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About the Author

James Swain is the nationally bestselling author of seventeen mystery novels. His books have been named *Publishers Weekly* and *Kirkus Reviews* Best Mystery Books of the Year, and he has received three Barry Award nominations and a Florida Book Award for fiction. In 2006, he was awarded France's prestigious Prix Calibre .38 for Best American Crime Writing. Born in Huntington, New York, he graduated from New York University and worked as a magazine editor and screenwriter before moving to Florida to run a successful advertising firm. When he isn't writing, he enjoys researching casino scams and cons, a subject on which he's considered an expert.

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