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Sieze The Time is Bobby Seale's, a longtime activist and co-founder of The Black Panther Party, riveting first-person account on the evolution of The Party as a national organization. In the words of Seale the book "...continues to have a universal appeal as an account of an oppressed people's struggle for human liberation."

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Rosenita Delva says

I've been extremely interested in the Black Panther Party since I graduated from high school in 2013, but this book written by Bobby Seale has led me to fall in love all over again with the Black Panther Party. EVERYONE SHOULD READ THIS BOOK!

Paul Addis says

One of the best and most accessible books on the BPP written by one of the two founders.

Cheris Hodges says

This book changed my life and thoughts about politics. How? Because it details how evil and sadistic the government can be when it comes to people of color.

Tomi says

Alkupuoli on erittäin kiinnostavaa katutason kerrontaa siitä, miten ja miksi Mustien panttereiden puolue perustettiin ja minkälaista toiminta oli ja minkä takia. Puolueen perustajiin kuuluva Seale kertoo niistä mustan yhteisön oloista ja ongelmista, joihin marxisti-leninistinen radikaalivallankumouksellinen ryhmä nousi ratkaisuksi. Paljon ns. hyvää pohdintaa. Loppupuolella kerrataan vähän turhan tarkasti oikeudenkäyntiä, jonka seurauksena Seale tuomitaan vankilaan, ja kerronnan voima & vauhti vähän katoavat.

Kuitenkin kokonaisuutena valaiseva kirja Yhdysvaltojen rasismista ja siitä, miten sitä on lähdetty haastamaan.

Alex says

this book is poorly written. bobby seale was trying to make huey p. newton into some kind of fantastic revolutionary hero, and the book gets silly at times. nevertheless, the history of the party is good, and the best sections deal with bobby's personal experiences of being harassed and imprisoned by the police "pigs." a feeling of claustrophobia and suffocation overtakes you when he describes being bound and gagged in the Chicago 8 courtroom.

Rodney Falberg says

Finished this book Friday. Bobby Seale certainly seized the time to fight for his Constitutional rights, not just for him but for his community. The Black Panther Party was the first group to really fight for modern day gun rights, particularly for African Americans in the era of Civil Rights. They fought for having community control over their lives and over the government, things Conservatives pretend to want but seem to forget when they get in office. The Black Panther Party, despite being fans of Marxism who wrongly attributed Capitalism to their suffering, must be admired for what they did, and for what they suffered from the government repression. Seize the Time reveals how tyrannical government and fake news will punish and go after you for doing what is right and calling out those in charge, the police and the government and the media, for their failure to stand up for the interests of the people rather than their own. Bobby Seale is an American fighter, and I admire his courage. We must Seize the Time and fight for the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and our human dignity.

Ruth says

Bobby tells us who is righteous and who is phony, who is jive and punk, how the "fascist, avaricious, demagogic ruling class and their low-life, sadistic pigs" trap Americans into cycles of oppression, and what the Black Panther Party did about it. This hot first-person narrative, written in the vernacular of the time, lays down the truth.

Bobby describes Huey P. Newton's understanding of the black community in America as a colony seeking liberation from imperialist forces. By linking the struggle of black Americans to anticolonial struggles in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, Huey's political ideology (inspired from the Revolutionary Action Movement who were inspired, in turn, by the black anti-colonialism of W.E.B. Du Bois, Paul Robeson, and Alphaeus Hunton), unifies "the brothers on the block" into a global struggle against the American empire. What sets Huey and Bobby apart from the theory-based revolutionaries who initially inspired them is that Huey and Bobby actually get on the street with guns and DO something about it.

"We look around the world today, and we look around at home right now, and we see that oppression exists. We know that the workers are exploited, and that most of the people in this country are exploited, in one way or another. We know that as a people, we must seize our time."

-Bobby Seale

March 5, 1970

Emma says

I would love to consume this book as an ebook narrated by Bobby Seale; I really feel this is how God intended it and would lend to the book greater cohesion and zeal. One of the remarkable facets of Seale's book is his capacity to sublimate personal ego and to admit gaps in knowledge. Bobby's book is a sergeant at arms story - a guy who wants to understand how all of this theory can actually have a practical impact and who rejects self-aggrandising stereotypes. I wonder what a movement would be like if its leadership consisted of far more Bobbys and far less Eldridges.

Brad says

An unparalleled first person account of the rise of the Black Panther Party and their remarkable, almost unimaginable times.

Finoolola says

This is one of the best books about socialism I've read, and it has the added bonus of being littered with late 60s/early 70s slang which begs to be read (inwardly of course) in a blaxploitation accent. Insults that I now intend incorporate more fully into my everyday speech include principally JIVE, but also the old staples of swine, pigs, dogs, lackeys, and perhaps best of all jackanapes! But to get back to seriousness, you do have read a lot "dry theory" if you're interested in left wing politics, so it's nice for a change to read about someone whose politics correspond so vitally and completely with his real life and the problems he sees around him in the community. And Seale (and the opinions of Huey P Newton, given second hand) are generally spot on about most things as far as I'm concerned. There were one or two off-colour and slightly inscrutable comments about homosexuality which, if I'm understanding the dense language correctly, amounted to him calling it a "symptom" of white imperialism. Of course, this is completely inaccurate and wrong headed, but it is not a completely unheard of attitude even today particularly in countries that are ex-colonies. I find it ironic that Boddy Seale, the great follower of Fanon, would be espousing attitudes warped as far as I see it by his experience of being from a "colonised" people. But anyway, that was a tiny gripe. Otherwise, it was politically sound and also a great read from an action story point of view. It's sad to read the enthusiasm and passion when you know what happens in the end, but it's still a great, and if you're a lefty, essential read.

Noel Hidalgo says

while Armstrong said "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," the black panthers took this sentiment and build a revolution. if you are into the civil rights struggle, end of the vietnam war, or community organizing... this book is a must.

Nakita Glorioso says

Excellent and Hollywood exploited the true value of this book and the Black Panther Party for SELF DEFENSE.

Gayle says

Loved this book, and was not put off by it's being in the vernacular of the time as some reviewers were. It was written down from audio tapes made by Bobby Seale in the fall of 1968 and the fall and winter of 1969-

1970, and if you pay attention you witness the personal and political growth of Mr. Seale over those years.

I was especially riveted by Bobby Seale's play by play of being gagged and bound with chains in an United States of America federal courtroom in the Chicago 8 grand jury investigation in 1969. God what youtube and Facebook could have done with that!

Not only is this an excellent record of the African-American experience in the 1950s-1970s, I think that the OccupyWallStreet movement will certainly recognize some of the points made by the Black Panther Party regarding the long and sad history of exploitation in America.

Lumumba Shakur says

This is hands down the best history on the creation and evolution of the Black Panther Party that has been written. Anyone interested in a straight-forward history of the movement, this is the book to read.

Danny says

Certainly a must-read. Written in '70, but from those experiences of only a few years the material is already rich with lessons positive [too numerous to repeat] and negative [like the need for a Communist Party to be - way- more ruthless in dealing with misogyny...] for the future.

Highly recommend this audio version by a YouTuber, although the text can also be read in PDF form here.
