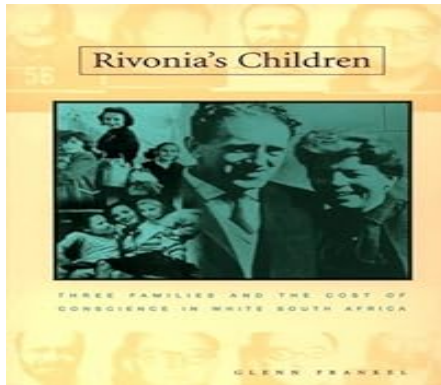


Rivonia's Children: Three Families and the Cost of Conscience in White South Africa By Glenn Frankel **Rivonia's childrenstriggers** I grew up to become a journalist and a foreign correspondent for the Washington Post and when I came back to the United States in 2006 I wanted to write a book about America. **Rivonia's childrenchic shoes** And what could be American than The Searchers? The book did surprisingly well and I found myself working in my own little sub genre: books that combine the making of a classic film with a momentous era in American history. **Rivonia's childrenchic** Next up was the making of High Noon and its connection to the Hollywood blacklist a time of vicious rhetoric and false As a boy growing boy up in Rochester NY I loved movies especially Westerns and most especially John Ford's The Searchers. **Rivonia's childrenfirst home** I grew up to become a journalist and a foreign correspondent for the Washington Post and when I came back to the United States in 2006 I wanted to write a book about America. **Rivonia's childrenhood** And what could be American than The Searchers? The book did surprisingly well and I found myself working in my own little sub genre: books that combine the making of a classic film with a momentous era in American history. **Rivonia's childrencinema** Shooting Midnight Cowboy is my third: I'd always loved the movie the only X rated film ever to win the Oscar for Best Picture and felt a personal connection: it was filmed largely in New York City in 1968 when I was a freshman at Columbia University. **Rivonia's childrenfirst** I feel very fortunate that after a wonderful career as a journalist and professor at Stanford University and the University of Texas at Austin I'm now finding an exciting new world to explore as an author. **Rivonia's childrenchic** The book focuses on specifically three white communist families some of which managed to flee in time before their compatriots were tried in the Rivonia trials some of which were in the dock with Mandela. **Rivonia's childrenstriggers** Besides how impressively those chased fled or convicted stuck to their ideals and were willing to fight and die for them the book also shows the disturbing extent to which South Africa descended into a horrid police state starting shortly after the Second World War and only ending in the late 80s when de Klerk sought an end to minority rule. **Rivonia's childrender** The whites who actively opposed Apartheid were mostly Jewish and this excellent book is the riveting and sad story of the Jewish Communists who worked with the black activists of the ANC led by Mandela and Walter Sisulu. **Rivonia's childrenchic** After fifty years of peaceful agitation a curdling racist police state had led the SACP and the ANC to launch mild acts of sabotage which lands their principled if amateurish leaders in solitary detention and trial. **Rivonia's childrenfirst home** Paperback This is a brilliant book which tells the history of the Communist Party in South Africa and the contribution of a number of white liberal South Africans to the anti apartheid struggle in the 1950's and 1960's. **Rivonia's childrenchic** Rivonia's Children is the harrowing and inspiring account of a handful of white Jewish activists who risked their lives to combat apartheid when South Africa plunged into an era of darkness in the 1960s from which it has only recently emerged. **Rivonia's childrenchic** This is the story of Hilda and Rusty Bernstein longtime Communists so committed to the cause that even the threat of life imprisonment did not stop them; of Ruth First a fiery activist held for months without charge; and of AnnMarie Wolpe an innocent bystander sucked into the maelstrom who had to decide whether or not to risk her own freedom and the life of her sick infant by helping her activist husband escape from prison. **Rivonia's childrenstriggers** Nelson Mandela Rusty Bernstein and eight of their comrades were tried for treason; the Rivonia raid not only destroyed an old order of benign radicalism but also thrust radicals into a new dangerous world of action. **Rivonia's childrenstriggers** Rivonia's Children: Three Families and the Cost of Conscience in White South Africa



Important reading for anyone interested in the history of South Africa and the anti-apartheid movement.

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