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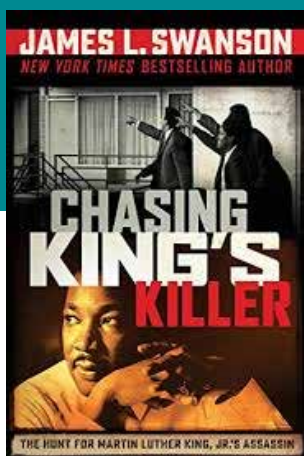
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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

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Young Adult

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Martin Luther King Jr. is dead and no one can find his killer. Surprisingly, James Earl Ray eludes police and the FBI for almost two months before his capture. How does Ray do it? He is an experienced convict who only knows a life of crime, but he makes some costly mistakes that eventually lead to his arrest. No one knows for sure why Ray chose to kill King, but many chilling events led Ray and King's paths to cross and eventually collide.

Chasing King's Killer is an outstanding novel that focuses on the contrasting lives of Martin Luther King and his assassin, James Earl Ray. Swanson expertly pieces together complex evidence and historical events. In addition, the pictures and maps help readers visualize the case and what life was like in the 1960's. At the end of the book, Swanson includes an index, valuable sources for further study, interesting timelines, and places to visit for civil rights tourists. This book is a must read.

*Contains moderate violence.