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## Meet Rien Fertel and Jeremy W. Gray:

Two historians, two quintessentially Alabama subjects:  
Music and ... Murder.

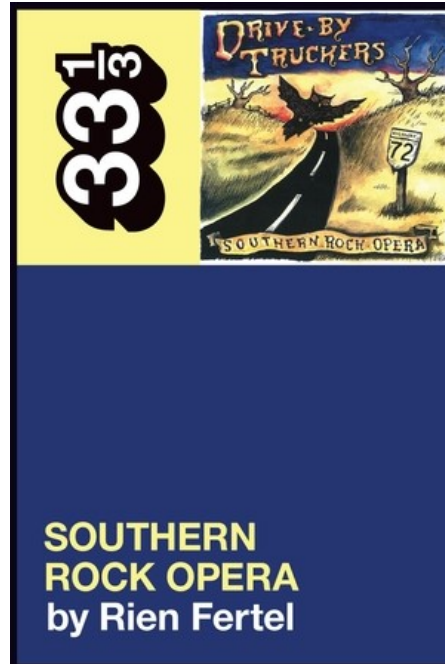
Rien Fertel, Ph.D. in History, works as a roaming writing professor, moonlights as a prison yoga instructor, and calls New Orleans home. His previous works include *The One True Barbecue* and *Imagining the Creole City* (LSU Press). He's written for *Time*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Oxford American*, *Garden & Gun*, *Men's Journal*, and many others.

Jeremy W. Gray has covered the news in Alabama since 1999. After years of chasing police through the Magic City as night reporter for the *Birmingham News*, he is currently a managing producer for Alabama Media Group, helping share breaking news on AL.com and in the pages of the *Birmingham News*, the *Huntsville Times* and Mo-

**PROHIBITION GANGSTERS and  
DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS**  
3 p.m. The Church

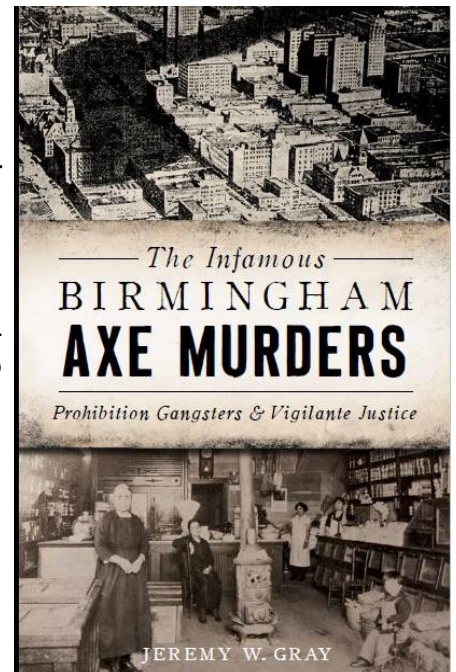
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A heartfelt exploration of the dichotomies of the South as dramatized in what may be the rock 'n' roll version of *Absalom, Absalom!* or *Light in August*: the seminal *Southern Rock Opera* by the Drive-By Truckers, which confronts just about every myth and heresy of the region.

Birmingham, 1920: A gang known as the Black Hand with a fondness for axes is terrorizing immigrants and interracial couples, leading to the formation of a vigilante association. Also featuring a Ouija board, an untested truth serum, and a teenage girl accused of a gory crime. A forgotten story... now retold.



Alabama history:  
never more bizarre, and  
never with a better beat.