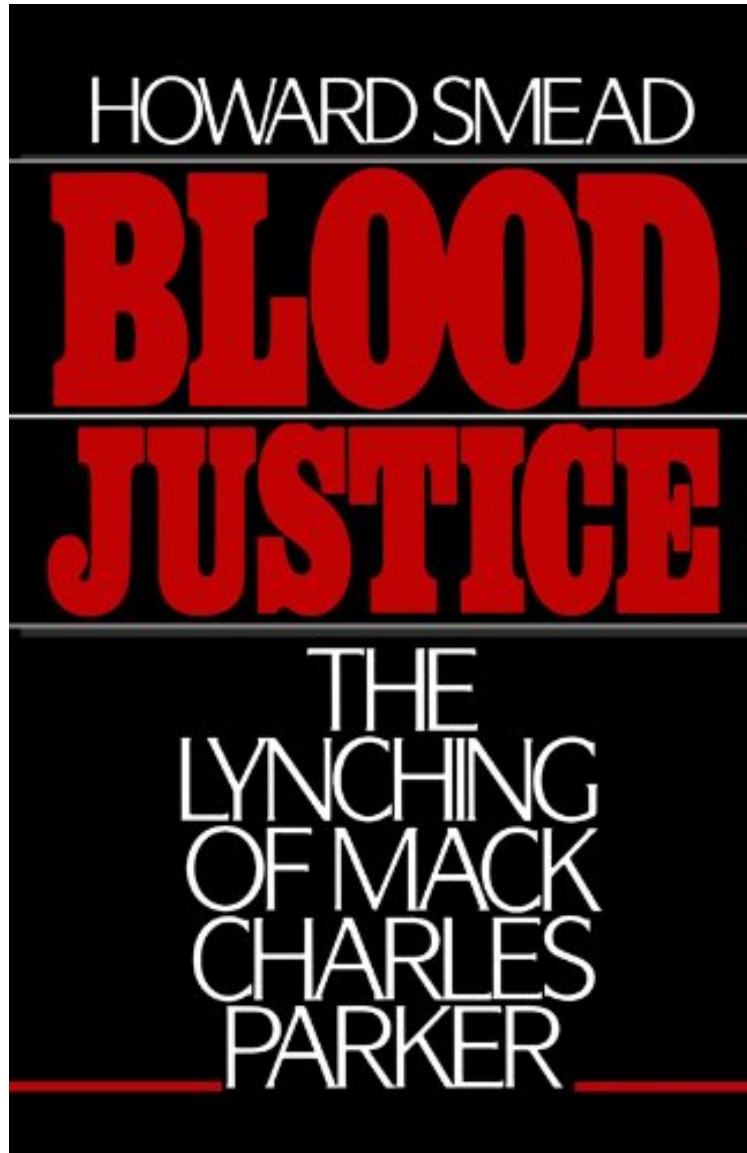


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Howard Smead : Blood Justice: The Lynching of Mack Charles Parker before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Blood Justice: The Lynching of Mack Charles Parker:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An excellent, detailed work about racial hatred and ignorance in action! By David Gordon Dr. Smead's coverage of this heinous crime took me right back to my childhood, right back to the time and place where it all happened. I lived through this frightening event as a child, two blocks from the jail where Mack Charles Parker was abducted. It was a time of lawlessness when the "spirit" of the Klan was everywhere

in the deep South and it permeated every aspect of life, even to the governor's office. You may not see it on a daily basis or be consciously aware of it all the time but you dared not forget it was alive and well. The complete breakdown of order and ultimate lawlessness reminds us that when any man's right to a fair trial and to life itself is ignored then no man's rights are safe. And though I, as a white kid, felt disgust and anger toward the sorry bunch that carried out this lynching -- as many whites did -- and at the same time felt fear for my own safety, I could only imagine what terror black families must have lived in. Now *Blood Justice* tells all the details of this crime, leaving no stone unturned. Smead tells the story of the initial crime Parker was accused of, the abduction and ultimate murder to prevent him from coming to trial, the investigations by various law enforcement agencies including the FBI, the political ramifications that went all the way to Washington, and the attempts to bring the lynch mob to justice. The perpetrators are identified though all, I believe, are now dead. It was a fascinating read, one I couldn't put down. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By verlin douglas heard about this book. it is worth the read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *Blood Justice* By JMD82 This was happening in my County when I was a teenager.. Knew all the folks that did this.. All dead now so I guess they got judged by higher power.

Based on previously unreleased FBI and Justice Department documents, extensive interviews with many of the surviving principals involved in the case, and a variety of newspaper accounts, Smead meticulously reconstructs the full story of one of the last lynchings in America, detailing a grim, dramatic, but nearly forgotten episode from the Civil Rights era. In 1959, a white mob in Poplarville, Mississippi abducted a young black man named Mack Charles Parker--recently charged with the rape of a white woman--from his jail cell, beat him, carried him across state lines, finally shot him, and left his body in the Pearl River. A massive FBI investigation ensued, and two grand juries met to investigate the lynching, yet no arrests were ever made. Smead presents a vivid picture of a small Southern town gripped by racism and distrust of federal authority, and describes the travesty of justice that followed in the wake of the lynching. Ultimately revealing more than an account of a single lynching, he offers what he calls "a glimpse at the tidal forces at work in the South on the eve of the civil rights revolution."

From *Library Journal* In a study similar to James R. McGovern's *Anatomy of a Lynching: the killing of Claude Neal* (LJ 5/1/82), Smead has written a vivid account of one of the last lynchings of a black man to occur in the United States, the beating and murder of Parker in Poplarville, Mississippi, in 1959. Based upon considerable research as well as numerous interviews with townspeople, including two members of the lynch mob, Smead's story draws several parallels between this murder and earlier lynchings, e.g., the situation involved the rape of a white woman by a black man, a mob storming the jail to remove the prisoner, detailed knowledge of the conspiracy both before and after the murder, and the fact that no individual member of the lynch mob was ultimately punished. An excellent account of intense white racism in a small Southern town; recommended for academic and large public libraries. Louis Vyhnanek, Washington State Univ. Lib., Pullman Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. "An engaging study of a shocking crime. It will be a revelation to students reared in our own time with more enlightened views on race. I'm sure most students will find this book a real page-turner."--Daniel P. Murphy, Hanover College "A brutal yet compelling document of a troubled time."--Booklist "This meticulous account of an almost forgotten event fills a significant gap in the history of the civil rights era."--The Washington Post Book World "An excellent account of intense white racism in a small Southern town."--Library Journal "There have been many accounts of lynchings, but Howard Smead's ranks among the very best.... Brilliantly told."--Bertram Wyatt-Brown, University of Florida "Based on previously unreleased FBI and Justice Department documents, extensive interviews with those involved in the case and newspaper reports, Howard Smead objectively depicts the harrowing account of vigilante revenge and the failure of the authorities to effect justice."--Los Angeles Times Book "Not only an important book, but one that is well written. It reads more like a fast-paced crime novel than a true story.... Required reading for anyone seeking to know more about the unreconstructed South of the days prior to the Civil Rights movement."--Louisiana History "Smead reconstructs the case with impressive thoroughness and objectivity, providing an intimate look at the dynamics of a Southern lynch mob. A terrible yet gripping story."--Publishers Weekly "Gripping in detail, meticulous in research, fair in analysis.... *Blood Justice* is the best book this reviewer has read in the genre of lynch histories."--Florida Historical Quarterly "Smead sheds additional light on yet another chapter in the dark and turbulent history of the Magnolia state.... This extremely readable book makes a valuable contribution to southern and black history."--Georgia Historical Quarterly About the Author Howard Smead is a lecturer in History and Afro-American Studies at the University of Maryland and Director of Night Research at The Washington Post.