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Review

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"Dubious delights... await you in *Honky Tonk Samurai*, the latest outing for Joe R. Lansdale's perpetual bad boys, Hap Collins and Leonard Pine.... a ton of fun."?New York Times

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"Another jawdropper from the seemingly indefatigable favorite son of Nacogdoches, Texas . . . Hilarious, crude and violent, peppered through and through with unforgettable characters that leap off the page, dance around the room, and run off down the road. It doesn't get any better than this. . . . Give this man a National Medal of the Arts for his entire body of work."?Joe Hartlaub, *BookReporter*

About the Author

JOE R. LANSDALE is the author of more than three dozen novels, including *Paradise Sky*, the Edgar Award-winning *The Bottoms, Sunset* and *Sawdust*, and *Leather Maiden*. He has received eleven Bram Stoker Awards, the American Mystery Award, the British Fantasy Award, the Raymond Chandler Award, and the Grinzane Cavour Prize for Literature. He lives with his family in Nacogdoches, Texas.

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