

A SEARCH FOR JUSTICE. Edited by
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Three reporters for the Nashville *Tennessean*, James Squires, John Hemphill and Frank Ritter, developed this book out of their individual coverage of the three major assassination trials of 1969—the Clay Shaw trial in New Orleans; the James Earl Ray trial in Memphis (devastatingly analyzed by Weisberg in "Frame-Up," *PW*, Feb. 1); and the Sirhan Sirhan trial in Los Angeles. Editorially there is a strong dramatic resonance set up by the triple spotlight thrown on these three trials. Each is explored in ample detail, and in each instance the writers' highlighting of dubious judicial procedures, distortions of fact and personal or political motivations lends weight to their claim that the idea of even-handed and consistent American justice is an unfounded myth. This is vivid and often engrossing analytical journalism, written with an acid bite.

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