

Out to Get Jack is a comic novel about an eleven-year-old autistic boy who struggles to cope with the absurdities of so-called "normal" life, first in his public school classroom for behavior-disordered kids, and then in his extended family full of sinister cousins and eccentric adults.



"It is rare when a writer can accurately articulate the experience of struggling with a disorder. It is even more rare to find that person able to do so with humor and accessibility. To find all of that embodied in someone such as James, who happens to have struggled with much of what he writes, is indeed a reader's privilege. I came away from this book not only laughing and sighing but more importantly gaining a deeper insight into an often misunderstood disorder. Throughout the novel one can hear James' own voice, honest, direct, brave, beautifully stark and poignant."

—Ted Rubenstein, Clinical Director
Institute for Therapy through the Arts

Jack



James Williams co-wrote his first book, *The Self-Help Guide for Special Kids and Their Parents*, when he was eight, and it was published when he was eleven. *Out to Get Jack*, his first novel, was written when he was thirteen, and now at the age of fifteen, James is completing his fourth novel. All of his stories, he says, are about "people who are misunderstood," and it is his belief that "the best way to communicate truth is to present it as fiction." James lives with his parents and two sisters in a suburb of Chicago, Illinois.