

American Hero The Life And Death Of Audie Murphy

Biography of General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who achieved a victory in Desert Storm.

Chad Littlefield riding in the passenger seat gets a text from Chris Kyle saying, This dude is straight up nuts Watch my six. A police officer pulled up to the house. The officer told Taya, Chris has been hurt. Have you seen Chris truck? Taya called her mother and told her something was wrong. American soldier and patriot Chris Kyle died unexpectedly on home soil at the top of his game with all the glory and medals one man could ever imagine. Suddenly, a wife was left without a husband and children without a father. The trial of his alleged killer, Eddie Ray Routh, was soon to begin when Robert Blevins felt a need to be present at the legal proceedings. Blevins had followed the tragic case from the beginning, but something in his gut told him he had to attend the trial. He traveled to Stephenville, Texas, and became witness to what would be a judicial process wrought with emotional upheaval and anger. He witnessed families experience the pain of losing a child as well as watching a child go to prison. Not immune to the emotions around him, Blevins, too, descended into despair at the loss of Chris Kyle. To Blevins, there are not enough men like Kylebrave soldiers who fight for our freedom.

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There is a massive amount of historical information available about Marian Anderson in over twenty biographies, her extensive personal papers at the University of Pennsylvania Library, the National Marian Anderson Historical Society's Residence Museum, various PBS documentaries, the Smithsonian Institute, the Internet and undocumented verbal stories that have circulated in her home town of Philadelphia for years. Researching her long 96-year life was an exciting privilege, but time-consuming. Those who may remember Marian Anderson as simply a "great singer," are probably missing 90% of what this trailblazing humanitarian's contribution to our society really accomplished. Readers of this condensed chronological compilation can now more quickly realize, and learn to appreciate, the teachable lessons of Marian Anderson's well-lived long life---possibly in just one or two sittings, stimulating further future study of her from the above sources and the list of books included in the Appendix. At one time the press consistently covered Marian Anderson and she was written into history books, but that is no more. If students do not learn about her and people don't talk about her, they forget. Through a series of events, in March of 2019, I discovered the National Marian Anderson Historic Society that is headquartered in the Anderson Family's home, that is now an official historic residence museum, in my hometown of Philadelphia. It took me a few more visits to begin to absorb what is there. After each visit, I left with mixed feelings of awe, newfound respect, and embarrassment.... How could I, having lived in Philadelphia for so long---not far from the very home Marian Anderson purchased in 1924, now a museum---in a neighborhood I went through frequently, have absolutely no idea that I was passing in the vicinity of such greatness? After reading Marian Anderson's autobiography, my hunger to know more lead me to discover over twenty other biographies from excellent books for school children up to several well-researched works by distinguished scholars. It is with the latter academic group that I have principally

drawn on to compile and condense the information presented in this book, along with additional expert creditable eyewitness sources not previously publicly disclosed.

Learn all about the life of Senator John McCain in this enlightening biography specially written for a younger audience. Five-term Arizona senator John S. McCain's indelible mark on America was perhaps his destiny, as his grandfather proclaimed when he was just an infant, "This boy has the stamp of nobility on his brow." Following both his four-star US Navy father and grandfather into military service, McCain's naval career imprinted the code of honor he has maintained to this day. Throughout the myriad life and death perils he faced—most notably being held captive as a Vietnam War prisoner of war for five and one half years in the Hoa Lo Prison or 'Hanoi Hilton'—his courage, bravery, and tenacity has served him time and time again: as Navy liaison to the US Senate, as a member (and then chairman) on the Armed Services Committee, Commerce Committee, and Indian Affairs Committee, playing a key role in restoring diplomatic relations with Vietnam, championing finance reform by sponsoring the McCain-Feingold Act, and as the Republican nominee for president in 2008. Beatrice Gormley's enriching biography tells the riveting story of one of America's last, great, enduring heroes.

Against the tumultuous backdrop of early Texas history, Williams sketches a vivid portrait of a truly American legend. Map. Once upon a time there was a mean, dying GOP chairman who had a brilliant scheme to assure that his man would retain the office of president of the United States of America. And the only man who could pull off this elaborate plan was a celebrated Hollywood director. Add to the mix a left-coast gumshoe named Broz who is trapped among cover-ups, undercover work, and his own morality, a cast of bicoastal desperate characters, and the stage is set for a powerful D.C./L.A. production. From Edgar award winning author Larry Beinhart, Wag the Dog was the most brilliant political satire of the last decade. It was made into a classic film by Barry Levinson, and, fortunately, is now back in print.

Traces the baseball legend's initial signing as a teenager with the Boston Red Sox in 1938, his record-setting batting averages that remained unchallenged for more than sixty years, his two-time service as a fighter pilot, and his love-hate relationship with fans and the media. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

Based on true events NORVEL: An American Hero is a meticulously researched story of an unsung hero. Norvel Lee spent his childhood in a rustic, segregated Black community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. His father was a day laborer for the railroad while his mother expected her children to get an education and become involved in community affairs. In spite of obstacles such as Virginia's Jim Crow laws, limited schooling opportunities, and a speech impediment, Norvel's life journey led to exceptional accomplishments in the larger world. After graduating from high school, he was selected for flight training at Tuskegee Army Airfield. He served in a segregated unit in the South Pacific during World War II. Afterward, he enrolled at Howard University to pursue engineering and took up intramural boxing. As a pugilist he excelled, becoming the national AAU heavyweight champion. In 1952 he once again was on the U.S. Olympic team, making history at the Helsinki Games. Norvel married Leslie Jackson of Leesburg, Virginia, graduated from Howard University, and started a family. Later he received several advanced degrees and devoted himself to a career in education. He and Leslie became prominent mentors and sponsors of young people in the greater Washington, D.C., area. He also served as a senior officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Just in time for the major motion picture release, discover everything you wanted to know about Jackie Robinson! To tie-in with the April 2013 release of the movie *42*, the life story of Jackie Robinson, this full-color comprehensive biography will feature everything there is to know about this inspiring American hero. The movie, featuring high-profile actors such as Harrison Ford, Christopher Meloni, and T.R. Knight, explores Robinson's history-making signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers under the guidance of team executive Branch Rickey. The biography will explore what led up to Robinson's signing and what happened after. As the first black man to play major league baseball, his progress monumentally influenced the desegregation of baseball. Because of this, Robinson became an icon for not only the sport of baseball, but also for the civil -rights movement. Featuring photos throughout, this biography will be a sports tale and a history lesson. It will coincide with the movie and also provide many more Robinson details, introducing him to a new generation of readers.

On February 20, 1962, John Glenn became a national star. That morning at Cape Canaveral, a small-town boy from Ohio took his place atop a rocket and soared into orbit to score a victory in the heavily contested Cold War. The television images were blurry black-and-white phantoms. The cameras shook as the rocket moved, but by the end of the day, one thing was clear: a new hero rode that rocket and became the center of the world's attention for the four hours and fifty-five minutes of his flight. He became celebrated in all corners of the world as not just the first American to orbit the Earth, but as the first space traveler to take the human race with him. From that day forward, Glenn restively wore the hero label. Wherever he went, people knew his name and what he had done. Refusing to let that dramatic day define his life, he went on to become a four-term US senator—and returned to space at the age of seventy-seven. *The Last American Hero* examines the many layers that formed the man and unravels the reasons for his singular role. He was a creation of the media, in some ways, but he was also a product of the Cold War. Not even Glenn himself seemed to fully understand his celebrity. He was a war hero, a two-time astronaut, a veteran senator, a devoted husband, a father, and much more. At a time when increasingly cynical Americans need heroes, his aura burns brightly in American memory.

Grant was the most famous person in America, considered by most citizens to be equal in stature to George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Yet today his monuments are rarely visited, his military reputation is overshadowed by that of Robert E. Lee, and his presidency is permanently mired at the bottom of historical rankings. In an insightful blend of biography and cultural history, Joan Waugh traces Grant's shifting national and international reputation, illuminating the role of memory in our understanding of American history. She captures a sense of what led nineteenth-century Americans to overlook Grant's obvious faults and hold him up as a critically important symbol of national reconciliation and unity. Waugh further shows that Grant's reputation and place in public memory closely parallel the rise and fall of the northern version of the Civil War story--in which the United States was the clear, morally superior victor and Grant was the symbol of that victory. After the failure of Reconstruction, the dominant Union myths about the war gave way to a southern version that emphasized a more sentimental remembrance of the honor and courage of both sides and ennobled the "lost Cause." By the 1920s, Grant's reputation had plummeted. Most Americans today are unaware of how revered Grant was in his lifetime. Joan Waugh uncovers the reasons behind the rise and fall of his renown, underscoring as well the fluctuating memory of the Civil War itself.

Find out more about this famous Founding Father! With his face on the ten-dollar bill and an award-winning musical about his life, it's clear that Alexander Hamilton's story is one worth telling. Despite feeling like an outsider, Hamilton fought hard to form a united nation with a strong central government--and many of his ideas are still relevant today! With this illustrated leveled reader, kids can learn more about the man who, in many ways, was a true American hero.

Alvin C. York went out on a routine patrol an ordinary, unknown American doughboy of the First World War. He came back from no-man's-land a hero. In a brief encounter on October 8, 1918, during the Argonne offensive, York had killed 25 German soldiers and, almost singlehandedly, effected the capture of 132 others. Returning to the United States the following spring, he received a tumultuous public welcome and a flood of offers from businessmen eager to capitalize on his acclaimed feat. But York, true to his character, went quietly back to his home in the Tennessee mountains, where he spent the remainder of his life working to bring schools and other services to those remote valleys where his neighbors lived. In this definitive biography, David D. Lee has firmly established the simple facts of Alvin York's life, distinguishing them from the myths which have grown up around the man. He has reexamined the sometimes conflicting accounts of the famous exploit, finding in his research a hitherto unknown report of the skirmish from German military archives. Lee goes beyond that single wartime episode, however, to consider its consequences on York's later life -- his efforts, not always successful, to better his mountain community; his involvement in making a motion picture of his life; his difficulties with money and taxes. But Sergeant York is better known as a symbol than as an individual, and in this study Lee connects the man and his life to an American heroic ideal. With his rural background, his refusal to take commercial advantage of his fame, and his simple piety, Alvin York exemplified the traditional values of an agrarian America that was in his own day already receding into the past. He claimed a special place in the hearts of his countrymen, Lee concludes, because his life seemed to show that the virtues of the common man continued to be a vital part of American society.

American history is full of many great men and women who changed the course of the United States and even the world. They are rightfully considered heroes by many Americans, because of their contributions. This book is unique because it focuses on the personal struggles and triumphs that made each individual a hero to millions of Americans. In *The Great Book of American Heroes*, you'll learn the answers to the following questions: What were some of the barriers that nearly prevented the Wright Brothers from making their historic first flight? - How did Helen Keller beat incredible odds and learn how to speak and write? - Why was Al Capone considered a hero by so many Americans? - How was the "pen mightier than the sword" for Upton Sinclair? - Who is America's greatest hero of the silver screen and why? - Which presidents are America's greatest heroes? - How did Babe Ruth become America's first sports hero? - Who were America's greatest explorer heroes? - Why were some of these heroes reluctant to accept their status? And so much more! This book is filled with a plethora of facts about some of the most fascinating and impactful Americans in history. So much more than a boring history book, you'll be engaged throughout the book, ready to turn each page to learn more. This book also looks at the very term "hero" in a unique way by including a fair share of rebels, bad boys, and anti-heroes, who were also considered heroes by many. Whether you have a passing interest in American history, are distantly related to one of the heroes, or just want something fascinating to read, you can't go wrong with *The Great Book of American Heroes*.

The essential, "richly researched"* biography of Harriet Tubman, revealing a complex woman who "led a remarkable life, one that her race, her sex, and her origins make all the more extraordinary" (*The New York Times Book Review). Harriet Tubman is one of the giants of American history—a fearless visionary who led scores of her fellow slaves to freedom and battled courageously behind enemy lines during the Civil War. Now, in this magnificent biography, historian Kate Clifford Larson gives us a powerful, intimate, meticulously detailed portrait of Tubman and her times. Drawing from a trove of new documents and sources as well as extensive genealogical data, Larson presents Harriet Tubman as a complete human being—brilliant, shrewd, deeply religious, and passionate in her pursuit of freedom. A true American hero, Tubman was also a woman who loved, suffered, and sacrificed. Praise for *Bound for the Promised Land* "[Bound for the Promised Land] appropriately reads like fiction, for Tubman's exploits required such intelligence, physical stamina and pure fearlessness that only a very few

would have even contemplated the feats that she actually undertook. . . . Larson captures Tubman's determination and seeming imperviousness to pain and suffering, coupled with an extraordinary selflessness and caring for others."—The Seattle Times "Essential for those interested in Tubman and her causes . . . Larson does an especially thorough job of . . . uncovering relevant documents, some of them long hidden by history and neglect."—The Plain Dealer "Larson has captured Harriet Tubman's clandestine nature . . . reading Ms. Larson made me wonder if Tubman is not, in fact, the greatest spy this country has ever produced."—The New York Sun

The first American astronaut to orbit the globe recalls a life testing the limits, from his days as a daredevil test pilot, to his terms in the U.S. Senate, to his most recent 1998 flight into space aboard the shuttle Discovery.

Chronicles the former president's life from his birth in Illinois, through his time in Hollywood, his marriage to Nancy Davis, and his days as governor of California, to the dedication of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

"John Marshall (1755-1835) was a good son, a kind older brother, a loving father and husband, and a dear friend to many. He was a soldier for the Revolutionary Army, a successful lawyer, a congressman, and Secretary of State. Most importantly, he was Chief Justice of the United States. As Chief Justice, John Marshall made the Supreme Court the strong and powerful body it is today."--Back cover.

Explores the transformation of a young boxer into an internationally renowned athlete, mythic hero, American icon, and central figure in the twentieth century's social, cultural, and racial conflicts

Merriam Press World War 2 Biography Series. Dayton Edie was my good friend and a bona fide American hero. He seldom spoke of his own combat from fighting in World War II and the Korean War, and on those rare occasions that he did, I listened intently. Although his own actions rarely came up, now and then he would discuss historic events and famous people encountered during his lifetime, and this story is as Dayton told it. Some of Dayton's experiences occurred when he was an operative for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC), covert branches of the US government. The stories you find here about those covert activities are based on vague narratives and hedged comments from Dayton, combined with the results of years of in-depth research. Read, and decide for yourself if he doesn't deserve to be remembered for his courage under fire, his leadership, his strength, and ultimately his kindness, since history has all but forgotten Dayton Edie. 110 photos/ill./documents.

The United States Army has served as protector of American Freedom since the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Black soldiers (USCT) have served in the army since the beginning of the Civil War. They were drafted and volunteered to serve in all black units that were commanded by white Officers. The Black Army Officer, the Untold Story, from 1947 to 1999. The desegregation Process began with the establishment of Seventeen Army ROTC Units at Historical 1890 Morrill Act Black colleges located in the Southern States. The training began with the freshman students as early as 1943. Four years later, these graduates were Commissioned second Lieutenants in the Infantry. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 981 that established policies to integrate the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The book documents this historic event and its impact on young black male college students who attended Prairie View A&M University and were commissioned Second

Lieutenants from 1947-to-1 999. Information was gathered from the Prairie View A & M University Library Archives, Military Science Department records, 1890 College Representatives from Prairie View A&MU and University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Eighteen autobiographies were collected and there were numerous interviews with class members. From 1947-1 999, 1,398 commissioned Second Lieutenants were catalogue. Six Generals were promoted from this group. Pictures of the first PVAM U President, first PMST and other historical pictures taken by the author are used to complement this work. Clyde McQueen is a World War II Veteran and 1950 graduate of Prairie View A&M College. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the infantry fifty seven years ago and Veteran of the Korean War. He chose Prairie View A&M University for this study because of the access to data that told the story of the black army officer.

Barbara Jordan was the first African American to serve in the Texas Senate since Reconstruction, the first black woman elected to Congress from the South, and the first to deliver the keynote address at a national party convention. Yet Jordan herself remained a mystery, a woman so private that even her close friends did not know the name of the illness that debilitated her for two decades until it struck her down at the age of fifty-nine. In *Barbara Jordan*, Mary Beth Rogers deftly explores the forces that shaped the moral character and quiet dignity of this extraordinary woman. She reveals the seeds of Jordan's trademark stoicism while recapturing the essence of a black woman entering politics just as the civil rights movement exploded across the nation. Celebrating Jordan's elegance, passion, and patriotism, this illuminating portrayal gives new depth to our understanding of one of the most influential women of our time—a woman whose powerful convictions and flair for oratorical drama changed the political landscape of America's twentieth century.

Growing up on the streets of a Chicago suburb in the 1920s and 1930s, a boy learned to survive using his wits and his fists. His experiences molded him into a wise and discerning young man who, like millions of others, was thrust into a monumental struggle for survival in the Second World War. His very life depended on his quick reflexes...and a lot of luck. Yet his greatest battle occurred long after the war was over. Follow the true story of Billy D. Kasper, an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life. A brief biography of the man who was the first African American baseball player on a major league team, as well as the first African American elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Soon to be a show on Hulu! Rights to develop *Wild Cards* have been acquired by Universal Cable Productions, the team behind *The Magicians* and *Mr. Robot*, with the co-editor of *Wild Cards*, Melinda Snodgrass, as executive producer. In this biting satirical companion novel to the *Wild Cards* title *Inside Straight*, *American Hero* combines two quintessentially pop culture phenomena: superheroes and reality TV. *American Hero*, the nation's most highly anticipated competition show, kicks off its first season! People with incredible powers – from possessing death-defying healing to transforming into an insect swarm to shifting the earth itself – have been selected from all walks of life. Their goal: to win one million dollars and the admiration of millions more viewers by answering one question, “Do you have what it takes to be the next *American Hero*?” Contains week-by-week action-packed recaps and no-holds-bars contestant confessionals, all edited by New York Times #1 bestselling author George R. R. Martin. Features writing by Martin as well as Carrie Vaughn, Melinda M. Snodgrass, Walter Jon Williams, Victor Milan, Daniel Abraham, Stephen Leigh, and many more of the genre's most innovative writers. At the Publisher's request,

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When he was seventeen years old, Audie Murphy falsified his birth records so he could enlist in the Army and help defeat the Nazis. When he was nineteen, he single-handedly turned back the German Army at the Battle of Colmar Pocket by climbing on top of a tank with a machine gun, a moment immortalized in the classic film *To Hell and Back*, starring Audie himself. In the first biography covering his entire life—including his severe PTSD and his tragic death at age 45—the unusual story of Audie Murphy, the most decorated hero of WWII, is brought to life for a new generation.

Reveals the complex man behind the famous movie actor, exploring among other things Cooper's long friendship with Ernest Hemingway and his involvement with the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Great American mythology truly does lie in these pages. This book tells the tale about how Jedediah Smith, accompanied by his equally fabled faithful friend the Laredo Kid, entered the supreme hero's pantheon. It's a comedy with a high body count as it explores how he overcame several heartrending tragedies to become a famed Nauga hunter, then notorious small town sheriff; Badlands cattle rancher and finally the most famous US Marshall ever. This book deeply delves into his great romances, and then what the fates befell him after his glory years. This history is his story with all its warts and wonder.

"An old-fashioned tale of tall talk, high ideals, and irresistible appeal . . . You will not read a historical thriller like this all year . . . [Egan] is a master storyteller." —*Boston Globe* "Egan has a gift for sweeping narrative . . . and he has a journalist's eye for the telltale detail . . . This is masterly work." —*New York Times Book Review* In this exciting and illuminating work, National Book Award winner Timothy Egan delivers a story, both rollicking and haunting, of one of the most famous Irish Americans of all time. A dashing young orator during the Great Hunger of the 1840s, Thomas Francis Meagher led a failed uprising against British rule, for which he was banished to a Tasmanian prison colony for life. But two years later he was "back from the dead" and in New York, instantly the most famous Irishman in America. Meagher's rebirth included his leading the newly formed Irish Brigade in many of the fiercest battles of the Civil War. Afterward, he tried to build a new Ireland in the wild west of Montana—a quixotic adventure that ended in the great mystery of his disappearance, which Egan resolves convincingly at last. "This is marvelous stuff. Thomas F. Meagher strides onto Egan's beautifully wrought pages just as he lived—powerfully larger than life. A fascinating account of an extraordinary life." —*Daniel James Brown*, author of *The Boys in the Boat* "Thomas Meagher's is an irresistible story, irresistibly retold by the virtuosic Timothy Egan . . . A gripping, novelistic page-turner." —*Wall Street Journal*

In a major new biography, veteran military historian and WWII biographer, Charles Whiting combines both talents to tell the tale of barefoot Texan share-cropper's son, who could barely read and write, but became not only the US Army's most decorated soldier in its 250-year history, but also the star of forty Paramount produced movies: most of which are shown on TV screens around the world to this very day. The gentle-eyed, baby-faced hero had won every decoration the United States had to offer before he was eligible to vote and killed 240 enemy soldiers in the process. Luck made him a movie star. Always he tried to improve himself, but time and time again he was relegated to the 'horse operas', where as he wisecracked cynically, "it was the same old movie, only they changed the colour of the horse." But there was a price to pay for his heroism in drugs, nervous tension and Murphy's addiction to violence. Even as a middle-aged movie star, he always slept with a .45 beneath his pillow, plagued by nightmares of the war. Murphy had been an ordinary boy, who had volunteered to go to fight and did so with exceeding bravery in the last 'good war'. He paid highly for that bravery and sense of duty to a country which had given him nothing save "malnutrition," as he used to quip. He was that last American Hero, who did as President Kennedy proclaimed, "Don't ask what your

country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." Even before his young life had really commenced, he had become a legend. But in the end 'Tinseltown' and the 'feather merchants' of Hollywood broke him. As Time magazine commented on his death; "Audie Murphy belonged to an earlier, simpler time, one in which bravery was a cardinal and killing was a virtue... We shall not see his like again."

"A wise, humane and beautifully written book." —Bret Stephens, Wall Street Journal From the best-selling author of Benjamin Franklin comes this remarkable work that will help redefine our notion of American heroism. Americans have long been obsessed with their heroes, but the men and women dramatically portrayed here are not celebrated for the typical banal reasons contained in Founding Fathers hagiography. Effortlessly challenging those who persist in revering the American history status quo and its tropes and falsehoods, Morgan, now ninety-three, continues to believe that the past is just not the way it seems.

America's first international hero, the Marquis Lafayette, risked his life and spent his fortune in the fight for American independence from England. Without Lafayette and the assistance of France, America would never have been victorious during the American Revolution. While being celebrated in America in the 18th and 19th century - including a grand American tour that lasted more than a year - Lafayette's heroic deeds are fading from America's consciousness. The importance of the battle of Brandywine, where Lafayette was wounded on September 11, 1777, has not been recognized as a major turning point in America's independence. Lafayette at Brandywine: The Making of an American Hero redefines Lafayette's role in America's fight for freedom and the historical importance of the battle of Brandywine.

A behind-the-myth analysis of the American historical icon describes his hunting and exploring adventures, service under Andrew Jackson, political rise to Congress, and heroic defense of the Alamo in 1836, where he met his death.

The complex story of a living legend: Jim Brown was an astonishing physical specimen with tremendous skills and intelligence. An athlete who played a number of sports at Syracuse University, he discovered that it was the violence of football that appealed. Looks at the life and career of the World War I flying ace, including his establishment of Eastern Airlines as a major carrier and his resignation under pressure in 1963.

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