

The Blood of Emmett Till

A Haunting Story of Injustice and Triumph



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The Blood of Emmett Till is a powerful and moving account of the 1955 murder of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African American boy from Chicago. The book tells the story of Emmett's life, his brutal death, and the trial of his killers. It also explores the larger context of racial violence in the United States and the fight for civil rights.

Emmett Till was born in Chicago in 1941. He was a happy and outgoing child, and he loved to play baseball and sing. In 1955, Emmett's family decided to send him to visit his relatives in Mississippi. Emmett was excited to go, but he was also aware of the dangers of traveling in the South as a black child.

On August 24, 1955, Emmett went to a grocery store in Money, Mississippi, to buy some candy. While he was in the store, he whistled at the white woman behind the counter. This was a serious offense in the South at the time, and it led to Emmett's brutal murder.

Two white men, Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, kidnapped Emmett that night and took him to a barn. They beat him, tortured him, and then shot him in the head. Emmett's body was found in the Tallahatchie River three days later.

The murder of Emmett Till shocked the nation and helped to galvanize the civil rights movement. Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam were arrested and charged with Emmett's murder, but they were acquitted by an all-white jury. The acquittal of Emmett's killers sent a clear message that black lives did not matter in the Jim Crow South.

The Blood of Emmett Till is a powerful and moving account of a tragic event in American history. It is a story of injustice, racism, and triumph. Emmett Till's death was a senseless tragedy, but his story has helped to inspire the fight for civil rights and equality.

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