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**An Amazon Charts bestseller.**

After her journalist husband and infant son are brutally executed in a fire in their Florida home, photographer Harper McDaniel has nothing left to live for—except settling the score. When the local police fail to take the arson seriously, Harper takes the reins and discovers her husband was investigating some mysterious deaths at a cacao plantation on the Ivory Coast. Now she's convinced he was targeted in a corporate conspiracy to silence him.

Aided by her former mafioso grandfather and well-connected financier brother, Harper embarks on a global manhunt, flying first to Africa, then Zurich to expose a high-level cover-up inside a powerful chocolate conglomerate.

But Harper has a few secrets of her own—starting with her lethal martial arts skills—and she's not afraid to take on any hired guns or guerrillas standing in her way. In trying to cover their tracks, the conspirators made one fatal miscalculation: they didn't count on Harper McDaniel coming for *them*.

## When They Come for You Details

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# From Reader Review When They Come for You for online ebook

## Connie says

This action-packed thriller is filled with some surprisingly true facts. While reading this book I couldn't help but feel that the author was getting some of the information from current events, so I looked it up. In a way, this book while exciting and hard to put down is sadly informative and tells of the child labor, and even abductions of children, that are used to keep prices low harvesting chocolate in Africa.

The author did an excellent job of describing scenes so vividly that I felt as if I was there. The characters actions ring true for the situations they are in. For example, I could feel Harper's pain when her family is killed because the author did such a good job of showing the reader through her actions and conversations. It was easy to get caught up in her desire to find out why they were targeted since the details of her relationship with her husband and son showed an extremely caring, young family.

What I didn't like: cursing. Why do authors feel a need to bring God into their curse words? This is a huge pet peeve of mine. Just say damn if you "have" to. I personally don't know anyone who uses curse words; however, if you read the latest fiction, you'd think 90% of the population must talk like this. Not so.

Warning: some sex although the scenes aren't filled with graphic details.

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## Gatorman says

Entertaining and fast-paced thriller from Hall, known for his Thorne series but branching out to a new one involving Harper McDaniels, a photographer whose husband and infant son are murdered and house burned down over a potential story the hubby was investigating involving the chocolate industry. Harper starts out as a bit unbelievable with fighting skills that seem to come from nowhere, but as the story progresses, information comes to light to explain her history and present skills. It's well-written and moves at a quick pace over its rather brief 278 pages. The ending sets up the next chapter. Not as good as the Thorne books but entertaining enough. 3.5 stars bumped to 4 for the writing and likable characters.

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## Ray Moon says

A Good Quick Read With Minor Problems

When They Come For You opens with Spider Combs sitting in his car spying on the Ross and Harper McDaniel and their infant son, Leo, in their home. Spider exits his car and hurries to the home. Harper, a photographer with an internationally famous photographer mother, is preparing for charity gala. Just before she leaves, Ross, an investigative newspaper reporter, who never discusses his pending articles with Harper, breaks that precedence and tells Harper that he is working on an article about chocolate. At the charity gala, Harper's mother's pictures were showcased. During the show, Nick, Harper's brother, interrupts the slideshow for harper to take a phone call. It is the police asking if she was Harper McDaniel, wife of Ross, mother of Leo. When Harper and Nick arrive home that no longer exists. Ross and Leo are dead, but not

from the fire, both were shot to death. Harper was not fully open with the police. She decided to find out what was behind the chocolate article. She teamed up with Nick, Sal, her gangster maternal grandfather and Harper's mysterious past. The main storyline takes off from here and becomes international in scope. This mystery/thriller kept my interest with how problems were overcome in determining who was behind the murders. Along the way, a few more join the company of the deceased.

The B-storyline is rich and works well with and complements the main storyline. Much is revealed about Harper, Ross, Nick, Sal, Ben Westfield, a movie star who was a favorite subject of Harper's mother, Spider, and some other characters introduced later in the novel. Not only does this background information make these characters come alive and enrich the reading experience, but many aspects of the main storyline depends upon what is revealed in the B-storyline.

Unfortunately, some events stretched my believability a bit. They were serious enough that I lowered the rating, but was not serious enough that I did not enjoy the read. Now, some readers have strict prohibition on language and sex. There are a few f-bombs but not excessive, and all were appropriate in their context. There are not any explicit sex scenes, but implications with scenes that are almost TV legal.

Overall, When They Come For You was an enjoyable and quick read. The main storyline took a winding and circuitous route that kept my interest throughout the entire novel. If you tone down your believability expectations just a hair, I believe that you will enjoy it also. I give this novel a rating of four stars.

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### **Fred Forbes says**

James Hall is a favorite of mine and I always looked forward to his new releases for a chance to catch up when he appears at our local bookstores. Unfortunately, he has opted to skip the "conventional" publishing routine and skip the hardback in favor of the paperback and a huge emphasis on the e-book. (Glad to see it made the best seller list!)

This is a new character, female, for a big change from Thorn and the book features his clear descriptive writing and tense plotting. A bit of a credulity stretch in a few places (seriously, two major businessmen working opposite sides of a deal turn out to be big fanboys of the same movie star?). And while I enjoyed the book and it was complete in its own right, I find dangling endings to be most annoying. I know, it prods interest in the next one in the series but I would have read it anyway.

Wishing you the best, Jim, with your new approach but I will miss you!

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### **John of Canada says**

Pretty good beginning and story, but I got the impression that Hall cut and pasted it together. It was obviously the beginning of a series and I'll probably pass on any future offerings.

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### **Roger A Bultot says**

**Really disappointing**

Adolescent writing of a mediocre story. Tedious and boring. Don't waste your time. Can't understand how some of these "stories" get published.

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### **P Bernhardt says**

I had a hard time deciding how many stars to award to When They Come For You. The story is interesting, well-written, and includes enough information about the Chocolate industry to urge the reader to do more research. The author provides picturesque descriptions of the Ivory Coast, Miami, and Zurich so you feel as if you're there. The action is descriptive and helps the plot. The reason I didn't give it Five Stars is the protagonist. Harper McDaniel is a singularly unlikeable character. She's abrasive, unappreciative, and a smartass. I had little feelings for her, so when she got herself into tough situations, I didn't much care whether she survived or not. If you like this type of character, this book is for you. I've found other titles with tough women as the protagonist who much more appealing than Harper.

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### **Linda says**

[and later is delusional enough to think he and Harper

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### **Hattie E Smith says**

#### **Save the headache**

This book was very difficult to read, but some how I managed to finish it. A woman whose husband and child are murdered because he researching the chocolate industry and the shady dealings of one company. Good idea, however, the story was poorly developed. A mafia grandfather turned hacker; an adopted brother bullied as a child yet still cannot take care of himself; a movie star fathers she didn't know about, and an assassin who fancies himself in love with her; and let us not forget that our heroine is or had been a black ops person turned vigilante. Its just too much and poorly told. Please no sequel.

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### **Sarah Long says**

You know how a book can grab you, not letting you put it down? This is not one of those books. The story line fell flat, the character development was not what one would hope for, and there were parts that felt completely unrealistic, such as the main character's grief on its way to resolving a mere three months after the death of her husband and son. I could see that happening if you didn't like your husband. But your child? Not gonna happen. Two stars.

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### **Tulay says**

**Good story.**

This book was free with my Kindle First unpublished August book. Husband and child killed and her house burned down. He was reporter, wrote about her mobster family and investigating "chocolate." Vengeance killings all over the globe. Didn't do much for me, but while eating chocolate will remember this story.

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### **Larry Deaton says**

James W. Hall, who writes the Florida based mystery series about a man who goes by the name of Thorn, starts a new series with a female protagonist. This one is about Harper McDaniel, a woman photographer, who has to deal with her husband and infant son murdered in the opening pages of the book. We move through the horrors of that, as she recruits her grandfather, a retired mafioso in Florida as well as some other help, to track down the killers who are connected with the chocolate industry. There is some good writing in this book, but Hall turns his hero into a virtual superhero and one who really seems to escape the grieving that I think that anyone would go through having lost their spouse and baby. I wanted to like this book more than I did. Three stars. I'll stick with Hall's Thorn series.

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### **Larry says**

The murders at the beginning almost stopped me cold, but the payoff is worth the read, and Hall writes really well.

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### **Suze says**

#### **WHEN THEY COME FOR YOU**

My Kindle First pick for August, this was a thriller. I enjoyed the story, Harper McDaniel is a very compelling character- fighting for justice for her husband and young son. I liked the book, but at the end where it hints at another book, I have no interest in continuing this as a series- and that is why I gave it three stars instead of four.

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### **Paromjit says**

This is a tense, action packed thriller set in Florida, the Ivory Coast and Switzerland. Photographer Harper McDaniel is shell shocked when her journalist husband, Ross and baby Leon are murdered and her home set on fire. The only thing that pulls her out of her mind numbing grief and anguish is her determination to find out what happened and why. With Ross's final words to her about chocolate, Harper begins to peel back the layers that lead to the heinous actions of the Albion Corporation and their activities in Africa. Harper is helped by her beloved adopted brother, Nick, who works for the World Bank. Harper was prevented from getting to know her grandfather, Sal, by her famous celebrity photographer mother, Deena. Now retired, Sal was a significant figure in the Mob, and shunned by his daughter. Sal and Harper meet and get to know each other and agree to hunt down the killers as partners.

Harper has her own secrets, and she has to rediscover her latent martial arts skills as she comes up against dangerous men and further death and destruction. As Harper digs deep, she discovers a side to Ross she didn't know about, a tough and courageous man, chasing a story because he believed in it. In Africa, Harper looks for information on the Albion Cacao Plantation, only to encounter street thugs, guerrillas, and corrupt politicians. Over the border in Burkino Faso, she finds evidence of the massacre of an entire village called Soko. Only just making it out of the Ivory Coast by the skin of her teeth, Harper goes to Zurich, Switzerland, where the headquarters of Albion are located. In a story that has Harper investigating senior figures at the company, she uncovers some family secrets about her identity. Despite facing ruthless forces, nothing is going to stop Harper getting to the bottom of who destroyed her family.

This is a well written and structured crime thriller from the author. It has all the ingredients that go into a gripping thriller and packed with plenty of action. However, not all the ends are tied up and it looks as if Harper McDaniels is set to return in a sequel. Harper makes an exciting central character, with hidden skills and secrets, a notoriously famous mother, and a grandfather who brings the vast resources and contacts from the Mafia. A thriller that I definitely enjoyed reading! Many thanks to Thomas and Mercer for an ARC.

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