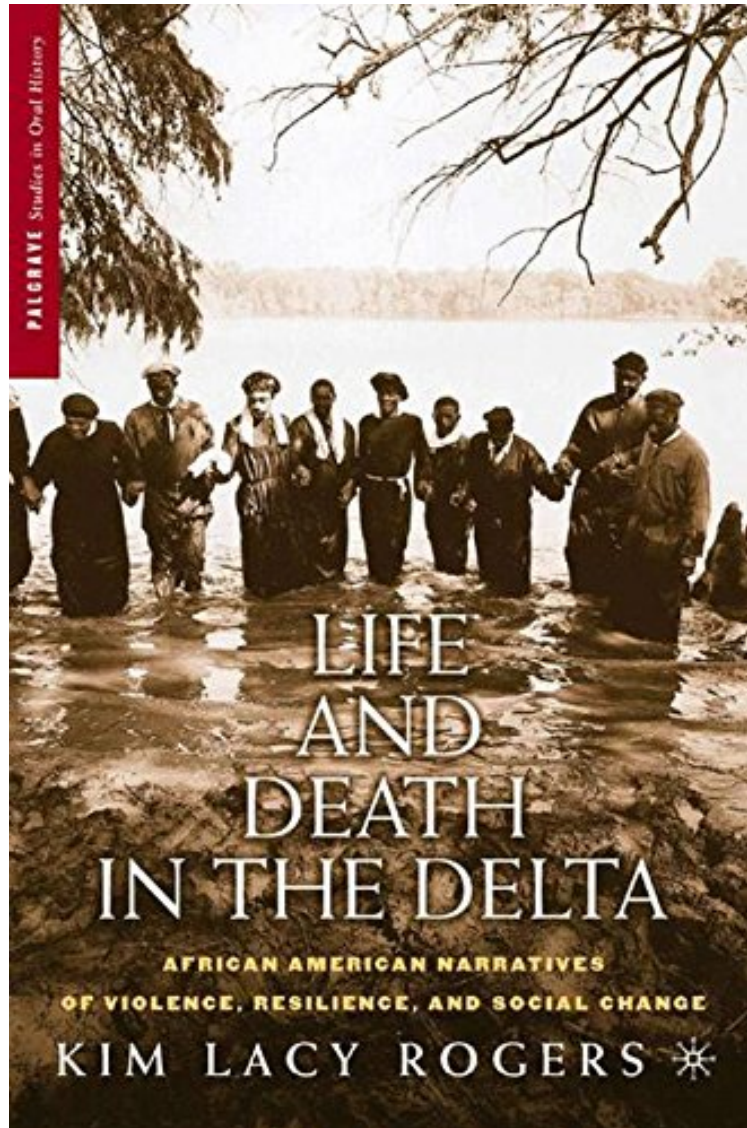


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Change (Palgrave Studies in Oral History):

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Overcoming the Delta's Oppression By James Marshall This in-depth study of life in four Delta counties--Bolivar, Coahoma, Sunflower, and Washington--examines and compares the lives of sharecropper and tenant farmers to those of black land owners through their oral histories by Kim Lacy Rogers. Although there are cases cited of individuals who manage to overcome the oppressive conditions blacks lived under, one is left with an overwhelmingly disturbing picture of the poverty and oppression experienced by blacks in the Delta of Mississippi, whether sharecropper or land owner. Mississippi today remains one of the very poorest states in the United States and its black citizens are among the most poverty-stricken, obese, and unhealthy in the country. Although some individuals managed to overcome their extreme poverty and rise out of white oppression according to the study, living conditions remain largely the same and those who chose to confront the power structure found themselves thrown off the plantations where they lived and worked. Where they picked and chopped cotton they were replaced by mechanical cotton pickers and chemical defoliants. This study follows the lives of blacks who lived through the civil rights movement's efforts in the rural Delta and the lasting effects it had on them. Where the publisher's blurb states, "Their stories are dramatic, moving, and sometimes sad," I found them extremely depressing and in reality a continuation of the economic oppression experienced by blacks in the Black Belt of the Deep South. This is a must read for anyone who wishes to begin to grasp a picture of the rural Deep South today.

Terrorism, black poverty, and economic exploitation produced a condition of collective trauma and social suffering for thousands of black Deltans in the Twentieth Century. Based on oral histories with African American activists and community leaders, this work reveals the impact of that oppression.

"A rich study of African American lives and struggles as seen through the eyes of people who lived through the terror of white supremacy, the hopes for a better future raised by the Civil Rights Movement, the temporary empowerment that came through participation in antipoverty initiatives such as Head Start, and the disillusionment that resulted when black elected officials proved unable (or unwilling) to address effectively the region's social and economic problems." - *The Journal of African American History* "Kim Lacy Rogers has been a moving force in the US and international oral history movement for years, and her work on the history and memory of the Civil Rights movement has gained her universal respect. This book is a work of first-class scholarship, deep sensitivity, clear and effective writing: oral history and social conscience at its best. It will be essential reading for a long time." - Alessandro Portelli, prize-winning author of *The Order Has Been Carried Out* "Kim Lacy Rogers makes a major contribution to understanding social suffering. She uses narrative as a hinge connecting the personal to the social, telling a story that is moving, dark, and unforgettable." - Arthur W. Frank, author of *The Wounded Storyteller* and *The Renewal of Generosity: Illness, Medicine, and How to Live* and Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary. "Life and Death in the Delta is a stunning collective memoir of African American life in the twentieth century Mississippi Delta. Through oral histories, Kim Lacy Rogers provides us with an important account of the struggles and triumphs of grassroots activists and of the forces that shaped their lives. These are stories of suffering and resilience in the face of overwhelming poverty, illness, terror, and oppression, and they remind us of the sacrifice and courage that produced the civil rights movement. But these tales of sorrow and uplift also caution against an overly triumphal narrative of the civil rights struggle, providing us with a sobering reminder of how much more remains to be done in the struggle for freedom in the USA." - Nan Elizabeth Woodruff, author of *American Congo: The African American* About the Author KIM LACY ROGERS is Professor of History and American Studies at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, USA. She is author of *Righteous Lives: Narratives of the New Orleans Civil Rights Movement*.