

BOOKS

Estleman's executioner a fascinating character

After some thought, he decides

Stone—who, as a boy, couldn't even wring a bird's neck and, during the War, once witnessed a horrendously grisly hanging. But Estleman carefully weaves the tale so that we can see how time, circumstance, and Stone's own psychological landscape might determine the lonely route his life takes. In this rich, detailed, and well-paced story,

These are tiny bones to pick, however, in a fascinating (and cinematic) novel that is ultimately every bit as memorable as its title character.

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Harris has written novels, including *Life, Just as I Am*, *I Shall Pass* and *If We Were Mine*. In 1996 *Just as I Am* was the Novel of the Year by Blackboard Africa Bestsellers, Inc. *If We Were Mine* was no 1997 NAACP Image