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Editorial Review

Review

“America’s unaddressed history of lynching and racial violence has left this nation vulnerable to horrific hate crimes, none more devastating than what is documented in this compelling book. We ignore Laurence Leamer’s account at our peril.” (Bryan Stevenson, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*)

“Gripping and relevant.” (People)

“Stirring.” (O, the Oprah Magazine)

“Powerful... engrossing... and a pertinent reminder of the consequences of organized hatred.” (Kirkus Reviews (**starred review**))

“Leamer infuses his tale with the drama of a popular novel.” (Washington Post)

“For decades, Morris Dees has fearlessly demolished White Supremacist hate groups with his legal cunning. Laurence Leamer does a wonderful job in *The Lynching* describing how Dees put the KKK *out of business*. This legal thriller is destined to become a major motion picture. Highly recommended.” (Douglas Brinkley, author of *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast*)

“Leamer has deftly told the tragic story of the 1981 lynching of Michael Donald and the long campaign of civil rights activist Morris Dees to use unprecedented legal tactics to cripple the modern Ku Klux Klan. A narrative as powerful as any novelist could imagine.” (Dan T. Carter, author of *The Politics of Rage: George Wallace, the Origins of the New Conservatism and the Transformation of American Politics*)

“A deftly researched history of the civil rights movement. ... Today, the Klan still exists. *The Lynching* reminds us why that matters.” (BookPage)

“Leamer deftly translates the historical record into a tense courtroom drama.” (Atlanta Journal-Constitution)

“*The Lynching* reveals truths that few people know and everyone should. The extraordinary story of Morris Dees, a uniquely American hero, fighting for and winning vengeance and justice in the courts.” (Arthur Bryant, Chairman, Public Justice)

“This well-written, suspense-filled book vividly evokes themes from the ugly, not-so-distant past.” (Publishers Weekly)

“Leamer brings... a sharp eye for tragedy... to his new book on the Michael Donald murder and its ramifications. ... Leamer does a truly remarkable job of humanizing Donald and his family, and of depicting the Mobile of the era.” (Al.com)

“It is endearing to read about those willing to fight injustice with more than just thoughts and prayers but with heroic action and personal risk. In these difficult times, it is an uplifting and inspiring story.” (Bookreporter.com)

“Leamer’s themes have become especially relevant today.” (The Crime Report)

“Urgent and necessary.” (The Oklahoman)

“Necessary reading. ... *The Lynching*, while of great cultural importance, reads like a courtroom drama. ... An important book.” (Under the Radar)

“Laurence Leamer writes with the skill of a born storyteller. ... [A] gripping book.” (Finger Lakes Times)

From the Back Cover

The Lynching is the powerful, spellbinding true story of a brutal race-based killing in 1981 and the dramatic two trials during which the United Klans of America, the largest and most dangerous Klan organization in America, is exposed for the evil it represents. *New York Times* bestselling author Laurence Leamer tells a gripping story, weaving in such figures as legendary civil rights lawyer Morris Dees, Alabama governor George Wallace, and Klan Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton, and describes the Klan’s lingering effect on race relations in America today.

The story begins in March 1981, when Henry Hays and James Knowles, members of Klavern 900 of the UKA, picked up nineteen-year-old Michael Donald on the streets of Mobile, Alabama. They were seeking to retaliate after a largely black jury failed to convict a black man accused of murdering a white policeman. Hays and Knowles beat Donald, cut his throat, and left his body hanging from a tree branch in a racially mixed residential neighborhood. Arrested, charged, and convicted, Hays was sentenced to death—the first time in more than half a century that the state of Alabama had given that penalty to a white man for killing a black man.

Morris Dees, the cofounder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, saw the case as an opportunity to file a lawsuit against the UKA. His colleagues told him that his lawsuit was impossible to win and a folly. But Dees had heard that before. On behalf of Michael’s grieving mother, Mrs. Beulah Donald, Dees filed a first-of-its-kind civil suit and charged the Klan organization and its leaders with conspiracy. He proceeded to put the Klan leaders on trial, which produced some of the most audacious testimony of any civil rights trial—as well as a stunning and precedent-setting verdict. Dees destroyed the UKA and created a weapon that the SPLC used time and again against other racist organizations.

The Lynching is a suspenseful true story that takes us into the heart of darkness, but in the end shows that Michael Donald and other civil rights martyrs did not die in vain.

About the Author

Laurence Leamer is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than a dozen books, including *The Kennedy Women* and *The Price of Justice*. He has worked in a French factory and a West Virginia coal mine, and was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal. His play, *Rose*, was produced off Broadway last year. He lives in Palm Beach, Florida, and Washington, D.C., with his wife, Vesna Obradovic Leamer.

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