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contentions were to be believed, then the timing of this escape was incredibly fine. Apparently it had to have taken place within a minute of the actual shot." (Pg. 154)"James never authorized (his attorney) to plea bargain with the attorney general. He always insisted on a trial. Hanes recalled that at an early stage the state did offer a life sentence in exchange for a plea. James refused." (Pg. 167)"As the investigation almost completely gave way to the trial itself, it was apparent that much was yet to be done. The four-month intensive investigative period had seemingly disappeared in an instant. Had we another three months and the necessary resources to follow through on the plethora of loose ends and newly generated leads, I believed that it might have been possible to pull off a 'Perry Mason' courtroom performance, as a result of which James's innocence would be established." (Pg. 268)"The prosecution's last live witness... had to admit that there were numerous other fingerprints found in the rooming house and lifted from the Mustang itself that he never identified and wasn't asked to identify." (Pg. 286)"Shock waves went through the courtroom when our witness ... looked at the photograph I showed him of the three fragments of the bullet alleged to be the death slug and stated, 'That's not the bullet I saw.'" (Pg. 287)"Black firemen ... and black MPD officer ... later testified that they were all transferred and removed from duty assignments at fire station 2 during the last twenty-four hours of Dr. King's life." (Pg. 292)"Inexplicably no all points bulletin (APB) and no signal Y (blocking exit routes from the city) were issued by the MPD." (Pg. 482)"How two snipers shooting from different locations could take out both King and Young and still pin the shooting on James Earl Ray is difficult to reconcile until one remembers that the initial plan appeared to be to shoot at a moving target in a car." (Pg. 485)2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The KKK murders. Conspiracy to kill Kennedy, King and KennedyBy JasonGreat insight into the truth about the assassination of King by someone who was there. Jay Fitzpatrick Author of "Best Served Icy."6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Orders to Kill: The truth Behind the Murder of Martin Luther KingBy Joe MoReading this book, I did not feel like I was reading a "theory" of a murder mystery. It is alarming to learn to what extent our government will go to silence someone! Every American who is interested in current affairs and history should read William Pepper's book.CJF - Kansas City, MO.

Examines the controversial arguments surrounding the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., stating that James Earl Ray was not his killer and revealing evidence to support a theory that figures in government and organized crime were actually responsible. Tour.

From Publishers WeeklyPepper, attorney since 1988 for James Earl Ray, the convicted killer of Martin Luther King Jr., believes that his client was a patsy, not the real assassin. He charges that the civil rights leader slain in 1968 was the victim of a conspiracy that involved Hoover's FBI, the CIA, Army intelligence, the mafia and the Memphis, Tenn., police force, extending to the highest levels of the federal government, which viewed King as a dangerous revolutionary. Pepper has interviewed many new witnesses who remained silent during the last 27 years, and he names names of officials at the local and national levels who, he alleges, participated in the conspiracy. According to Pepper, a team of U.S. Army Special Forces snipers was at the scene, taking aim at King at the same moment as a back-up "civilian" assassin. The Army team, by this account, had orders to kill both King and the Reverend Andrew Young, but the final order to pull the trigger was never given because the "civilian" assassin-tentatively identified here as one Raul Pereira, not Ray-shot King first. Pepper interviewed two former Special Forces members who claim to have been part of the sniper squad. He also cites two failed, government-orchestrated attempts to assassinate King in 1965, as well as a subsequent mafia contract on the civil rights leader's life by New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello. Pepper wants a trial for Ray, who, he asserts, was coerced into pleading guilty by his lawyer; the defense, he notes, has never even been allowed to test the rifle or bullets in evidence. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.From BooklistSince 1988, Pepper, who was active in the civil rights and antiwar movements in the 1960s, has been chief counsel for James Earl Ray, convicted--on a guilty plea, without a trial--of the April 4, 1968, assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. Through appeals, a civil suit, a TV simulation of the trial Ray never had, and now this book, Pepper has tried to bring to judicial and public attention new evidence, which suggests strongly that Ray was merely the fall guy in a multilevel assassination plot involving the Mafia and government intelligence agencies. Perhaps as disturbing as the paranoia of the FBI, Army Intelligence, and other agencies that viewed Dr. King as a dangerous revolutionary leader are the subsequent actions of local, state, and federal officials who continue, even today, to obscure and obfuscate what happened in 1968. Pepper's story is inevitably complex, because it traces when and how Ray's defenders learned about various leads, as well as how those leads fit into their changing understanding of King's murder. But a list of the "principal players" and a final chapter that sums up the 1968 chronology will help readers put the pieces together. Worth attention from concerned citizens as well as dedicated conspiracy buffs. Mary Carroll The shooting of Dr. King Jr. prompted a massive cover-up which has withstood long probes: here Dr. Pepper, an associate of king, presents his case for the innocence of James Earl Ray and the implication of others in a set-up designed to end King's work. Pepper's pursuit of justice makes for an involving account. -- Midwest Book