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# Even Money

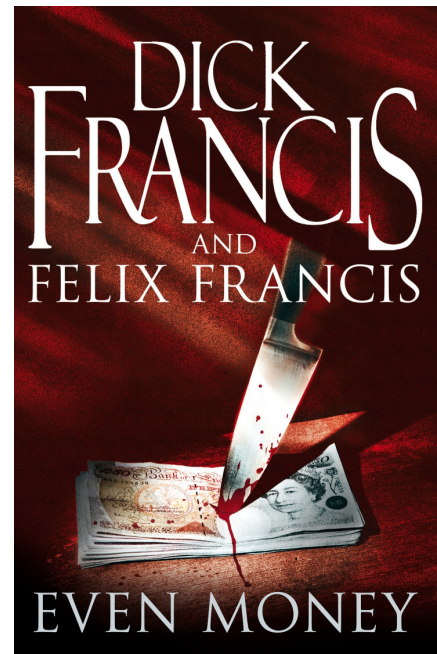
by Dick Francis and Felix Francis

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On the first day of Royal Ascot, the crowd cheers as a string of favourites pass the winning post. Ned Talbot has worked all his life as a bookmaker – taking over the family business from his grandfather – so he knows not to expect any sympathy from the punters as they count their winnings, and he counts his losses. He's seen the ups and downs before – but, as the big gambling conglomerates muscle in on small concerns like his, Ned wonders if it's worth it any more.

When a grey-haired man steps forward from the crowd claiming to be his father, Ned's life is thrown into turmoil.

Ned finds himself in a race to solve the riddles surrounding his father, a race where coming second could cost him more than even money; it could cost him his life.



## The Authors

Dick Francis has written forty-two novels, a volume of short stories (*Field of 13*), his autobiography (*The Sport of Queens*) and the biography of Lester Piggott. He is rightly acclaimed as one of the greatest thriller writers in the world.

Felix Francis is the younger of Dick's two sons. Over the last forty years Felix has assisted with the research of many of the Dick Francis novels, not least *Twice Shy*, *Shattered* and *Under Orders*. With the publication of *Dead Heat*, Felix took on a more significant role in the writing, which continued brilliantly with the top ten bestseller *Silks*. *Even Money* is the third novel of this father-and-son collaboration.

## Notes to editors

- *Even Money* is published in hardback by Michael Joseph on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009, RRP \$55.00
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