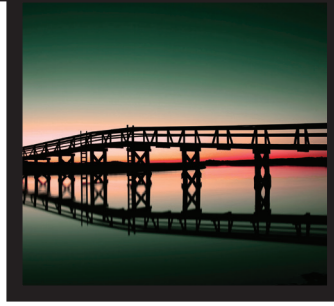


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OVERVIEW: *Ransom Island* is set on the Texas coast in the 1950s, and features members of the Sweetwater clan, the fishing family featured in *Thin Slice of Life* and *La Salle's Ghost*. Ransom Island is the home of Shady's Boat and Leisure Club, the fish camp, beerjoint, and dancehall that is the pride of the Sweetwater brothers. But mobsters in Galveston also have their eye on Ransom Island, and aren't prepared to take "no" for an answer.

PLOT SUMMARY: It's the summer of 1953 and life is good at Shady's Boat and Leisure Club, the fish camp, dancehall, and beer joint on tiny Ransom Island. Shady's owners, Rupert Sweetwater and his two brothers, are keeping the fishing customers happy, the Shady's regulars well supplied with cold beer, and are looking forward to the biggest event in the island's history—a Fourth of July show and dance with Duke Ellington and his famous orchestra.

But the unexpected arrival of a slender girl with a clouded past signals peril for Shady's and the Sweetwaters. Two hundred miles up the Texas coast, Primo and Gerry Ginestra, the mobsters who run the rackets in wide-open Galveston, have set their avaricious eyes on the Sweetwaters' slice of saltwater heaven. They have plans for absorbing Ransom Island into their criminal enterprise . . . and God help anyone who gets in their way.

Suddenly, the Sweetwaters and their unlikely allies—Shady's young cook Gilberto Ruiz, a retired cowboy named Zach, and Sally Rose, the island's newest arrival—must cope not only with the Ginestra brothers, but with a racket-busting Attorney General, an outraged local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, a deadly hit man, and a sheriff whose past with Rupert's wife threatens to complicate his official responsibilities.

For a tiny fishing community on an offbeat island off the radar, Ransom Island suddenly becomes very crowded. And, for Rupert Sweetwater and his family and friends, life on the island becomes very complicated . . . and very very dangerous.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Miles Arceneaux is the *nom de plume* of Texas-based writers Brent Douglass, John T. Davis, and James R. Dennis. Miles was born many years ago as this group of friends began a collectively written story that ultimately became the popular mystery novel, *Thin Slice of Life* (2012), followed by *La Salle's Ghost* (2013). *Ransom Island* is the third in this series of salty Gulf Coast thrillers.

WHO WILL LOVE THIS BOOK: Readers of mysteries, thrillers and suspense novels; comic mystery lovers; music fans; fishermen and fans of the Texas Coast; fans of Texana and the 1950s.

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