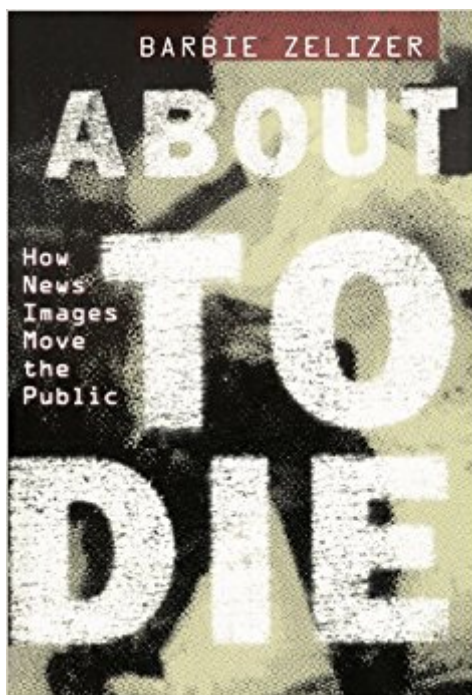


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# About To Die: How News Images Move The Public



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