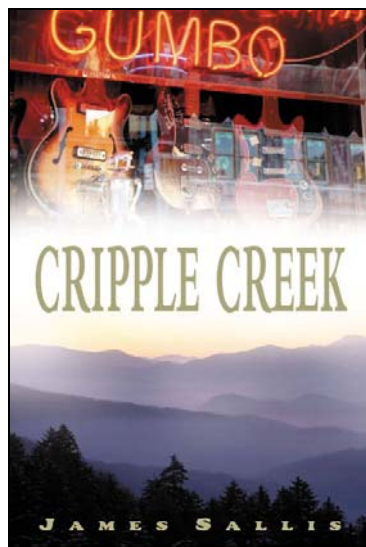


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CRIPPLE CREEK

JAMES SALLIS

new title

SALES POINTS:

- Increasingly high profile author following the critical success of *Drive*
- Previous nominee for the CWA Gold Dagger Award
- Taps right into the contemporary crime noir market

MARKET:

Crime fiction, literary fiction

DESCRIPTION:

In *Cypress Grove*, James Sallis introduced his compelling new protagonist — Turner. Susannah Yager of *The Telegraph* said: "Sallis's deceptively easy style disguises the skill with which he has produced a satisfyingly complete portrait of a man's life" - Now Turner is back in Cripple Creek, a novel as atmospheric and eventful as anything Sallis has written.

A year or so has passed since the events of *Cypress Grove*. Ex-policeman, ex-con, former therapist, Turner has become Deputy Sheriff in the small town within driving distance of Memphis, Tennessee, to which he had migrated in hopes of escaping his past. His life is mending as he and Val Bjorn grow closer. And then a young man, arrested on a routine traffic stop with more than \$200,000 in his trunk, is forcibly sprung from jail after Sheriff Don Lee is brutally assaulted. Throwing caution aside, Turner goes in pursuit to Memphis, unleashing ghosts he thought he had left behind, and endangering all that matters to him now.

REVIEW COVERAGE:

Praise for James Sallis:

"...James Sallis is a superb writer ..." - *The Times*

"...Sallis is a fastidious man, intelligent and widely read. There's nothing slapdash or merely strategic about his work ... peculiar and visionary. ..."

- *London Review of Books*

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"...Sallis, a poet in private eye's clothing, has found in Turner a rich new character to hang around with. Let's hope this isn't the last we see of him...."

- *The Boston Globe*

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