

Espousing a vision of a white Christian America besieged by communists, Jews, blacks, and other "aliens," The Brotherhood sought salvation in the establishment of an Aryan homeland. By bringing to life the social, economic, and personal discontents of embittered middle Americans, Flynn and Gerhardt show how easy it was for The Brotherhood to recruit new converts. Possessing few, if any, of the emotional characteristics outsiders attribute to racists, hundreds abandoned careers, families, and lives filled with promise to join the cause. Under the charismatic leadership of Mathews, The Silent Brotherhood prepared its members for the "inevitable" race war through military training, armored car robberies, and the murder of the outspoken Jewish radio host Alan Berg.

Placing the reader in the midst of the unfolding drama, THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD tells, for the first time, the tragic, human story behind one of the most extensive domestic terrorism cases in American history. With compelling detail, the authors retrace the steps of the FBI investigation -- from nothing more than a hunch, to the single slip-up by Mathews that enabled them to track down The Brotherhood and ultimately smash the conspiracy in a dramatic shoot-out near Seattle, Washington.

According to the Center for Democratic Renewal, today nearly twenty-thousand Americans proclaim themselves right-wing activists--and are supported by over 150,000 more Americans who show up at rallies, patriots' group meetings, and church services. A harrowing story of the frustrations and violence that lie beneath the surface of a peaceful-seeming countryside, THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD describes a deep and disturbing social malignancy which continues to threaten our nation.