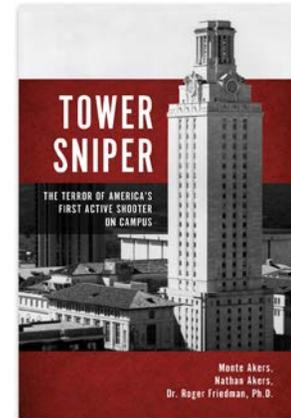


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Houston Texas, Tuesday, June 21, 2016, John M. Hardy Publishing will release ***"TOWER SNIPER: The Terror of America's First Active Shooter on Campus,"*** by Monte Akers, Nathan Akers, and Dr. Roger Friedman, **Book Release Date: 28 July 2016**

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The release of this book corresponds with the unveiling of the newly expanded memorial for the victims of this tragedy on the University of Texas campus, August 1, 2016, the 50th Anniversary of the shooting.

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On August 1, 1966, University of Texas engineering student Charles Whitman went to the top of the 307-foot campus tower. Over the next 96 minutes he shot and killed 15 people and wounded 31. *Tower Sniper: The Terror of America's First Campus Active Shooter*, by Monte Akers, Nathan Akers, and Dr. Roger Friedman, explores the history and personal experience of this seminal tragedy, enriches public memory, and advances our understanding of mass shootings that continue to haunt America.

The authors vigilantly examine the details leading up to the event, the shootings, and their half-century legacy in stark detail. In doing so the authors correct various myths that have been part of the public narrative for decades, such as a brain tumor having motivated Whitman's actions, that he intentionally targeted certain victims, and that he attempted to make it appear that multiple snipers were active. Witness interviews, examination of primary sources, and handwriting analysis reveal information overlooked until now, including the factors that actually contributed to Whitman's predatory behavior and how his death and autopsy were mishandled.

Employing the expertise of a clinical psychologist who was at the time considered a best friend to one of the shooter's young victims, the book contrasts current understandings of trauma with the approach taken at the time, documents the long-term traumatic legacy of mass shootings, and describes how individuals and communities can successfully cope with traumatic memories.

Monte Akers is an established historian, biographer, and lawyer whose prestigious works include; *The Fights on the Little Horn, Year of Desperate Struggle, Flames After Midnight, Year of Glory, and The Accidental Historian.*

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