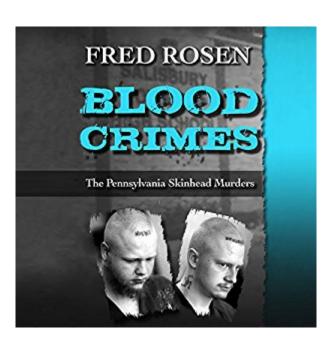


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# Blood Crimes: The Pennsylvania Skinhead Murders





## **Synopsis**

Raised as Jehovah's Witnesses and frustrated with their parents' repressive rules, Bryan and David Freeman rebelled as teenagers. Encouraged by an acquaintance he met while institutionalized at a reform school, Bryan became a neo-Nazi. Bryan then indoctrinated David, and their flair for defiance took a dark turn. After callously murdering their father, mother, and younger brother, the skinhead brothers took flight across America, with police from three states in hot pursuit. They were eventually captured in Michigan and returned to Pennsylvania for trial. During the trial, author Fred Rosen uncovered evidence that one of the brothers might not have been as culpable as authorities claimed, and divulged the history of a family torn apart by stringent religious beliefs.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Fair Book. I bought it mainly because I was raised in Allentown. I also happen to know most of the lawyers and judges involved. While the writing was fair, I found the author placed too much emphasis on certain areas over others. Too much time going into generational history and not enough concerning the 'boys' day-to-day lives. There was little about the community which may have contributed more to the boys getting into the skinhead movement and too much about the JW. (These boys were NOT Witnesses for quite some time so there is more to learn about WHY they turned to the skinheads).

The Author seemed to be biased against JWs and that did seem to impact the story he told. No lies

but not sure it is the entire truth either. Over all okay, could have used more information on the Skinhead scene as well.

#### AWESOME!!!

A few things I didn't know. Poorly written. Not researched very well (had it been there would be more conversations with the family). He is very obviously biased against the JW religion. Don't bother with this book.

Good true crime story. Just enough of the boys' character to keep me interested in reading through fairly quickly. Would have liked to know more about the old JW man in the courtroom who "scribbled notes madly." I read this book because I wanted to know why the three boys came to belong to the skinhead movement.

#### A GREAT READ!!!!

This book is about the murders of Dennis and Brenda Freeman along with their son Eric. They were murdered by their 2 other sons, David and Bryan, and their nephew Ben Birdwell. The book gave a well described past leading up to the murders and all that surrounded them. I found it very interesting. It was well-written and well researched. The three teenage killers were neo-nazis, a group that is unpleasant to read about, to say the least, but here, it was interesting and easy to follow. I found it interesting when one of the witnesses in the cases testified against them saying that yes, they believed in white power, but you don't kill your family. I liked the book and do recommend it. It does not dwell on the gory parts of the murder, but rather, the facts and sometimes the emotions.

Disturbing story. Not riveting or surprising by any means. But, if you like true crime stories it OK. Upper Darby actually mentioned.

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