimately subdued by forces beyond his control.Ã Â Ã Â In America, no miscarriage of justice exists in isolation, of course, and in I CanÃ¢ ¬â„¢t Breathe Taibbi also examines the conditions that made this tragedy possible. Featuring vivid vignettes of life on the street and inside our Kafkaesque court system, TaibbiÃ¢ ¬â„¢s kaleidoscopic account illuminates issues around policing, mass incarceration, the underground economy, and racial disparity in law enforcement. No one emerges unsullied, from the conservative district attorney who half-heartedly prosecutes the case to the progressive mayor caught between the demands of outraged activists and the foot-dragging of recalcitrant police officials.Ã Â Ã Â A masterly narrative of urban America and a scathing indictment of the perverse incentives built into our penal system, I CanÃ¢ ¬â„¢t Breathe drills down into the particulars of one case to confront us with the human cost of our broken approach to dispensing criminal justice.Praise for Matt Taibbi Ã Â Ã¢ ¬Å"Matt Taibbi is [Hunter S.] ThompsonÃ¢ ¬â„¢s heir.Ã¢ ¬Â•Ã¢ ¬â •Seattle Post-Intelligencer

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