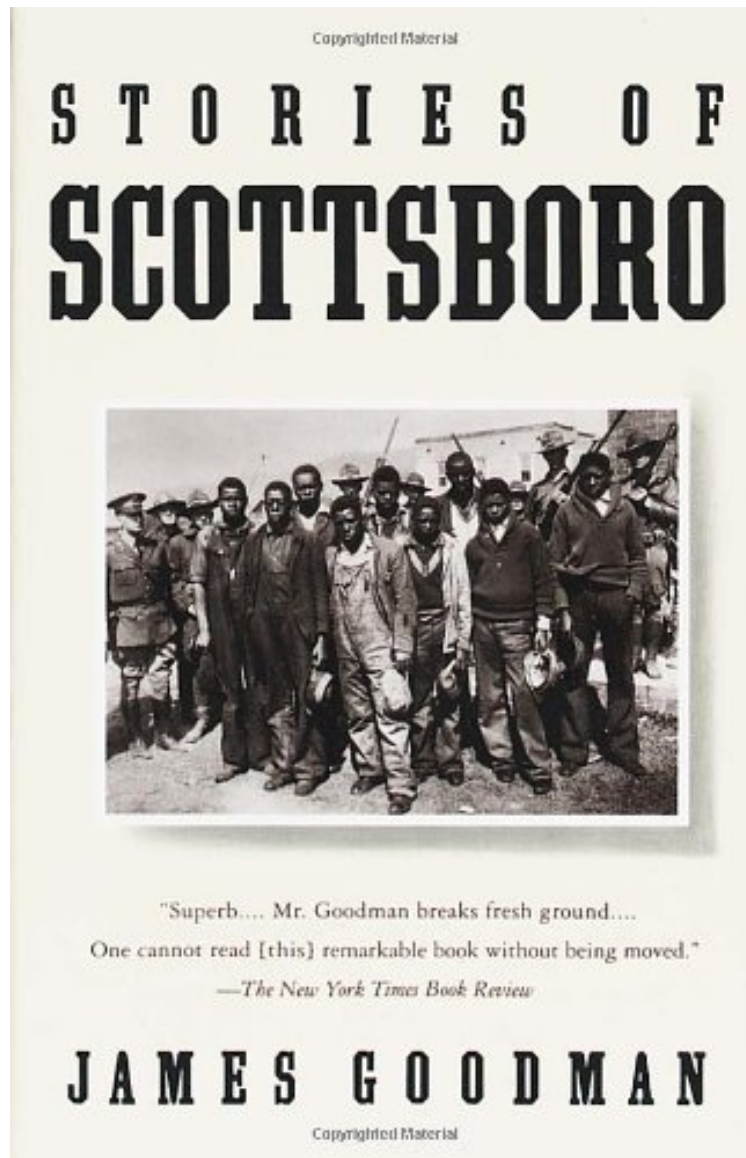


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thorough, more detailed book you will not find. This writer gives you a great understanding of what happened before the incident, during and after. I was about 12 years old in 1970 when one of my aunts gave me a book called, *Scottsboro Boys*. I read it from cover to cover because it was Very compelling. When I tried to find that same book again a couple of years ago, I came across *Stories Of Scottsboro* and was not dissapointed and thought that this one was more definitive. Trust me, not to take Anything away from *Scottsboro Boys* because it was thorough but, this one is much more detailed with giving an understanding of the times before, and during. It's pretty investigativly done.

"A rich and compelling narrative, as taut and suspenseful as good fiction. In places, *Stories of Scottsboro* is almost heartbreaking, not least because Goodman shows what people felt as well as what they thought." -- Washington Post
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To white Southerners, it was "a heinous and unspeakable crime" that flouted a taboo as old as slavery. To the Communist Party, which mounted the defense, the Scottsboro case was an ideal opportunity to unite issues of race and class. To jury after jury, the idea that nine black men had raped two white women on a train traveling through northern Alabama in 1931 was so self-evident that they found the Scottsboro boys guilty even after the U.S. Supreme Court had twice struck down the verdict and one of the "victims" had recanted. This innovative and grippingly narrated work of history tells the story of a case that marked a watershed in American racial justice. Or, rather, it tells several stories. For out of dozens of period sources, *Stories of Scottsboro* re-creates not only what happened at Scottsboro, but the dissonant chords it struck in the hearts and minds of an entire nation. "Extraordinary.... To do justice to the Scottsboro story a book would have to combine edge-of-the-seat reportage and epic narrative sweep. And it is just such a book that James Goodman has given us, a beautifully realized history...written with complete authority, tight emotional control, and brilliant use of archival material." -- Chicago Tribune

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Harvard historian Goodman recounts the infamous Scottsboro rape case, in which nine black men were convicted of assaulting two white women in 1930s Alabama. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.
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Goodman (history, Harvard) has written a full and compelling account of the 1931 Scottsboro case involving nine black youths charged with raping two young white women on a freight train in Alabama. Eight of the defendants were sentenced to death after the first trial in Scottsboro, Alabama. In the next decade there would be seven retrials and two landmark Supreme Court decisions. A political deal was struck in the final trial, 1937-38, in which four defendants (later pardoned) got life imprisonment, and the charges against the others dropped. The case embroiled the nation for many years and still has resonance. The Communist Party quickly entered the defense and was often at odds with conservative black defenders. Recommended for libraries with Civil Rights and black history collections.- Harry Frumerman, formerly with Hunter Coll., New York
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From Booklist
Employing a multitude of primary sources, including letters, transcripts, court records, newspaper articles, reports of private investigators, and diaries, Goodman meticulously reconstructs the infamous Scottsboro case. In 1931, nine black youths were falsely accused of raping two white women on a freight train traveling through northern Alabama. The ensuing legal battle spanned six years and involved two decisions by the Supreme Court. The Scottsboro case generated an enormous amount of publicity and ignited the collective emotions of a nation still struggling to come to terms with fundamental issues of racial equality. Weaving together a remarkable array of stories so as to present the facts from every conceivable point of view, Goodman provides a multidimensional narrative history of a shameful episode in the annals of the American judicial system. Margaret Flanagan