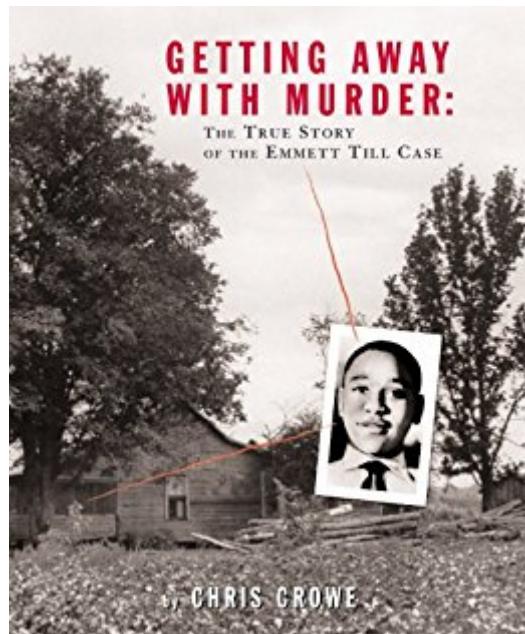


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# Getting Away With Murder



## **Synopsis**

The kidnapping and murder of Emmett Till is famous as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement. Emmett Till, a fourteen-year-old Black teenager from Chicago, was visiting family in a small town in Mississippi during the summer of 1955. Likely showing off to friends, Emmett allegedly whistled at a white woman. Three days later his brutally beaten body was found floating in the Tallahatchie River. The extreme violence of the crime put a national spotlight on the Jim Crow ways of the South, and many Americans-Black and white-were further outraged at the speedy trial of the white murderers. Although the two white men were tried and acquitted by an all-white jury, they later bragged publicly about the crime. It was a galvanizing moment for Black leaders and ordinary citizens, including such activists as Rosa Parks. In clear, vivid detail Chris Crowe investigates the before-and-aftermath of the crime, as well as the dramatic court trial, and places it into the context of the nascent Civil Rights Movement. With lively narrative and abundantly illustrated with forty fascinating contemporaneous photographs, this impressive work of nonfiction brings fresh insight to the case in a manner that will be accessible and eye-opening for teenagers and adults alike.

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Emphatically, no. Emmitt Till was a black child who was kidnaped, tortured, and murdered by white men on the account of one of the men's wives' upset. Eyewitness testimony disagrees with the official record, and after their acquittal, the murderers sold their story for money to a national magazine, and admitted the crime. Emmitt Till was a 14-year-old child who was taken in an act of horrifying violence, tortured, and murdered. I thought that would be clear from reading this book. But oddly, Chris Crowe did little to introduce us to Emmitt Till, and wrote a surprisingly sympathetic context for his murderers' actions. I'm happy that a book like this exists to tell about the murder and the non-punishment of the murderers. It includes photographs, including the shocking photograph of the corpse, along with many photos of the mourners. The photographs of the murderers tell part of the story, too. But all along, this is portrayed as the story of a black boy from Chicago whose Mama TRIED to warn him to humble himself in the south, whose Uncle SHOULD HAVE put him on a train back north when he heard the rumors, whom everyone agreed DESERVED a whipping or other severe punishment for speaking to a white woman... DID Emmitt Till really deserve it? If he truly spoke to Carolyn Bryant as rumored, did he deserve punishment? Did he deserve to die? This book presents all the facets of the point of view that would answer that question with a YES. It shows the segregated south on the defensive against the Supreme Court and pushy "outsiders." It discusses the south's "Way of Life" over and over.

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