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Beginning in 1997, when he published *The Melungeons: The Resurrection of a Proud People*, Kennedy was at the forefront of research about the Melungeons.  


Kennedy, N. Brent, “The Melungeons, An Untold Story of Ethnic Cleansing in America,” *Islamic Horizons Magazine* (November/December 1994). If true, evidently these facts were concealed by British scholars, and then the American historians, who wrote the first history books. Each generation of scholars regurgitated what the previous one had said. The Melungeons book. Read 12 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. A manifesto of a forgotten people.  

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In all probability, the Gentle Reader is equally unacquainted with the Melungeons, East Tennessee, and the intricate web of racial/ethnic relations in pre-WWII America. The following is taken from “The Melungeons: The Resurrection of A Proud People; An Untold Story of Ethnic Cleansing in America,” by Dr. N. Brent Kennedy (p. 140). Yes, Elvis Presley had North Carolina roots; his mother’s family left western North Carolina in the early 1800s, taking with them their legend of a Cherokee and Jewish heritage. His maternal great-great-great grandmother was supposedly a full blooded Cherokee from Tennessee named Morning Dove White. Also, the man she married, William Mansell, had been something of a renowned Indian fighter, making his choice of a full-blooded Cherokee questionable. Mansell’s family was also native South Carolinian since the 1700s, placing them more in Lumbee than Cherokee territory.