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TEXAS WIND

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Includes an introduction by Ed Gorman

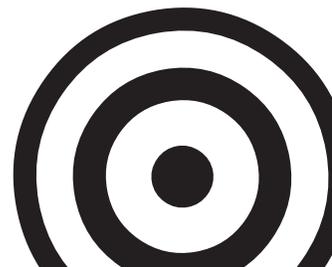
“One of the first private-eye novels set in Texas, and certainly one of the best. A classic. Having it back in print is cause for celebration among those who like lean writing, tight plotting, and a thoroughly realized setting.”

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When Cody, a Texas private investigator, is hired to look into what should be a straightforward missing person case, he soon realizes that he's taken on more than he bargained for. The facts surrounding the disappearance of Fort Worth businessman's daughter, twenty-year-old Mandy Traft, are far from clear. Did she run off with her boyfriend? Or has she been kidnapped? With each step Cody takes, the case becomes increasingly dangerous. Before long, he's been warned off, and bodies are starting to tumble. He knows he should get out while he still can. But he can't. Not until he finds Mandy.

TEXAS WIND is James Reasoner's debut novel that has achieved a legendary status since its publication in 1980. Considered by many to be one of the best private eye novels ever written, TEXAS WIND is finally back in print.



“TEXAS WIND . . . went out of print on the same date it was put into print. Manor Books, the tiny NYC publishing house that printed it, was crippled with terrible distribution problems. If you found a copy, you were truly blessed. Readers and fans of TEXAS WIND have kept it alive by discussing it online, at conventions and over beers down at the local tap . . . I’ve seen it praised for all sorts of reasons, all of them reasonable, all of them true in their way. I’ll tell you why I personally find it an important book: because it creates a world, in this case Texas, and fills it out in every way possible—through its characters, its sociology, and perhaps most important of all, the simple decency of its working-class protagonist.” ED GORMAN

James Reasoner has been a professional writer for more than twenty-five years, authoring dozens of novels in a variety of genres and over a hundred short stories. For several years early in his career, he wrote the Mike Shayne novellas in MIKE SHAYNE MYSTERY MAGAZINE under the famous pseudonym Brett Halliday. Under his own name in recent years he has written a ten-book series of historical novels set during the Civil War and several historical novels about World War II. He lives in Texas with his wife, award-winning mystery novelist L.J. Washburn.



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