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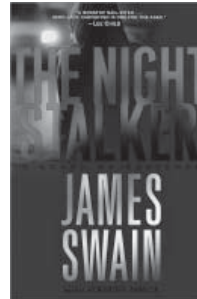
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## **The Night Stalker**

*By James Swain*

*Ballantine Books, \$25.00, 368 pages*

With a fast and raw offering in *The Night Stalker*, Swain shows his best-seller writing talent, and chronicles quite the story while doing so. Jack Carpenter, the protagonist, receives a request from a serial-killer, that is currently on death row, whose case he once worked on. Grimes, the killer, asks Carpenter to look for his grandson, who he believes was kidnapped by the boy's father. Carpenter, working independently from the police, stumbles through an underground of twisted "people," and another grizzly murder occurs, causing the tension surrounding the missing boy to come to a peak.



*The Night Stalker* is utterly engaging, to the point where you can no longer remember that you are reading a book. While Carpenter's character may not be the most sophisticatedly developed one, the action centering around him is most definitely edgy, and in more than one fashion. It's edgy, like on the cutting edge of the genre, and it's edgy like it keeps you on the edge of your seat.