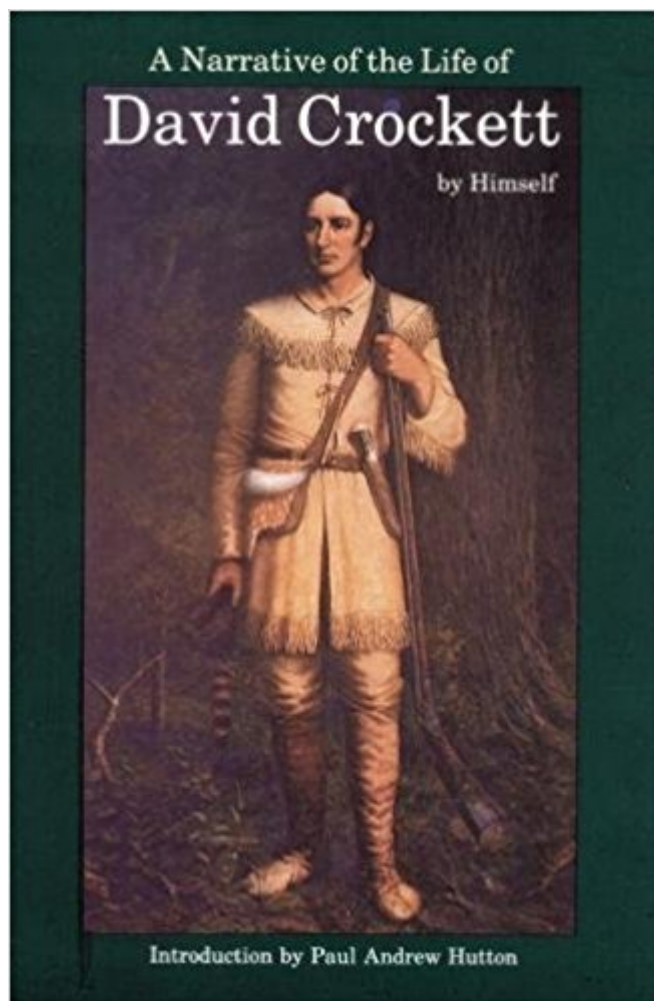


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A Narrative Of The Life Of David Crockett Of The State Of Tennessee



Synopsis

Even as a pup, Davy Crockett "always delighted to be in the very thickest of danger." In his own inimitable style, he describes his earliest days in Tennessee, his two marriages, his career as an Indian fighter, his bear hunts, and his electioneering. His reputation as a b'ar hunter (he killed 105 in one season) sent him to Congress, and he was voted in and out as the price of cotton (and his relations with the Jacksonians) rose and fell. In 1834, when this autobiography appeared, Davy Crockett was already a folk hero with an eye on the White House. But a year later he would lose his seat in Congress and turn toward Texas and, ultimately, the Alamo.

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Customer Reviews

Paul Andrew Hutton introduces this Bison Book edition of Davy Crockett's own story. Hutton, a professor of history at the University of New Mexico, is the author of the prize-winning *Phil Sheridan and His Army*, also a Bison Book.

David Crockett's own story is a magnificent read and every American should read it, along with at least one good bio of Daniel Boone and of Benjamin Franklin. However, this edition is badly out of date, largely due to erroneous, albeit long-repeated material in the introduction by Paul Andrew Hutton. A much better reading experience for the Crockett autobiography is to be had in the facsimile, annotated edition edited by Shackford and Folmsbee. The only up to date, authentic bio of Crockett is "David Crockett in Congress: The Rise and Fall of the Poor Man's Friend", by Boylston & Wiener. Although it ends right before Crockett leaves for Texas and thus omits the glorified Alamo

period, it is the only accurate bio, based largely on Crockett's own letters & other writings, and many other original documents congressional records, newspaper reports and other primary materials. The book corrects many erroneous ideas about Crockett that have been routinely repeated in almost all bios and captures the real

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I had read so many books over the years about Davy Crockett and Texas History but had never read his narrative. The foreword is a hard read likely because he was fed up with politics and politicians. Don't give up! Chapter 1 on is an absolutely great read from a great man. Liberalism is a disease and liberals will take anything to try and denigrate America's heroes including Enrique de la Pena's fabricated version of the Alamo. I am quite sure a man that would jump into a hole in the dark of night with a wounded black bear armed only with a butcher knire surrendered at the Alamo. David Crockett was fearless in "real" life and his principles symbolize what has made this country great. Well worth the read.

A short but very interesting account, in his own words, of part of David Crockett's life. From humble beginnings to state representative, he tells his story with wit & truth, you feel you actually are getting the real person. His death, defending the mission called the Alamo against the overwhelming number of Mexican troops under General Santa Anna in order to buy time for Sam Houston to gather his army, is the single most known fact about him. Read this book & you will understand how a life lived between Tennessee & Washington in the early 19th century brought him to that defining moment.

David Crockett found himself to have become mythologized in his own lifetime. Every indication is that he arrived at this place accidentally, but that once he recognized his own pop-culture status he took advantage of it and nurtured it at every turn. His Narrative, therefore, must be read with a certain amount of skepticism nevertheless it is still valuable as an historical record. The narrative is a journey from start to finish; true Homeric stuff. He describes his journey into adulthood in pre-Mark Twain style, then his journey as an adventurer in the military, his journey across the state of Tennessee with his family, and finally his journey into politics. There may be many embellishments

within his narrative, but considering the period in which it was written (while he contemplated a much larger political career) the topics he chose to describe actually seem prosaic and understated, as if he were deliberately trying to avoid bragging about himself. In this light, perhaps the Narrative is more accurate than is generally assumed. The Narrative may have been ghost-written by someone else, but there is enough Crockett in it to give it legitimacy. His jabs at Andrew Jackson are quaintly hilarious, but they are also true. In this pre-Alamo period of his life, his willingness to take a stand against Jackson might be the bravest thing he ever did. Lastly, the language itself is fascinating. The Narrative may be laced with over-the-top phrases such as, "knocked his trotters out from under him", but at the same time he writes, "if a fellow is born to be hung, he will never be drowned..." This is classic southern wisdom, words I have heard with my own ears in the mountains of eastern Tennessee, so Crockett's Narrative is either very authentic or was itself the basis for an evolving southern culture. In this way, the Narrative should be considered classic American literature. For more information about David Crockett, also read Kirk Ward Robinson's "Founding Courage."

I enjoy reading first person accounts of American history and Co. Aytch, Twelve Years a Slave, and others are among my favorite books. Add this one to the list. Learning about the extent to which a body can be pushed, the suffering that one can endure and survive, and the deprivation that soldiers sometimes had to live through, can inspire any young man. During the Creek War Crockett went weeks without a real meal, walked over 20 miles a day for days on end, and traversed the South on foot. As a settler he once walked 50 miles without rest, and almost died from the experience. While in his 40s he killed over 100 bears one year, using the meat as food for his family and others. He once built two boats, filled them with over 35,000 barrel staves, and travelled down the Mississippi River, only to be almost killed when they capsized. Another time he survived a cold wet night when he couldn't start a fire by repeatedly climbing up and sliding down a tree, and using the friction to create heat. Crockett was an honest man, generous to a fault, devoted to his family, and a supporter, then opponent of Andrew Jackson. An American to be admired, and the author of an inspiring adventure. I highly recommend it.

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