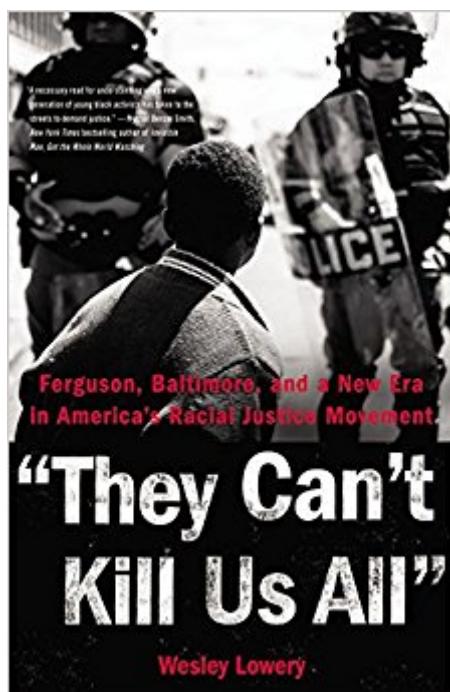


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They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, And A New Era In America's Racial Justice Movement



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"Lowery's book is electric, because it is so well reported, so plainly told and so evidently the work of a man who has not grown a callus on his heart... Lowery's book is valuable for many reasons. He circles slowly and warily around the question of why, during Obama's presidency, so little has happened to improve on the racial front."--Dwight Garner, New York Times"Lowery's dispatches

from the front lines of this new era in racial justice movement building have proven indispensable, and with *They Can't Kill Us All*, he further shows just how vital his reporting has become. Part early history of a still growing movement, as well as part critique of the media charged with covering this movement, Lowery also offers a peek into the process of reporting--the structural challenges, unfortunate failures, and personal successes in accurately capturing the politics and personalities involved in the biggest domestic story of the Obama presidency. *They Can't Kill Us All* proves itself a necessary read for anyone in need of greater understanding of why and how a new generation of young black activists have taken to the streets to demand justice from their country.

Mychal Denzel Smith, New York Times bestselling author of *Invisible Man*, *Got the Whole World Watching*"Riveting.... A timely, significant book."

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