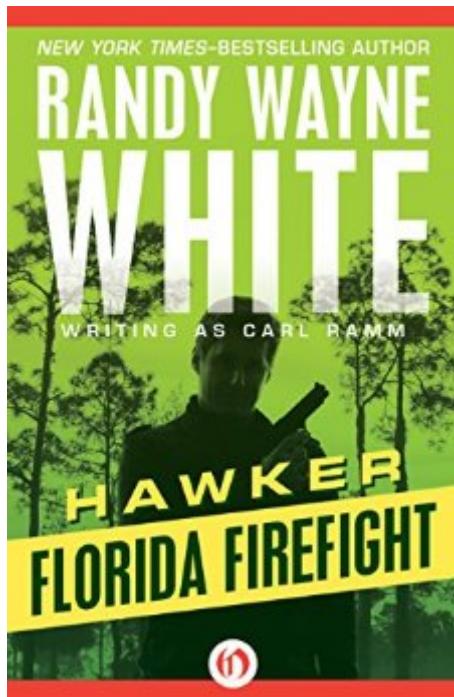


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# Florida Firefight (Hawker)



## **Synopsis**

A disgraced Chicago cop launches a one-man war against organized crime. A man holds twelve children hostage at gunpoint. Across the street, James Hawker dangles from a skyscraper, watching the terrorist through a sniper's scope. Hawker has a shot, and he wants to take it, but the police brass say no. By the time he gets permission, it will be far too late. The terrorist opens fire, killing two of the children before Hawker can take him out. When the smoke clears, the madman is dead, and Hawker's career is toast. No longer a cop, he's about to become America's deadliest defender. The father of one of the murdered children hires Hawker as a private vigilante, and gives him an unlimited bankroll to wage a nationwide fight against organized crime. The first battle will be fought in Florida, where drug smugglers have taken root like a cancer and Hawker will have to cut them out. Florida Firefight is the 1st book in the Hawker series, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Length: Print 150 pages; Audible, not available as an audiobook, but it certainly should be. This book is targeted to men who love Action-Adventure written in a gritty, even violent theme that mandates

violence against violent thugs. Mind you, some folks will be highly upset that a book of a vigilante, set in Florida, exists. What was the Rank on the date this review was published? 1,615. Questions that might come to mind are: How can I enjoy a story that pits an ex-Chicago policeman in the role of a vigilante in Florida? Until this novel, even I thought such a thought was remote. The writing hooked me early and never let go. Is this a book that I can read without having to read others first? Yes, but it is not a stand alone. There is a cliffhanger ending. Are there a lot of typos/misspellings, grammatical errors or other editing failures? No, professionally written and edited. Is this a fast, easy read or is it more of a leisure read? Oh, this story is written in the style of a great series of the same time and is decidedly written for fans of *The Executioner*. What sort of language does this writer use to amplify the points made? Adult English, with plenty of F-bombs to whet even Eddie Murphy's thirst for vivid language. My biggest pleasure or disappointment was? The cliffhanger at the end is disconcerting, especially since I am going to have to buy the next book in the series. The excerpts below demonstrate early on why I love this story and the theme. Possibly that is because I am now old enough to be the old man who was bullied in the second excerpt below.

**EXCERPT**

**Excerpt 1**

Our boy's getting nervous, Chezick. • Hawker said softly.

Full disclosure: I was offered a free copy of this ebook by the publisher in exchange for a review. I'd never read any of the HAWKER novels back in the day, so the new ebook version was my first exposure to the series, which starts from a premise well-known to anyone who likes vigilante fiction from the '60s through the '80s. Courts are soft on crime, lawyers are all scumbags, and cops are either incompetent administrators gunning for a run on a political ticket in the future, or tough, hard-bitten streetwise crusaders trying to keep the criminal element in check, while constantly being undermined by "the system". Meanwhile, gangs of violent psychopaths and drug dealers roam the city streets like some kind of Tolkien-esque invasion of orcs and goblins. Enter Hawker, a cop who doesn't play by the rules, blah blah blah. He kills a bad guy against orders and winds up resigning from the force, only to be hired by a reclusive millionaire to become a one-man vigilante army. You know the deal - the Punisher, but with better financing. To start the series off, Hawker goes to Mahogany Bay, a south Florida town where some Colombian drug-running bad guys are pushing around the townsfolk while using their land for smuggling purposes. Hawker goes down there and purports to be the new owner of the Tarpon Inn, a formerly successful tourist spot which has definitely seen better days. He immediately gets into a fight with some of the Colombians and gets his butt kicked, but then beats up their leader and pulls a gun on them. He soon hooks up with a Native American woman named Winnie Tiger who is a biologist working in Mahogany Bay, and the

only one who helps Hawker when he first encounters the Colombians. There is sexual tension from the get-go, and eventually they have sex.

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