

# WHEN *the* DANCING STOPPED

**BRIAN HICKS** READ BY DICK HILL

**On a shipboard night of art-deco glamour, a madman worked his evil. The murderous story, once a national obsession, would remain unsolved and shrouded in mystery for seventy years.**

In the grand tradition of *The Devil in the White City*, Hicks details a desperate investigation and the search for what may be the modern era's first serial killer. With cameos by J. Edgar Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Ernest Hemingway, *When the Dancing Stopped* is the captivating true story of two men irrevocably bound by history—a true American hero and a dangerous killer masquerading as one.

On September 7, 1934, the captain of the luxurious Ward Line flagship *Morro Castle* died under mysterious circumstances seven hours before his ship caught fire off the New Jersey coast. Much of the crew abandoned ship, leaving passengers to burn or jump into the sea as a hurricane approached and literally fanned the flames. The ship was incinerated, and 134 people perished.

Brian Hicks has written—and solved—a murder mystery that mesmerized the nation more than seventy years ago. Told with authentic period detail and true-crime excitement, Hicks determines that the ominous weather was not the cause for the ship's burning—that instead the disaster was the work of a madman among the crew.

Hicks creates a finely drawn portrait of Depression-era America. Perfect for history buffs and adventure enthusiasts, *When the Dancing Stopped* is nonfiction narrative at its best.

A senior writer with *The Post* and *Courier* in Charleston, South Carolina, **Brian Hicks** is the award-winning author of *Raising the Hunley: The Remarkable History and Recovery of the Lost Confederate Submarine*, and was the recipient of the South Carolina Press Association's award for Journalist of the Year.

Reader of over 200 audiobooks, **Dick Hill** has won three coveted Audie awards and been nominated numerous times. He is also the recipient of several *AudioFile* Earphones Awards. *AudioFile* includes Dick on their prestigious list of "Golden Voices."



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