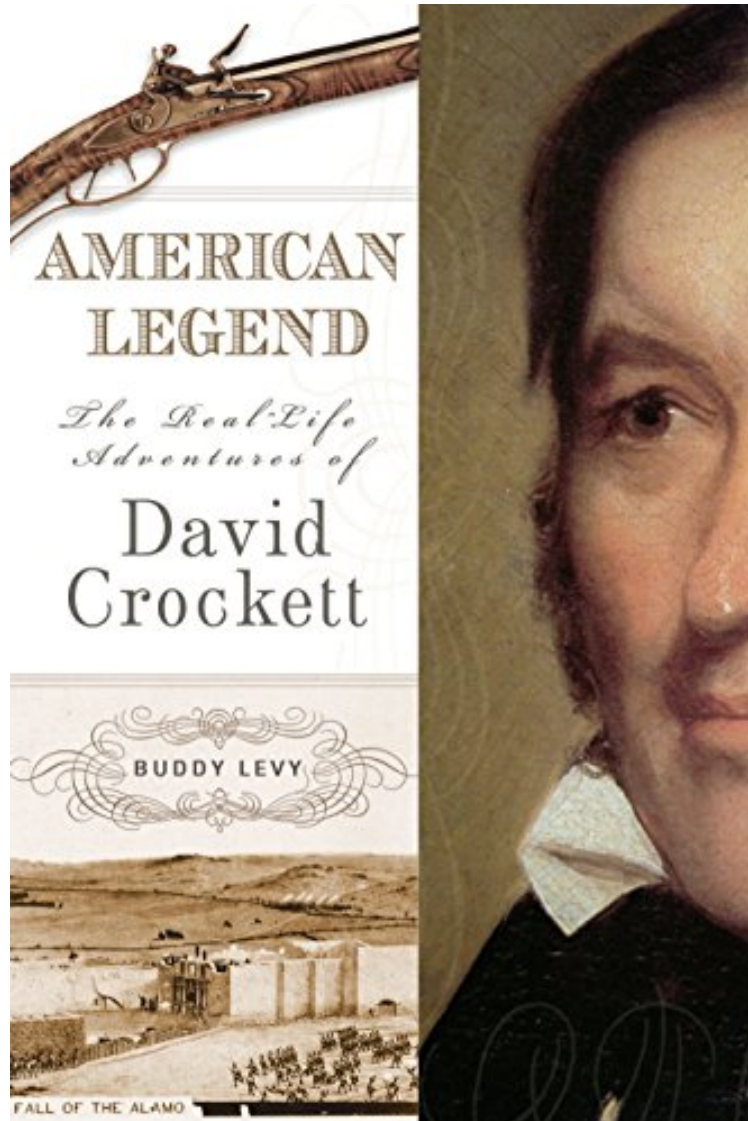


## American Legend: The Real-Life Adventures of David Crockett

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**Von Buddy Levy : American Legend: The Real-Life Adventures of David Crockett** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised American Legend: The Real-Life Adventures of David Crockett:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Terrific read.Von Detra Fitch\*\*\*\*\* David "Davy" Crockett was, is, and always will be one of America's greatest people. Anyone interested in knowing about his legendary life will be enthralled with this biography.Chapters

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PyreEpilogueNotesBibliographyIndexSprinkled throughout the entire book are spectacular illustrations; giving life to this fascinating man's history. \*\*\*\*\*Reviewed by Detra Fitch of Huntress Reviews.

KurzbeschreibungDavid Crockett was an adventurer, a pioneer, and a media-savvy national celebrity. In his short-but-distinguished lifetime, this charismatic frontiersman won three terms as a U.S. congressman and a presidential nomination. His 1834 memoir enjoyed frenzied sales and prompted the first-ever official book tour for its enormously popular author. Down-to-earth, heroic and independent to a fault, the real Crockett became lost in his own hype, and has been overshadowed by a larger-than-life, pop-culture character in a coonskin cap. Now, *American Legend* debunks the tall tales to reveal the fascinating truth of Crockett's hardscrabble childhood, his near-death experiences, his unlikely rise to Congress, and the controversial last stand at the Alamo that mythologized him beyond recognition. In this beautifully written narrative, Crockett emerges as never before: a rugged individual, a true American original, and an enduring symbol of the Western frontier. A great myth-busting story [that] presents Davy Crockett as a man of genius and folly, which has the unlikely effect of making him all the more heroic. Martin Dugard, author of *The Last Voyage of Columbus* and *Into Africa: The Epic Adventures of Stanley and Livingstone* As spellbinding and dramatic as any novel and as compelling as any reportage. Peter Hoffer, Distinguished Research Professor of History, The University of Georgia  
From Publishers Weekly  
Levy presents a sympathetic but unremarkable biography of the legendary frontiersman in colloquial if occasionally florid prose (an election loss "burned into Crockett like a brand searing a cow's flank"). Those whose image of Crockett was formed by the cultishly successful Disney treatment will find much that is familiar: the Indian fighter with Andrew Jackson, the congressmen from Tennessee and, finally, the Texas patriot who died defending the Alamo. But Levy (*Echoes on Rimrock: In Pursuit of the Chukar Partridge*) offers more (although not a lot more) in the way of background and complexity, and is willing to expose some of Crockett's deficiencies without making judgments: Crockett clearly indulged his wanderlust at the expense of his wife, a strong figure in her own right, and was, for a variety of reasons, an ineffective, bumbling politician. But despite his faults, readers will find Crockett likable and talented. In Levy's view, Crockett's abilities were expansive, and he opines that Crockett's bestselling 1834 autobiography "prefigures by some fifty years the literary genre of 'realism,' with nothing remotely like it" until Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. And Crockett's falling out with President Jackson over, in part, Jackson's brutal Indian Removal Act of 1830 is to the frontiersman's credit. Bw illus. (Jan.)  
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From Booklist  
Crockett was born in 1786 in Tennessee and died at the Alamo in 1836. In his brief lifetime, he became a folk hero, a three-time congressman, and a potential presidential contender. In this meticulously researched book, Levy chronicles Crockett's remarkable rise to fame. For most of the first half of his life, Crockett lived from day to day, driven by the barest necessities of food, clothing, and shelter. He married and then rented a small farm, and the couple had two sons and a daughter; his wife died from complications after their daughter's birth. He fought in the War of 1812 against Great Britain and later became a magistrate, the first step in his career in public life. In the end, as Levy has it, Crockett transcended the facts of his life to become an enduring symbol of possibility, remembered not for his deeds or his greatness, but for the tenacity of his spirit. George Cohen  
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