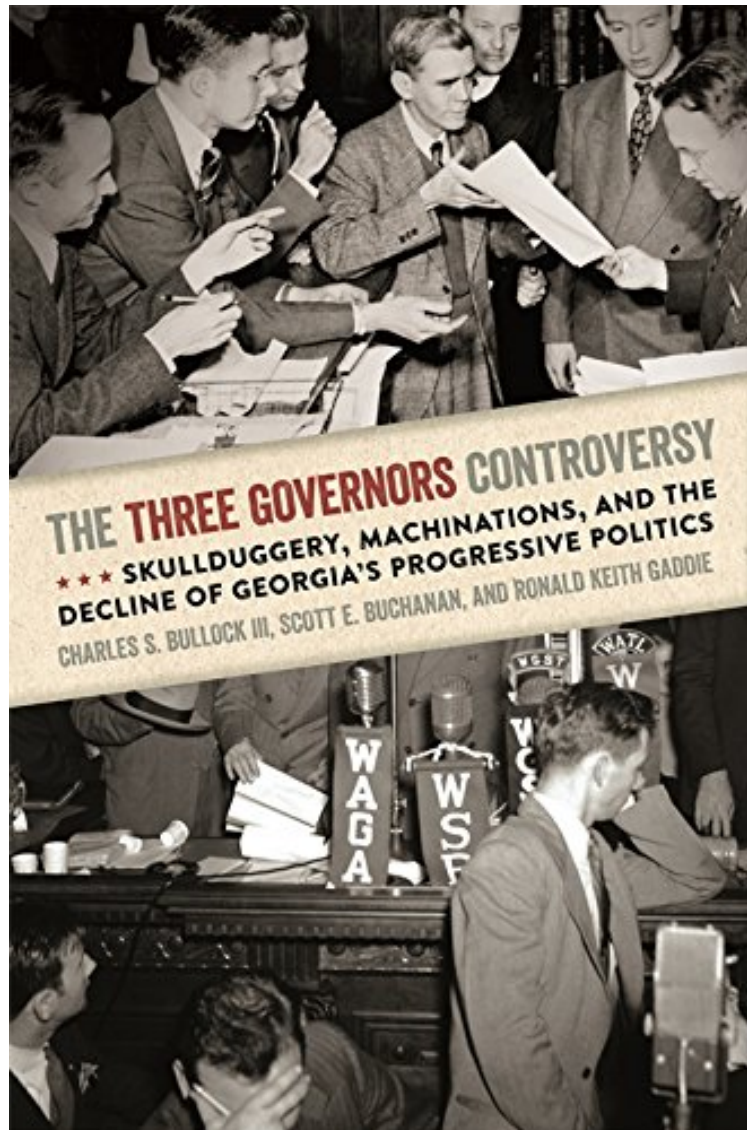


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A new analysis of Georgia's infamous election
 By Trey Shipp
 Georgia's three Governors controversy has always been a gripping story, and the new details in this book makes the re-telling a great read. The authors set up the tale by giving the history of the players and describing the economic and social tension of the time. The 1946 election was the first Democratic primary in which African Americans could participate, and many counties used trickery and violence to keep blacks from voting. Then Gene Talmadge's death after winning his comeback term for governor ignites the signature battle in a contest between growing progressive forces and the rural Talmadge machine that wanted to preserve the county unit system and whites-only primary. My favorite parts of the book are the stories of the participants recounting the parliamentary and legal tactics they used to outmaneuver their opponents. I also liked how the authors analyze the big picture and connect this fight to the political conflict that occurred as Georgia modernized after World War II. The story of those two months in 1947 paints a vivid picture of that conflict.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great combination of narrative history and political science
 By Laura E. McCarty
 This book sheds a new light on the changes that took place in post-World War II Georgia. It also points out examples of the old saying "the more things change, the more they remain the same". Lives up to the title in its narration of the "skullduggery and machinations", with just enough use of the tools of political science to remain true to the authors' chosen discipline. Helpful maps for understanding the alliances and contesting factions that were at play during this era. The book also leaves me hungry for some new biographies of the players in the story, especially Herman Talmadge and Roy Harris.

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 By George Hooks
 Excellent work--totally accurate, and interesting reading. I recommend it to any student of American Southern history !

The death of Georgia governor-elect Eugene Talmadge in late 1946 launched a constitutional crisis that ranks as one of the most unusual political events in U.S. history: the state had three active governors at once, each claiming that he was the true elected official. This is the first full-length examination of that episode, which wasn't just a crazy quirk of Georgia politics (though it was that) but the decisive battle in a struggle between the state's progressive and rustic forces that had continued since the onset of the Great Depression. In 1946, rural forces aided by the county unit system, Jim Crow intimidation of black voters, and the Talmadge machine's "loyal 100,000" voters united to claim the governorship. In the aftermath, progressive political forces in Georgia would shrink into obscurity for the better part of a generation. In this volume is the story of how the political, governmental, and Jim Crow social institutions not only defeated Georgia's progressive forces but forestalled their effectiveness for a decade and a half.

The Three Governors Controversy is a compelling narrative of the widespread notoriety engendered by Georgia's 1946 election and its aftermath. This history reveals the underlying conflicts of the succession battle by bringing together a careful analysis of the politics of the period with an array of popular and scholarly accounts. (Timothy J. Crimmins coauthor of *Democracy Restored: A History of the Georgia State Capital*) At last we have a comprehensive analysis of one of the most colorful episodes in the rich annals of southern political history. Bullock, Buchanan, and Gaddie have succeeded not only in telling an oft-told tale from a fresh yet still thoroughly engaging perspective but also in sorting out its various immediate and long-term implications. This book will be essential reading for scholars and simply irresistible to southern politics junkies. (James C. Cobb, Spalding Distinguished Professor, Department of History, University of Georgia) Subjected to scholarly examination, the three governors controversy turns out to have been even crazier in fact and more far-reaching in effect than the popular imagination has conjured. A big part of the reason the book succeeds so well in elucidating this confrontation is its careful depiction of the historical context—who all the major players were, how they came to be assigned their parts in the drama and what lessons the audience could take away, after the curtain came down. (Pete McCommons *Flagpole Magazine*) In this first book-length account of this key election (and post-election constitutional crisis), the authors immerse readers in the historical record, incorporating an array of primary source documents and interviews with key figures. . . . The result is a fine piece of research on a consequential election during the South's transitional period. (J. Barth Choice) The best piece of Georgia political scholarship to happen in a decade or so. (Atlanta Journal-Constitution) About the Author Charles S. Bullock III is Richard B. Russell Professor of Political Science at the University of Georgia and the author and editor of numerous books on American political culture, the South, and electoral politics. Scott E. Buchanan is an associate professor of political science at The Citadel. He is the author of *Some of the People Who Ate My Barbecue Didn't Vote for Me: The Life of Georgia Governor Marvin Griffin*. Ronald Keith Gaddie is chairman of the Department of Political Science at the University of Oklahoma and the general editor of *Social Sciences Quarterly*.