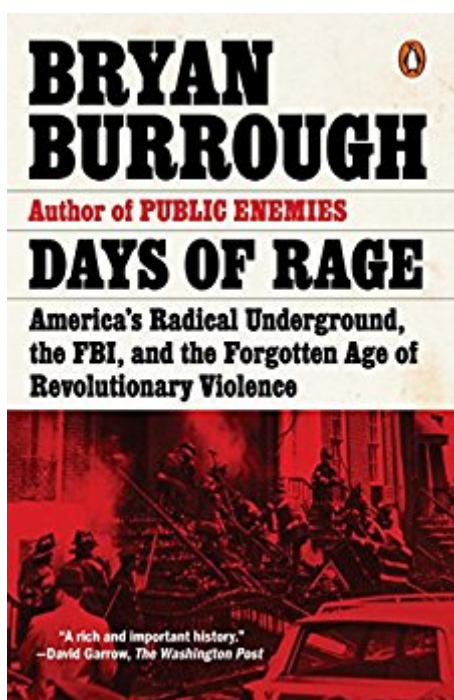


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Days Of Rage: America's Radical Underground, The FBI, And The Forgotten Age Of Revolutionary Violence



Synopsis

From the bestselling author of *Public Enemies* and *The Big Rich*, an explosive account of the decade-long battle between the FBI and the homegrown revolutionary movements of the 1970s: The Weathermen. The Symbionese Liberation Army. The FALN. The Black Liberation Army. The names seem quaint now, when not forgotten altogether. But there was a stretch of time in America, during the 1970s, when bombings by domestic underground groups were a daily occurrence. The FBI combated these groups and others as nodes in a single revolutionary underground, dedicated to the violent overthrow of the American government. The FBI's response to the leftist revolutionary counterculture has not been treated kindly by history, and in hindsight many of its efforts seem almost comically ineffectual, if not criminal in themselves. But part of the extraordinary accomplishment of Bryan Burrough's *Days of Rage* is to temper those easy judgments with an understanding of just how deranged these times were, how charged with menace. Burrough re-creates an atmosphere that seems almost unbelievable just forty years later, conjuring a time of native-born radicals, most of them "nice middle-class kids" smuggling bombs into skyscrapers and detonating them inside the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol, at a Boston courthouse and a Wall Street restaurant packed with lunchtime diners radicals robbing dozens of banks and assassinating policemen in New York, San Francisco, Atlanta. The FBI, encouraged to do everything possible to undermine the radical underground, itself broke many laws in its attempts to bring the revolutionaries to justice often with disastrous consequences. Benefiting from the extraordinary number of people from the underground and the FBI who speak about their experiences for the first time, *Days of Rage* is filled with revelations and fresh details about the major revolutionaries and their connections and about the FBI and its desperate efforts to make the bombings stop. The result is a mesmerizing book that takes us into the hearts and minds of homegrown terrorists and federal agents alike and weaves their stories into a spellbinding secret history of the 1970s. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

I followed these events when they occurred, even visiting the NYC site of the townhouse wrecked by the bombers but Burrough goes behind the headlines and has details you'd never find in a newspaper. Highly recommended.

If you became of age in the 60s and 70s, then you will find the book a fascinating history of the Underground Movement, the wannabes and those with a taste for action. In hindsight it is hard to imagine that these factions would succeed in the overthrow of the US government, but it put the fear of God into Nixon, Hoover and the then leaders of the country. A very worthwhile history of the times.

I learned a good deal about the radical terrorist of the era of my youth. I remember reading about the various groups but definitely not that the connections between them.

Born in the late 70's, I don't remember these events of the early 80's but I had heard of the Weather Underground and, of course, the Black Panthers and, maybe in passing references, the story of Hearst and the kidnapping. Yet there was so much more to the times. Events and lessons that

should not be forgotten. I thoroughly enjoy Burrough's writing and am grateful that he compiled these accounts.

Fascinating investigation of 70's radicals in USA.

Now we know the real story. A good read from beginning to end. But I still cannot and never will understand taking innocent lives to further your cause. Now we live in an age of international and domestic attacks since 911. Man is truly war like and will never stop....there will never be peace as long as the radicals feel they are entitled to terrorize everyone.

Sadly, almost nobody remembers that any of this ever happened

detailed, great read

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