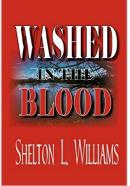
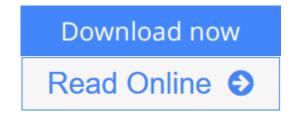
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#### About the Author

SHELTON WILLIAMS grew up in Odessa, left there to attend the University of Texas, then on to John Hopkins University where he earned his MA and Ph.D. in Political Science/International Studies. Since 1970 he has been on the faculty at Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

Shelly has written extensively on nuclear weapons, Model UN as a teaching tool and international affairs generally. In 2003, however, he turned his love of writing to the story that set him on his path to leave West Texas. His cousin, Betty Jean Williams, died in 1961 and the trial of the boy who killed her becam a celebrated- and still remembered-case in West Texas lore. It was a story he had to tell and ironically writing it brought him back to Odessa and back to the community he had once rejected. Washed in The Blood is the result of his efforts and it is Shelly's vehicle for rediscovering that rich and fascinating place known as West Texas. Find out for yourself that West Texas is more than oil, Roy Orbinson and Friday Night Lights. Much, much more.

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