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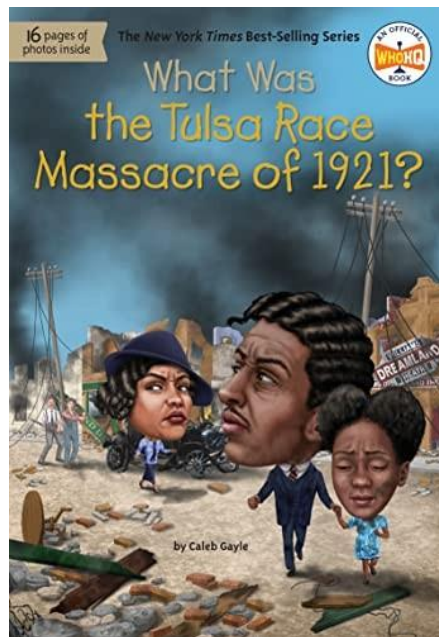
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Nonfiction (305.896)

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5



Book Review: WHAT WAS THE TULSA RACE MASSACRE OF 1921?

In a time of historical revisionism, *WHAT WAS THE TULSA RACE MASSACRE OF 1921?* depicts the importance of history and memory to fight for social justice. A white mob descends on a prosperous black community in Tulsa, Oklahoma, known as Greenwood, on an allegation of an incident on an elevator between a young Black man and a young white female elevator operator. Only later was it discovered the incident was entirely innocent and blown out of proportion. The brutal reality is the history of violence against Black people. It was so fierce that the attack demolished/burned the community to the ground and killed hundreds of its community members. The “war,” with little to no acknowledgment, was uncovered and brought to light by living survivors. They formed a commission in 1997. The accounts in the book are gut-wrenching. Photos of Greenwood before, during, and after are included in the book.

