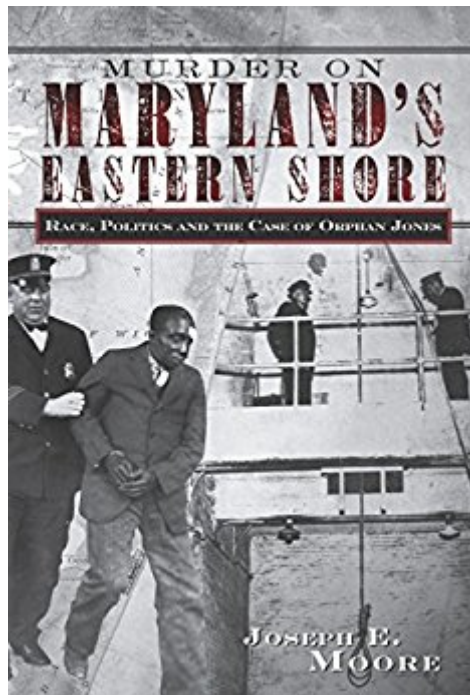




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Synopsis

Murder on Maryland's Eastern Shore, by former Worcester County, Maryland State's Attorney Joseph E. Moore, explores the racially charged case of Euel Lee, alias Orphan Jones, an African American worker accused of murdering his white employer and family. Moore reconstructs the crime and ensuing trial of Orphan Jones against the backdrop of Jim Crow politics, which was very much a part of America in the 1930s. Moore provides accurate detail, local color and an enlightening empathy with all the participants in the saga of Euel Lee. He has sought out and mastered the available evidence, even to the extent of locating the two confessions of the convicted murderer. The Euel Lee case as explored by Joe Moore is more than good, readable, local history. It is about the stresses and strains in American society in the Depression, from the radicalism of a young Communist lawyer to the conscious efforts of a rural community to contain violence, confront or at least deal with their prejudices and see that justice was served for a senseless murder in their midst. Moore sets a high standard of factual accountability and entertaining narrative based upon oral history and archival research. General readers and scholars alike will not be disappointed.

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This book is morally compelling, historically fascinating and politically challenging for today's context. It is well-written and even with legal briefs quoted at length, it is a page-turner. As one living on the Shore, this book has helped me connect the dots and see the long shadow of the Eastern Shore's racist history on life today in our smaller cities and towns. Thank you, Joseph Moore.

Having known Joe Moore during his tenure as the State's Attorney for this county I can attest to the quality of any task he undertook. It is a pleasure to read this account of history.

Thanks!

Very informative as to how life was back then and seems to be accurate

I have just started reading this book. It is full of history...some I was aware of and some I was not. I am like reading the history but the situation saddens me.

Anyone interested in Civil Rights history or the south (Maryland was a slave state.) will find here the usually hidden story of the 1930s.

Enjoyed the historical accuracy and found the content fascinating and insightful.

Great as expected!!!!

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