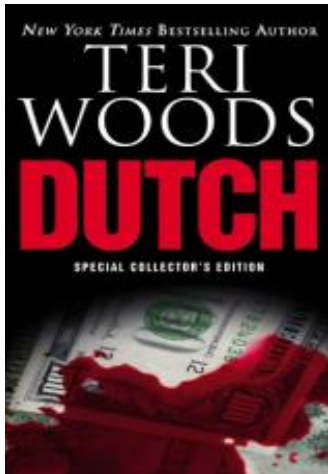


## Dutch

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### About the Book

James Bernard Jr., a.k.a. Dutch, has become the most dangerous criminal in New Jersey. From his early skill as a car thief, Dutch recognized the opportunity to rule the streets and he seized it. Feared by all, and completely fearless, Dutch and his dangerous clique take over the lucrative heroin business of a local African drug lord. With both the protection and respect of the Mafia, Dutch becomes the most terrifying force on the streets. District Attorney Anthony Jacobs is determined to take down Dutch and his crew, and he's confident that his witnesses will testify against them.

### Discussion Guide

1. Do you think Dutch was a true thug in his heart, or just a regular guy from the hood who could have gone either way?
2. Could Dutch have established himself without brutally killing Kazami?
3. Do you think Delores could have done more to keep Dutch from the life he grew to lead?
4. Was Angel's loyalty based on true friendship or her feelings for Dutch?
5. Would you have gone to jail for life to protect someone else? If so, for who and why?
6. What do you think made Nina different from the other women Dutch dated? Why do you think she gained his heart, when even Angel could not?
7. Do you think Nina genuinely loved Dutch or loved his money and power?
8. Do you think Roberto knew who Dutch would become? That said, do you think people realize how much they

influence the youth around them?

**9.** Why do you think the people of New Jersey went crazy when Dutch was arrested? Shouldn't the neighborhood want someone like Dutch off the streets?

**10.** Do you agree with Roc's decision to leave the game? Why or why not?

**11.** Did you find yourself rooting for Dutch in the end? If so, why?

**12.** Were you happy with the ending? Why or why not?

## Author Bio

Teri Woods was born in Delaware and later moved to Philadelphia, PA where she worked as a legal secretary/paralegal for eight years in a Philadelphia law firm. She began writing **True to the Game** in 1993 and began to submit her work to publishers. After being turned down, the book sat dormant in a closet for two years. In 1998, she began selling handmade copies of the book out of the trunk of her car. With the success of the handmade books, she started her own publishing and production company, Meow Meow Productions. Teri Woods lives in New Jersey with her three children. She is hard at work on her next novel.

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