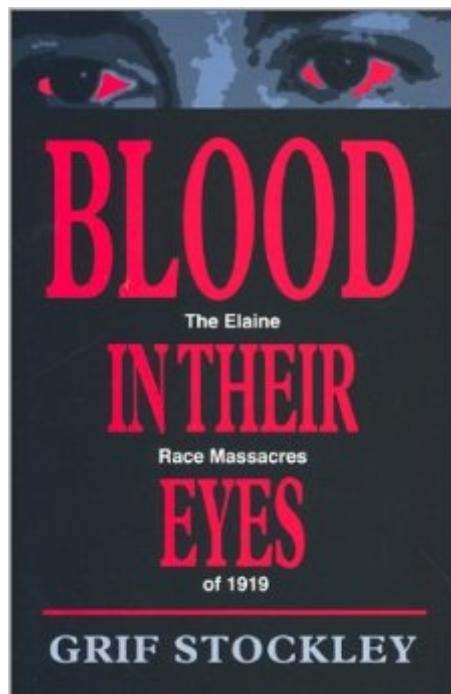


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# BLOOD IN THEIR EYES: THE ELAINE RACE MASSACRES OF 1919



## **Synopsis**

What actually occurred beginning October 1, 1919, in Phillips County, Arkansas, has been the subject of debate; there is no monument to the victims of the deadly conflict between black sharecroppers and white plantation owners, because the facts have never been sorted out. Over the course of five weeks, five whites, including a soldier, died; black

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I couldn't believe it was true! I was mesmerized by this bit of dark (no pun intended) history in our state. I must have been aware that such events happened in the South, but I was aghast at the horror of it. Mr. Stockley, thank you for opening my eyes to reality.

What most distinguishes this book is its relentless honesty. The author pulls no punches and makes no excuses for this disgraceful episode in our history, as many are wont to do. Our Attorney General, Eric Holder, said recently that we have been a nation of cowards where race is concerned. He was right. Grif's account is bold, truthful, and shows the integrity of the man. We need more researchers like him, and we as a nation should support his efforts to encourage us to face who we have been, and to become better.

I grew up in Helena, Arkansas. My neighbor, JB Lambert, who was a young man at the time of the massacre, freely admitted that he shot blacks as fast as he could pull the trigger and reload. He said

he went into hiding after the massacre because he was afraid he was going to be arrested. His version of events sounded more like a slaughter than a "race riot," so I am very thankful that Griff has set the record straight. The book is very well documented, with an emphasis on the legal cases and the evidence that was presented in the trials.

I'm loving reading this historical information of my hometown! The things that happened back then were terrible and I really think we all need to remember where we come from to better navigateâ ¦ where we're going...!

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