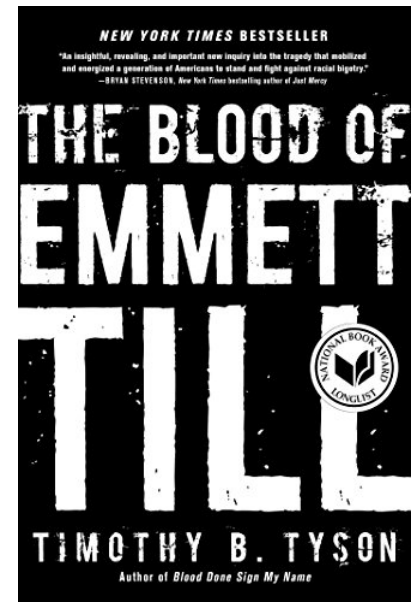


# The Blood of Emmett Till Book Summary (PDF) by Timothy B. Tyson

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## Why This Book Matters:

The Blood of Emmett Till discusses what happened in the lynching of a teenage black boy in 1955.

## The Big Takeaways:

1. **Pro-segregationists killed to defend their racist beliefs without fear.**
  1. If Being black meant that any kind of tension between you and another person could get you killed.
2. **Bigotry is a learned behavior, not something people are born with.**
  1. Black people were cautious about the way they acted in public as not to cross any lines that would land them in serious trouble.

3. **After Emmett's abduction, his family demanded justice for him even though they were aware of the risks this posed.**
  1. Emmett's mother, Mamie Bradley, knew Mississippi officials wouldn't help, so she contacted the press in Chicago, including black newspapers.
4. **After Emmett Till's lynching, the power of media reached people and prompted them to seek justice for the boy.**
  1. Although some people took action, white supremacist groups continued their terror attacks against blacks.
5. **Till received no justice, which only added fuel to the civil rights movement.**
  1. The all-white jury showed explicit prejudice in the murder case, as did the biased evidence from the prosecution's side.

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