

A Memoir of Injustice

Jerry Ray

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Jerry Ray is the younger brother of the late James Earl Ray. Although the book is mildly interesting in showing life at the bottom of the pile in post-war America and how the Ray brothers became petty criminals, as far as I can see it contributes nothing to our understanding of the conspiracy which ensnared James Earl Ray and led him to becoming the patsy in Memphis. It may illustrate certain peripheral items, such as Ray's experience of the judicial system, but brother Jerry knows no more about the actual murder conspiracy than we do.

The only thought the book provoked in me, reading once again about the mysterious 'Raoul' who financed James Earl Ray's travels around America, was this: how many other criminals were being kept on the road at the time for use as patsies? Was there a pool of them? If so, who identified them and financed it? Was it a state operation? Crime organisation? Or are we in Parallax View territory, with a private corporation providing assassins?¹

Although detecting nothing more of consequence about the main event than I did, the estimable Jim DiEugenio found the book more interesting.²

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1 See <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0071970/>>.

2 At <www.ctka.net/reviews/mlk_review.html>.