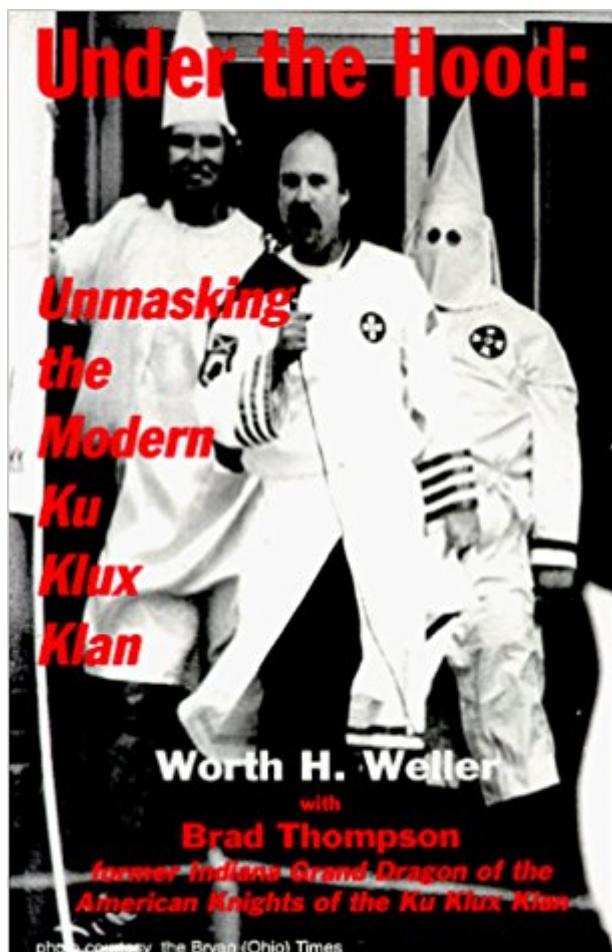


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Under The Hood: Unmasking The Modern Ku Klux Klan



Synopsis

The American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan could easily have a presence in your community. They may have been to your county courthouse for a rally or they might have distributed their hate-filled fliers, with their membership phone number, surreptitiously by night in newspaper tubes and under windshield wipers in your neighborhoods. There's likely even an active Klavern in your area. KlanWatch Intelligence Report of the Southern Poverty Law Center tracks hundreds of Klaverns across the United States and Britain. A new book by veteran journalist Worth Weller with Brad Thompson, the former Indiana Grand Dragon of the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, identifies who these people are and what makes them tick. *Under the Hood: Unmasking the Modern Ku Klux Klan*, goes where no book about the Klan has gone before. With the help of Thompson, who for two years was the trusted right hand man of Imperial Wizard Jeff Berry before he finally came to the conclusion that the Klan was, among other things, a gigantic financial rip-off designed to line the pockets of its top leadership, Weller describes what kinds of people make up the Klan and what drives them. But more than that, he illustrates how communities have responded to the disruption that a Klan visit causes, and he gives first-person accounts of how community leaders have proactively responded to threats from the Klan. Dennis Roddy, a veteran Klan watcher and award-winning columnist for the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, calls *Under the Hood* "a valuable resource," which is exactly what it is meant to be. Extremely fast-paced and readable, the book will appeal to all kinds of readers, but it is particularly useful to clergy, political activists, educators, politicians, police and others for whom the Klan poses a moral and legal dilemma. By taking away the fear and mystery that the Klan uses as its biggest weapon, *Under the Hood* provides community leaders with the tools necessary to defeat the Klan at its own game. *Under the Hood* is not an historical account of the Klan - that's old news. Rather, *Under the Hood* is a warning to your community that the Klan is indeed, as Imperial Wizard Jeff Berry likes to put it, "here to stay." The Klan will continue to tarnish your community unless it is exposed as the financial scam that it is and unless community leaders take proactive steps, outlined in *Under the Hood*, to deny it the fertile breeding ground that communities such as yours often unwittingly provide.

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Customer Reviews

Under the Hood: Unmasking the Modern Ku Klux Klan presents a well-written and yet chilling look at what temptation can lead otherwise rational human beings to do. Weller vividly describes what led Brad Thompson, a father saddened by the death of his son, to seek solace in what Thompson believed to be the power of the Ku Klux Klan. Thompson eventually became disillusioned with the KKK and left his mask behind. This book is an important one in that the author thought deeply about how he wished to portray his subjects and gives an accurate description of the history and movement of the Ku Klux Klan.

I spent a year in the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Brad Thompson and Jeff Berry are both friends of mine. this book is the first of many to soon appear about their activities. do not believe what the media or self-appointed civil rights groups tell you. Read several books about the history of the KKK and then judge for yourself. make an informed decision. The really dangerous minds are not the ones you see in white sheets, but the ones you will never see in white shirts. This is a must read for Klansmen, and anti-kkk opposition

In Under the Hood: Unmasking the Modern Ku Klux Klan, Worth Weller bravely enters the world of the Klan to expose it from the inside. Rather than starting his project with assumptions and stereotypes, Weller tells it how it is, and in the process reveals the Klan for what it is--a childish yet dangerous group that plays off the very real fears of poor whites in a twisted way, in order to gain money and power for the Klan's leadership. This is a deeply personal study of the Klan that is very important in understanding what makes the Klan appealing to poor whites, and what makes the Klan such a dangerous organization.

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