

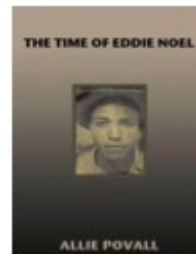
# APPLAUSE!

## MISSISSIPPI WRITING AT ITS BEST

All programs are free, and begin at 12:00 pm  
in the Ellen Douglas Room, Eudora Welty Library  
300 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39201

*Light refreshment will be served. If you wish, please bring a sack lunch*

**August 25, 2011**  
**Jackson/Hinds Library System**  
**Presents: Allie Povall**



Allie Povall was 12 years old in 1954 in Holmes County where the events of *The Time of Eddie Noel* took place. This is the story of how a black man, Eddie Noel, shot and killed a white honky-tonk owner, Ramon Dickard. One of the largest posses in Mississippi history was formed and they hunted Eddie Noel. Eddie Noel killed two more white men and wounded three others before disappearing into the woods of southwest Holmes County. This is the story of how a black man, a three time murderer, in Mississippi could beat the lynch mob, beat the posse, beat the system and avoid almost certain death? Eddie Noel, though he confessed to the murders was never tried or convicted and he spent the last 22 years of his life living peacefully with family in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Allie Povall interviewed many people, read newspaper accounts and court records and relied on his own memory of this event. This story has almost reached mythic status in Holmes County but there are still those who will not talk about it for example Eddie Noel's family in Indiana promised his mother that they would never discuss it outside of the family.

Allie Povall has done a great job in gathering this information to tell us a story of a time in Mississippi that was full of bootlegging and moonshine, gambling and juke joints and the time of Eddie Noel.

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