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THE MIDNIGHT ASSASSIN: Panic, Scandal, and Hunt for America's First Serial Killer

Skip Hollandsworth,
Texas Monthly
journalist

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A sweeping narrative history of a terrifying serial killer--America's first--who stalked Austin, Texas in 1885.

For almost exactly one year, the Midnight Assassin crisscrossed the entire city, striking on moonlit nights, using axes, knives, and long steel rods to rip apart women from every race and class. At the time the concept of a serial killer was unthinkable, but the murders continued, the killer became more brazen, and the citizens' panic reached a fever pitch. Published by Henry Holt & Co. (2016) with vivid historical detail and novelistic flair, *Texas Monthly* journalist Skip Hollandsworth brings this terrifying saga to life.

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