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They Called Themselves The KKK





Synopsis

A thoroughly-documented, chilling history of one of the world's most recognizable extremist groups, this is the true story of terrorism in America. "Boys, let us get up a club." With these chilling words, six restless young men raided the linens at a friend's mansion, pulled pillowcases over their heads, hopped on horses, and cavorted through the streets of Pulaski, Tennessee. They called their new club the Ku Klux Klan, and it quickly grew into the self-proclaimed Invisible Empire, with secret dens spreading across the South.Award-winning author Susan Campbell Bartoletti weaves together vivid personal accounts from oral histories, congressional documents, and diaries in this enlightening, surprising, and disquieting story, which has received a slew of starred reviews from Kirkus, Publisher's Weekly, Booklist, and other esteemed publications. Her extensive research places the length of the Klan's history into a larger context that sheds new light on the roots of hate groups. When you purchase They Called Themselves the KKK, you'll get exclusive bonus audio from a conversation with the author and Audie Award-winning narrator Dion Graham.

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Customer Reviews

Scary!!! Purchased for Middle School assignment and easy to read and understand.

Enjoyed it!Listened to it twice, Well written, and insightful.

This was an eye opening book for my 11 year old. He was very surprised at the cruelty of the members of the KKK

Good read lacks depth of the Klan's history and its decline.

very interesting read

Such a great book

Great book.

Fascinating account of the Ku Klux Klan's rise and fall?. Began as a supposed social club, supposedly innocent, the "club" developed into a widespread terrorist organization largely sanctioned by local and state governments if not the federal government. And the Federal government worked to shut it down mainly because it was seen as a form of insurrection of the Southern states, which it also was. The photographs, newspaper clippings and drawings help illustrate how influential and fearsome the Klan was.

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