

James Salter

# All That Is

Read by Joe Barrett

After his experiences as a young naval officer in battles off Okinawa during World War II, Philip Bowman returns to America and finds a position as a book editor. It is a time when publishing is still largely a private affair—a scattered family of small houses here and in Europe—a time of gatherings in fabled apartments and conversations that continue long into the night. In this world of dinners, deals, and literary careers, Bowman finds he fits in perfectly. But despite his success, love eludes him. His first marriage goes bad, another fails to happen, and finally he meets a woman who entralls him and sets him on a course he could never have imagined for himself.

Romantic and haunting, *All That Is* explores a life unfolding in a world on the brink of change. It is a dazzling, sometimes devastating labyrinth of love and ambition, a fiercely intimate account of the great shocks and grand pleasures of being alive.

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—Edmund White, National Book Critics Circle Award-winning author

James Salter is the author of numerous books, including novels, memoirs, and the collections *Dusk, and Other Stories*, which won the 1989 PEN/Faulkner Award, and *Last Night*. He is the recipient of the Rea Award for the Short Story and the PEN/Malamud Award.

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