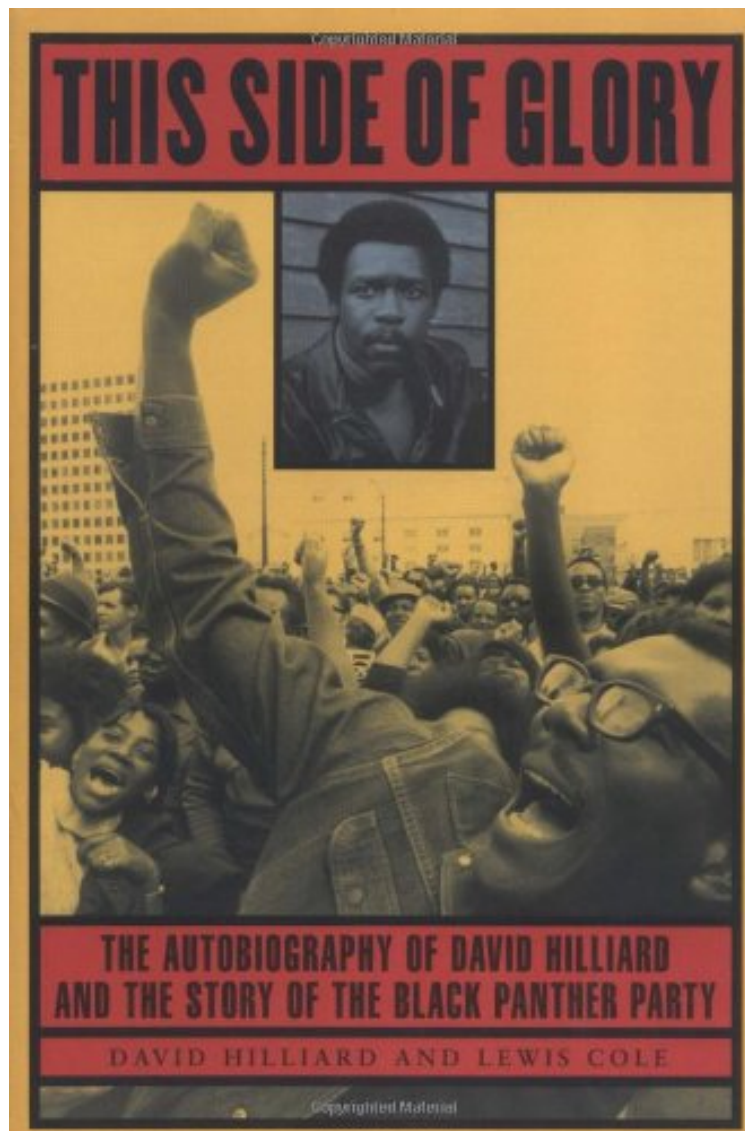


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David Hilliard (born 1942) was Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party; he is currently a visiting instructor at the University of New Mexico. He writes in the "Acknowledgements" section, "The funeral in 1989 of Huey Newton, my friend and founder of the Black Panther Party, provided the catalyst for this book. I had begun writing about the Black Panther Party and my involvement in it twenty years ago; however, that effort was put aside and not completed. The reader of this book will understand why. The occasion of Huey's funeral brought together friends and comrades, many of whom I had not seen for ten or twenty years. It deepened our determination to tell our story in our own words." Here are some quotations from the book: "Partly this proclivity to violence is, I think, a southern trait. Down South, everybody is armed, whites and blacks. (When I arrive in California, the locals are amazed that I carry a knife.) But what's true for my family and for many blacks is that we turn this violence inward. We fight among ourselves, taking out on our own people the frustrations we're forbidden to level against society." (Pg. 40) "My head swims. I feel proud to be connected to Huey and his plan---things will definitely happen in Oakland now. But the guns scare as much as thrill me, and the whys, hows, and whats of the organization baffle me. I only know he's talking about an organization that will right some wrongs against black people." (Pg. 116) (Huey Newton) We don't give up our guns. We don't give up our dope. I mean, that's what I don't understand about these brothers. They get busted and they have guns with them, which is all the police have, but they give up their guns AND their property. No. If the police come and mess around here, they've stopped the wrong car." (Pg. 123) "The fact is I'll be very happy not to find myself in a shoot-out again. Not simply for my own sake ... but for my comrades in arms... So when members start talking about raising the level of struggle, doing material damage, killing pigs, I set them straight, telling them they'd best go and sell some papers instead, educate the community about our ideology and practice and educate themselves about the community." (Pg. 199) "One rule was, 'You never hit or swear at another Party member.' But a lot of guys still had that chauvinistic attitude. A guy'd pop a woman in the eye and bruise her all up. That was wrong." (Pg. 235) "Twenty years ago these guys would have been Panthers. Now they're violent, undisciplined, apolitical, fratricidal maniacs. I have never felt such hatred toward another black person as I do toward these youths. I've been able to withstand every attack and failure of the Party, but not this---the existence of these kids seems the complete nihilistic repudiation of everything the Party stood for. I want to kill them." (Pg. 424)

David Hilliard was the Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, and this is his compelling eyewitness account of America's first black armed revolutionary movement. Written with the participation of many other Party members, this book provides firsthand accounts of Huey Newton's infamous shootout with the police, the murder of Fred Hampton, how Panther money was raised and spent, the sexual mores of the Party, and how illegal activities erupted and were controlled. According to the FBI, the Panthers were "the greatest threat to the internal security of the country," and, in part due to government infiltrators and disinformation, the Party began to dissolve in the early seventies as police raids, gun battles, IRS investigations, trials, and prison terms decimated their ranks.

From Publishers Weekly
In this candid and absorbing memoir, Hilliard tells of his hardscrabble upbringing in Alabama and Oakland, Calif., his co-founding of the Black Panthers, the party's growth and struggles and, finally, his own battle against drug addiction. Writing with him, Cole (*The Dream Team*) evokes a compelling, vernacular first-person voice (even though much reconstructed dialogue is included) and uses interviews with Hilliard's friends and comrades to add depth and texture. Seeking a "calling" in his life and inspired by Malcolm X, Hilliard recalls how he joined friend Huey Newton to found the Panthers. He assesses Newton and Eldridge Cleaver, describes internal battles over ideology and strategy, gets arrested and concludes that educating the community is more important than battling the police. While the FBI wars with the Panthers, the Panthers' leaders split, and Hilliard goes to jail. Once free, Hilliard finds Oakland has lost revolutionary spirit, and he descends into crack addiction. He finally embraces the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous--but refuses to give up his "righteous indignation" about a society that still, he believes, needs change. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.
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Hilliard's blend of autobiography and informal history sharpens our perceptions of the Black Panther Party. The cofounder and chief of staff, he writes movingly of his impoverished childhood; his ambiguous relationship with Huey Newton, Eldridge Cleaver, et al.; and his monumental struggles with drugs and alcohol. The story is brought to life here--the breakfast programs and the shootouts, the community involvement and the FBI harassment. Though somewhat vague at times (the authors, for example, rarely attach dates to even the most pivotal events), this is a worthwhile endeavor. More than anything, it represents the reflection of a mature man painfully acknowledging the great gap between what once was and what might have been. See also "Malcolm X: By Any Book Necessary" (LJ 10/15/92) and Elaine Brown's memoirs, *A Taste of Power* (LJ 12/1/92).--Ed.- Mark R. Yerburgh, Fern Ridge Community Lib., Veneta,

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