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David James Smith was born in south London and has been a journalist all his working life. His definitive account of the James Bulger case, *The Sleep of Reason*, was first published in 1994 and then in an updated edition by Faber Finds in 2011. David wrote for *Esquire* before joining the *Sunday Times Magazine*, for whom he has travelled around the world writing cover stories, investigative articles, reportage and profiles. An article for the Magazine led to his second book, *All About Jill: The Life and Death of Jill Dando* (2002). The acclaimed *Supper with the Crippens* followed in 2005, then came *One Morning in Sarajevo - 28 June 1914* (2008), a reconstruction of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. His most recent book is *Young Mandela* (2010).

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