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Miracle at Sing Sing How One Man Transformed the Lives of America's Most Dangerous Prisoners Ralph Blumenthal The New York Times journalist and acclaimed author of Stork Club returns to the Jazz Age and beyond to explore the powerful story of one man whose faith in humanity lit up the darkest corner of America in 1919, Lewis E. Lawes moved his wife and three young daughters into the warden's mansion at Sing Sing prison. They shared a yard with 1,096 of the toughest inmates in the world-murderers, rapists, and thieves whom Lawes alone believed capable of redemption. Presiding over 300 executions, Lawes was a humane man who despised the death penalty and felt that if criminals were treated with respect, they would be respected in return. This prompted him to organize the legendary football games for his 'boys,' allow a kidnapper to care for his children, and a cut-throat to shave him every morning. This is an inspiring story of the ultimate monument to failure-a prison and its prisoners-and how one man proved that no one is beyond redemption. 'If Lewis Edward Lawes' long career as Warden of Sing Sing were written as a novel, it would surely be criticized as implausible.....A story almost too good to be true, but too true to miss.' -Mario Cuomo 'Ralph Blumenthal has given us a remarkable portrait of a remarkable man.....Blumenthal is a gifted story-teller....he has given us a tale well worth telling.' -David Nasaw, author of The Chief: The Life of William Randolph Hearst

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