

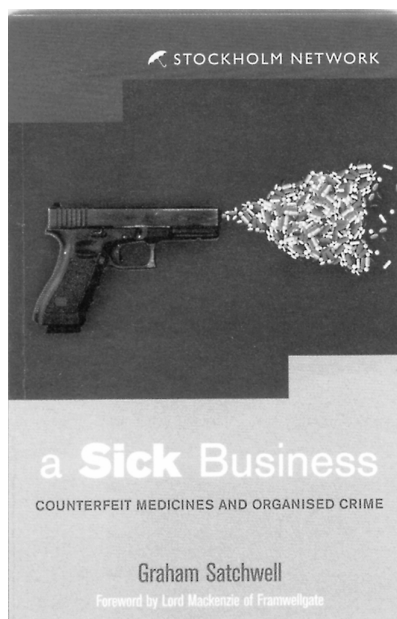
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## Scarier than fiction

Published by the Stockholm Network, *A Sick Business — Counterfeit Medicines and Organized Crime*, takes on the topic of counterfeiting of pharmaceuticals throughout Europe. Former policeman Graham Satchwell investigates the trade in fake medicines and its links with organized crime, revealing how counterfeiters across Europe



have discovered a range of easy routes for selling fake and sub-standard products into the legitimate distribution chain.

*A Sick Business* aims to illustrate the extent to which patients and consumers are unaware of the public safety problems caused by counterfeit medicines, costing money and lives, and perhaps even contributing to terrorist activity. To change this and protect the public, writes Satchwell, coordinated action is necessary. "But before that can happen," he warns, "interested parties, particularly pharmaceutical companies, parallel traders, the police and the Crown Prosecution Services, will need to understand the urgency."