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Editorial Review

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The author of the acclaimed *Manhunt* (2006), about the pursuit of the killer of Abraham Lincoln, here tackles the JFK assassination. Forget conspiracy theories about whodunit. Swanson's focus is on the events themselves, the killing and the hunt for the gunman. Think of this as a true-crime book, not another of the millions (well, it seems like that sometimes) of books about who really shot Kennedy. Swanson takes an hour-by-hour, minute-by-minute approach, tracking killer and victim in the lead-up to the fatal shot and then tracking the killer and his pursuers in the days after the assassination, culminating with the killer's own murder. It's a highly detailed, highly compelling story, and it would be just as compelling if the victim didn't happen to be JFK. Swanson is an excellent writer, and the book, which draws on many dozens of previously published works (his bibliography separates fiction and conspiracy literature from the rest of the pack), is a valuable addition to the JFK collection and to the true-crime genre as a whole. --David Pitt

Review

"A master of the form, James Swanson has brought his formidable storytelling skills to bear on another tragic turning point in American history. His treatment of Dallas 1963 is grand narrative at its finest." (**JON MEACHAM** - Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* and *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*)

"**HISTORY AS TRUE-CRIME STORY.** As he did in his bestselling *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*, Swanson combines stellar research with a brisk, transporting narrative." (Washingtonian Magazine)

End of Days is a fresh, modern contribution to the literature about one of the most heartbreaking crimes in history." (Washington Post)

"*End of Days* reads like a thriller while providing meticulous detail--the true-crime counterpart to Don DeLillo's masterful, speculative novelization, *Libra*." (Omnivoracious)

"Absorbing and fast-paced." (Associated Press)

"Skillful... Authoritative... Swanson's narrative gifts inject fresh suspense into the story of JFK's slaying." (National Review)

"With a gift for storytelling, an ability to juxtapose events in the lives of killer and victim and an eye for the revelatory detail, Swanson offers a gripping account... the energy and devotion he brings to this endeavor rekindles the emotions of a half-century ago..." (Richmond Times-Dispatch)

"A crisp, readable recital of the events surrounding the run-up to Nov. 22 and the aftermath." (Dallas Morning News)

"Swanson makes history read like a crime thriller, vividly re-creating the details surrounding the shooting through the perspectives of the killer, the victim, and those closest to them." (Parade Magazine)

From the Back Cover

Here, for the first time in decades, is a gripping, minute-by-minute account of the day President John F. Kennedy was shot, told by James Swanson, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Manhunt*, which so vividly brought the Lincoln assassination to life. In *End of Days*, he reveals Lee Harvey Oswald's bizarre history of violence and follows John and Jacqueline Kennedy's wildly successful swing through Texas and their fateful Dallas motorcade ride. In the most riveting account ever written about the assassin's shots, Swanson takes us to the sixth-floor Texas Book Depository window to look through Oswald's rifle sights. Swanson also re-creates the last hours of the doomed assassin and the days of national mourning for the president that followed, culminating in a funeral that united the country in a tearful farewell to the fallen commander in chief.

In *End of Days*, Swanson combines extensive research with his unparalleled storytelling abilities to turn the events of one of the darkest days of the twentieth century into a pulse-pounding thriller that will remain the definitive popular account of the assassination for years to come.

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