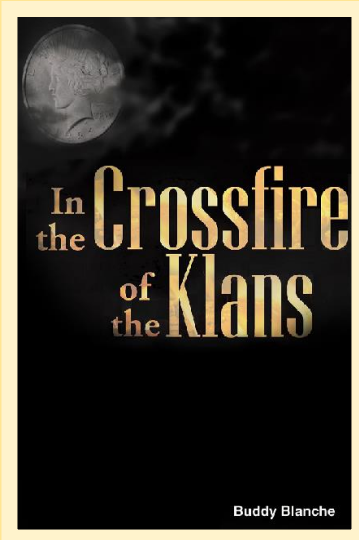


Ratings & Reviews



By G. Phillips

Wonderful, wonderful memories. Buddy took me back to high school in Ferriday. A troubled time for our area, yet so many of us knew nothing of the horrible details. I saw the streets again, relived days at my Dad's mill and many nights going round the Sandwich Bar searching for friends. Also brought back days of visiting my Mom as she worked at Concordia Parish Hospital. Most vivid memory was your description of our Junior Prom night. Such a wonderful time that ended horribly for you. Remembered the fear of seeing your car upside down off the highway. Thank you, Buddy, for allowing me to reminisce as you poured your heart out.



By D. Filmer

I grew up in urban Georgia after most of the racial tensions of the Civil Rights Era were already past. That was a shameful episode in southern culture that most southerners don't care to talk about today, so I knew little of what my parents and those around me experienced. Buddy has really enlightened me about how crazy the world can be when people are driven by hate and fear. He is a master storyteller, and what a story he has to tell!!! The thought of my daddy putting on KLAN ROBES in front of me sends chills down my spine. This book has everything you would find in a Bruce Willis action movie - bombs, guns, fights, explosions, fires, murders, federal agents, high speed car chases, snipers, crooked cops, innocent victims, crazy villains hell-bent on destruction - except the guy in the middle of everything was not a tough NY cop but a frightened teen-aged boy. And it's all true. Thanks, Buddy, for sharing your life with us.



By Linda

I cannot remember when I have read such a compelling story... Salute to Buddy Blanche, what an amazing young man! This is a story of the KKK and civil rights movement that I have never read, not even slightly, from this perspective. I very highly recommend this book!



By D. Erwin

Excellent read. This is the story of a family...in particular, a coming of age story of a young man, growing up in the deep south during the Civil Rights Movement era...a fascinating first-hand account of the inner turmoil of the time, when everyone had to watch their back and the lines between friend and foe, good and evil, law enforcement, government, religion and family were so blurred it was hard to know who to trust and the difference could be a matter of life and death. Buddy Blanche is a wonderful story teller. Telling his own true story, he makes you feel all the emotions of the day. It is hard to believe that the American history told here REALLY DID HAPPEN...not that long ago...and some of the thought processes continue to this day. We can LEARN from history like this if we DON'T ignore and hide it and pretend like it never happened, but instead read and educate ourselves to the reality so it never happens again. I highly recommend this book.



By G. Abramson

This is a true story, a take on part of the legacy of the Deep South. Buddy Blanch does not shirk from the dangers and desperations of many - both black and white - growing up in the era before the Civil Rights Amendment. Even so, this is also a story of hope and humor, and close family and community ties. You will never forget Buddy's story.