

It was a "slug-ugly" crime. Brothers George and Rufus Hamilton, in a robbery gone wrong, drunkenly bludgeoned a taxi driver to death with a hammer. It was 1949, and the two siblings, part Mi'kmaq and part African, were both hanged for the killing. Those facts are skeletons in George Elliott Clarke's family closet. Both repelled and intrigued by his ancestral cousins' deeds, which he learned about from his mother shortly before her death, poet, playwright and screenwriter Clarke set out to discover just what kind of forces would reduce men to crime, violence and, ultimately, murder. His findings took shape in the 2001 Governor General's Award-winning *Execution Poems* and culminates brilliantly in *George and Rue*. The novel shifts seamlessly back into the killers' pasts, recounting a bleak and sometimes comic tale of victims of violence who became killers, a black community too poor and too shamed to assist its downtrodden members, and a white community bent on condemning all blacks as dangerous outsiders. This is a book about a death that brims with fierce vitality and dark humor. Infused with the sensual, rhythmic beauty that defines Clarke's writing, here is a literary debut that will be marked by celebration and controversy.

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By all accounts, the bludgeoning murder in of a taxi driver by brothers George and Rufus Hamilton was a slug-ugly crime. George and Rue were hanged.

George and Rue were hanged for it. Repelled and intrigued by his ancestral cousins' deeds, George Elliott Clarke uncovered a story of. George and Rue [George Elliott Clarke] on elevateexperience.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. It was a "slug-ugly" crime. Brothers George and Rufus Hamilton, . George And Rue has ratings and 31 reviews. karen said: WOOHOO GEORGE ELLIOTT. The murder aroused such widespread revulsion that its location is still known as Hammertown . Clarke discovered that George and Rue were.

George & Rue - Carroll & Graf cover The facts are clear-it was, by all accounts, a slug-ugly crime. Brothers George and Rufus Hamilton, in what was supposed to.

1 George Elliott Clarke's *George & Rue* is an imaginative and painstakingly detailed recreation of an actual murder of Nacre Burgundy, a white rural New. George and Rue's brutal act lives on in New Brunswick over half a century later, where the murder site is still known as "Hammertown". George. It was, by all accounts, a slug-ugly crime. Brothers George and Rufus Hamilton, in a robbery gone wrong, drunkenly bludgeoned a taxi driver to death with a. George Elliott Clarke's assured debut novel draws on the same family history--the story of his first cousins George and Rufus Hamilton, hanged.

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