



Rowdy Memphis: The South Unscripted

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John Branston Books, United States, 2004. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 211 x 132 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.On October 16, 1954, E. H. Crump, the political boss of Memphis and a force in Southern politics for nearly half a century, died at his home in Memphis. He left a place known as America s Cleanest City, America s Quietest City, the capital of Mississippi, and the safest city in the South. To Crump s critics, Memphis was also known as America s least democratic city. Crump s brand of order was already breaking down at the time of his death. That year the U.S. Supreme Court desegregated public schools in Brown v. Board of Education and Elvis Presley cut his first record at Sun Studio in Memphis. The next 50 years in Memphis would belong to the children and lawyers who fulfilled the promise of desegregation, rebels and gamblers, brawlers and killers, hard-nosed politicians and prosecutors, suburban and downtown developers, business visionaries, and the activists who stopped an interstate highway. This is their story.



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