



## Silence of Our Friends, The

By Mark Long

Square Fish. Paperback. Condition: New. Nate Powell (illustrator). 208 pages. A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER As the civil rights struggle heats up in Texas, two families—one white, one black—find common ground. This semi-autobiographical tale is set in 1967 Texas, against the backdrop of the fight for civil rights. A white family from a notoriously racist neighborhood in the suburbs and a black family from its poorest ward cross Houston's color line, overcoming humiliation, degradation, and violence to win the freedom of five black college students unjustly charged with the murder of a policeman. The Silence of Our Friends follows events through the point of view of young Mark Long, whose father is a reporter covering the story. Semi-fictionalized, this story has its roots solidly in very real events. With art from the brilliant Nate Powell (Swallow Me Whole) bringing the tale to heart-wrenching life, The Silence of Our Friends is a new and important entry in the body of civil rights literature. The Silence of Our Friends Author Q and A How much of this book's story is based on real events Mark Long: Creating a book like this one required us to find a balance between factual accuracy and emotional authenticity....



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