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**Leonard Dinnerstein : The Leo Frank Case (Brown Thrasher Books Ser.)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Leo Frank Case (Brown Thrasher Books Ser.):

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Dinnerstein does an excellent job of relating the story of Leo Frank in a fair and unbiased manner. He also puts the entire affair in a historical context. This would be an excellent read for any student of racism in America and of the New South. It is easy to read and has an excellent bibliography. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I had heard the stories of Leo Frank and Mary ...By Peggy Watson I had heard the stories of Leo Frank and Mary Phagan since childhood. I wanted to read the account of the story from someone searching for the facts. This book was everything I expected. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent By Susan Braun Very, very interesting. Excellent history

The events surrounding the 1913 murder of the young Atlanta factory worker Mary Phagan and the subsequent lynching of Leo Frank, the transplanted northern Jew who was her employer and accused killer, were so wide ranging and tumultuous that they prompted both the founding of B'nai Brith's Anti-Defamation League and the revival of the Ku Klux Klan. The Leo Frank Case was the first comprehensive account of not only Phagan's murder and Frank's trial and lynching but also the sensational newspaper coverage, popular hysteria, and legal demagoguery that surrounded these events. Forty years after the book first appeared, and more than ninety years after the deaths of Phagan and Frank, it remains a gripping account of injustice. In his preface to the revised edition, Leonard Dinnerstein discusses the ongoing cultural impact of the Frank affair.

From Publishers Weekly A professor of American history at the Univ. of Arizona, Dinnerstein investigates the brutal lynching of Leo Max Frank, who was accused of the 1913 murder of a 13-year-old girl in Atlanta. PW called this a "crisp report." Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. Eighty-five years ago the murder of Mary Phagan and the subsequent trial and lynching of the accused killer, Leo Frank, a Jewish factory manager from the North, was the event that prompted B'nai B'rith to found the Anti-Defamation League. Dinnerstein not only tells the story of Phagan's and Frank's deaths, but he also places Frank's trial and lynching in the context of a rapidly changing southern society. (Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies) The author's thorough research, his careful organization of the findings, his cautious and dispassionate appraisal presented in lean and readable prose, all combine to inspire confidence that historians now have as nearly as they shall ever have the complete account of this tragedy. (Journal of American History) Dinnerstein's study offers a running commentary on these events in their relation to the general southern and local Georgian endemic xenophobia in 1913-1915; anti-Semitism and the response of organized Jewish self-defense; trial by sensational newspaper coverage; and 'case-building' by the police, inept legal defense, and judicial cowardice. (American Historical ) Much has been written about the famed Leo Frank case. . . . Of them all, Leonard Dinnerstein's *The Leo Frank Case* . . . has always been considered the standard work. (H-South) The author's research has been painstaking and thorough; material was located in many Northern as well as Georgian collections. The selection of Georgia newspapers was judicious and representative. (Journal of Southern History) Dinnerstein's analysis should interest students of southern history, anti-Semitism, civil liberties and social change. His conclusion, that unless societies 'eradicate the conditions which turn men into beasts. . . other Leo Franks will continue to appear,' seems particularly appropriate in our own time of racial strife and international conflict. (American Quarterly) About the Author Leonard Dinnerstein is an emeritus professor of American history at the University of Arizona, where he directed the Judaic Studies Program. His books include *America and the Survivors of the Holocaust* and *Antisemitism in America*.