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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Far from Haines's fluffy Southern cozies in tone, if not geography, this thriller from the author of *Crossed Bones* aims at a noirish literary quality it only partly achieves. On the plus side are powerful scenes of suspense and a moody evocation of time and place. Eschewing anything so obvious as naming an actual date, Haines makes it clear through subtle clues that the action is happening just after the end of WWII. The entrenched racial structure of a small Mississippi town of that era is similarly well done. Chief among the novel's shortcomings is the heavy-handed rendering of the love story between a mixed-race beauty, Jade Dupree, and all-white deputy Frank Kimble. Other interracial relationships are integral to the story, but the tantalizing possibility of a strong unifying theme is lost in banality and cliché. After society queen Marlena Bramlett, Jade's

white half-sister, is brutally raped and Marlina's young daughter kidnapped, the plot thickens like cold grits. Haines loses control as her story builds to a discordant conclusion, which could be setting up a sequel but otherwise fails to satisfy. (Apr.)

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Review Praise for Carolyn Haines

Library Journal named *Penumbra* one of its Best Mysteries of 2006.

"Haines's sentences neatly and exactly delineate passionate emotions and richly drawn characters."
--*Rocky Mountain News* on *Judas Burning*

"Like the heat of a Deep South summer, Ms. Haines's novel has an undeniable intensity; it's impossible to shake its brooding atmosphere."
--*The New York Times Book Review* on *Judas Burning*

"Clever and impressive."
--*Publishers Weekly* on *Hallowed Bones*

"A writer of exceptional talent."
--*Milwaukee Journal* on *Them Bones*

"Wickedly funny. Devilishly clever. Scintillatingly Southern. Carolyn Haines is an author to die for."
--Carolyn Hart, author of *April Fool Dead*

"The past rises up and grabs the present by the throat in this riveting look into a small town's dark heart. Fans of Haines's *Bones* series will welcome this latest novel's haunted characters and driving narrative."
--Julia Spencer-Fleming, Edgar finalist and author of *To Darkness and to Death*

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