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About the Author

Lawrence Sanders (1920–1998) was the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than forty mystery and suspense novels. *The Anderson Tapes*, completed when he was fifty years old, received an Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America for best first novel. His prodigious oeuvre encompasses the Edward X. Delaney, Archy McNally, and Timothy Cone series, along with his acclaimed Commandment books. Stand-alone novels include *Sullivan's Sting* and *Caper*. Sanders remains one of America's most popular novelists, with more than fifty million copies of his books in print.

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