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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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