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But the body of one of the *Midnight Rambler*’s victims has just been uncovered—and forensic evidence suggests Carpenter jailed the wrong man. With Skell just days away from release, the tarnished hero must reopen the case that shattered his life and the lives of eight murdered women.

As waves of heat and rain wash over the steamy streets, Carpenter races against the clock to reaffirm the case against Skell. Yet the deeper he digs, the more he starts to realize that Skell is just one piece in a terrifying puzzle of predation and murder, just one player in a shocking conspiracy that ranges across the state of Florida. And as the relentless Carpenter draws the net tighter, his enemies prepare to spring a devastating final surprise.

From the seaside bar that Jack Carpenter calls home to the glittering tourist kingdom in Orlando to the funky jungle of Coconut Grove, James Swain unleashes a wild ride into the heart of evil—with the Rolling Stones’ “*Midnight Rambler*” as the throbbing, terrifying soundtrack.

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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

Swain, author of the gambling crime series starring Tony Valentine (*Grift Sense*, etc.), avoids many of the clichés of the antisocial ex-cop novel in this chilling stand-alone. A specialist in finding missing children, former cop Jack Carpenter was fired from the force for assaulting a prisoner. Broke after a civil lawsuit and estranged from his wife and daughter, he's living in a seedy beachside apartment north of Miami, Fla., with his dog. Then Simon Skell (aka the Midnight Rambler), whom Carpenter helped convict for murdering prostitutes, is released from prison on a technicality. Determined to prove Skell guilty, Carpenter is frozen out by the cop on the case, but help comes from an FBI agent whose daughter vanished years earlier. The tension rises as the investigation widens far beyond Skell. Well-defined characters and intricately woven subplots, one involving a nail-biting scene at Disney World, make this a page-turner. *12-city author tour.* (Oct.)

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Review

Praise for James Swain and *Midnight Rambler*

“Midnight Rambler is a heavy hitter, fast and spare. Travis McGee meets Philip Marlow.”

—Randy Wayne White, author of *Hunter's Moon*

“Moves like a bullet train on overdrive . . . I tore through this one without putting on the brakes. I guarantee you will, too!”

—Michael Connelly

“Midnight Rambler kept me up all night long, and Jack Carpenter is as appealing a hero as I've ever met. The only problem with Swain's riveting thrillers is they end.”

—Tess Gerritsen, author of *The Bone Garden*

“Swain is one terrific writer.”

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About the Author

James Swain is the author of seven bestselling novels. In 2006, he was awarded the prestigious Prix Calibre 36 for Best American Crime Fiction. He lives in Florida with his wife Laura.

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