

## Audie Murphy War Hero And Movie Star Stars Of Texas Series

A biography of the man who went from a highly decorated war hero to a career as a movie star in Western and action films.

US Army's most decorated soldier and star of over 40 movies.

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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.

The life of Audie Murphy.

Audie Murphy was a dirt-poor Texas farm boy without a future. He spent much of his childhood working at low-paying jobs and hunting to keep his family from starving. Audie's future looked bleak--until the United States entered World War II. Audie lied about his age to join the army, and soon this baby-faced soldier was fighting in Europe. Audie became a fearless leader and the most decorated combat soldier in American history. His war experiences became a popular book and movie, and Audie went on to a career as a Hollywood star. However, the story of America's most honored soldier is

not what it seems to be. Audie may have been a hero, but his war experiences affected his life long after the shooting stopped. Find out the fact and fiction about this war hero and movie star and learn the true story of Audie Murphy. Audie Murphy is mostly remembered today for being America's most decorated soldier and his amazing movie and television career. His poems and songwriting career have only been footnotes to his career. Until now! This book is dedicated to the other side of Audie Murphy most folks know next to nothing about. Join us as we delve into this amazingly personal part of this extraordinary man! DAW and AEW

The Armchair Reader series will entertain and enlighten with spellbinding anecdotes, little-known stories, and fascinating facts. Take a front-row seat and delve into tales of astounding feats, unmatched heroism, unfathomable mistakes, and electrifying exploits from the European and Pacific theaters of World War II. Discover the enigma of Audie Murphy, Americas most decorated soldier. Uncover the facts behind Germanys Big Gun program, ending with a weapon that weighed 150 tons, was 50 yards long, and took over 100 men to load. Learn why the Nazis feared the Freemasons. Even people who have studied World War II extensively will be captivated by the unique style and colorful slant of this collection of riveting articles!

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." Learn about World War II's key moments though compelling photographs, facts, and anecdotes. Covers more than 80 crucial events of the war, such as Pearl Harbor, D-Day, Nazi death camps, and Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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A unique, fashionable, lined notebook with modern and amazing Audie Murphy cover. Great cover will put you in a great mood and writing will be fun. This is a proven notebook for easy and comfortable writing. It's your notebook and you can write here your goals, tasks and big ideas. On the special first white page is information - This notebook belongs to: (and a little motivation and inspiration about you! :) ). This great quality product make amazing gift perfect for any special occasion or for a bit of luxury for everyday use. Lined Notebooks Are Perfect for every occasion: Stocking Stuffers & Gift Baskets Gifts For Writers Graduation & End of School Year Gifts Teacher Gifts School Projects Art Classes Diaries Summer Travel & much much more... (achievement, trust, pleasure, investments, profit, money, proud, focus, fun) Audie Leon Murphy (20 June 1925 - 28 May 1971) was an American soldier, actor, songwriter, and rancher. He was one of the most decorated American combat soldiers of World War II. He received every military combat award for valor available from the U.S. Army, as well as French and Belgian awards for heroism. Murphy received the Medal of Honor for valor that he demonstrated at the age of 19 for single-handedly holding off a company of German soldiers for an hour at the Colmar Pocket in France in January 1945, then leading a successful counterattack while wounded and out of ammunition. Discover all the advantages and benefits of this notebook yourself and be proud of its use. See the other products in this exciting series and discover hidden talents within yourself now! P.S. Many people have already trusted us and chose a product from this series. You can be one of them right now!

In the world of Western films, Randolph Scott, Joel McCrea, and Audie Murphy have frequently been overlooked in favor of names like Roy Rogers and John Wayne. Yet these three actors played a crucial role in the changing environment of the post-World War II Western, and, in the process, made many excellent middle-budget films that are still a pleasure to watch. This account of these three Western stars' careers begins in 1946, when Scott and McCrea committed themselves to the Western roles they would play for nearly twenty years. Murphy, who also joined them in 1946, would continue his Western career for a few years after his cohorts rode into the film sunset. Arranged chronologically, and balanced among the three actors, the text concludes with Audie Murphy's last Western in 1967. Covering both the personal and professional lives of these three Hollywood cowboys, the book provides both their stories and the story of a Hollywood whose attitude toward the Western was in a time of transition and transformation. The text is complemented by 60 photographs and a filmography for each of the three.

The complicated truth about American hero Joe Ronnie Hooper, widely acclaimed as the Vietnam War's most highly decorated soldier, is set against the turbulent backdrop of the 1960s and 1970s and draws on extensive interviews with friends, family members, and military colleagues, in a definitive study by the author of *A Cool Breeze on the Underground*.

This work not only traces Audie Murphy's life as a film actor (from *Beyond Glory*, 1948, to *A Time for Dying*, 1971) but also provides a biography that runs from his birth to his three years in the army, winning every possible combat medal

including the Congressional Medal of Honor—and from his Hollywood debut at James Cagney's invitation to his final dramatic decline, gambling his fortunes away, becoming involved in violent episodes, and dying in a plane crash in 1971. Each of the 49 film entries gives full credits, including casts, characters, crew, date of release, location, and cost, backgrounds for directors and main players, and comments and anecdotes from interviews with Murphy's colleagues. Critical reviews are quoted and the work is richly illustrated with film stills and private photographs.

The Story of the U.S. Seventh, from Sicily in 1943 to the Gulf War in 1991.

What Mel Pender accomplished is phenomenal in the world of track." -Dr. John Carlos "Mel has a personality of his own...owns not only his footsteps, but everybody else's." -Dr. Tommy Smith "Mel...brought incredible credibility to Army Track..." -Mike Krzyzewski "Coach K" "Captain Pender was a symbol of hope for many young soldiers..." -Brigadier General Richard Dix The strong legs, and quick feet, attached to Melvin Pender's five-foot, five-inch frame, have taken him to first-place finishes as a world-class sprinter. His gift of speed reached a pinnacle when he won a Gold Medal as a member of the 4 x 100 relay team in the 1968 Mexico Olympics. The feat was accomplished while Army Captain Pender was a combat soldier who was pulled out of the fighting in Vietnam which was an unpopular war. The story of Pender's life will cause hearts to pound with joy, sadness, anger, and pride, as he chronicles his life's journey from childhood to pre-teen years idolizing the military and his decorated war hero, Audie Murphy, while growing up in two different impoverished and segregated worlds in the South. He was not limited by his surroundings, though, and found good and bad in them. Determination was etched into Pender's DNA, and he wanted to do something to make his family proud, and "be somebody!" His, is a story of the American Dream. He owns it, and he embraces it. He was scarred by the racial challenges of the 1950s and 1960s, but Pender found better angels, black and white, and kept his dream from becoming a racial nightmare. The United States Army and track propelled him into an historic figure. For some, Pender is the track world's "Black Knight," not because of his color, but because he befriended and helped others in his profession as a big brother, father-figure, and as a friend.

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Thoughtful, reflective narrative of a reluctant soldier in Vietnam Author served as a mechanized infantryman in the Mekong Delta with the 9th Infantry Division Captures the rhythms of life in war as well as the boredom and chaos of Vietnam Two

One Pony was the name of the author's squad's armored personnel carrier Tries to make sense of the absurdity of the war

The tumultuous legacy of World War II continues to intrigue scholars, war aficionados, and family historians. This museum in a box pays tribute to the memory of the US soldiers who fought overseas and those on the home front who endured sacrifices to support the war effort. Experience history via this remarkable collection containing 24 authentic replicas of artifacts from the Second World War. Includes The dog tag of Audie Murphy, the wars most decorated soldier The ID card of General George Patton A POW telegram sent from behind enemy lines A letter from Albert Einstein to President Roosevelt A ration book and stamps V-mail from a soldier to his son back at home A guidebook that explains the significance of each artifact And much, much more!

The most decorated soldier of World War II, Audie Murphy, describes the campaigns he fought in Italy , France, and Germany.

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Texas made a remarkable contribution to the American war effort during World War II . Almost 830,000 Texans, including 12,000 women, donned uniforms, and more than 23,000 Texas fighting men died for their country. America's most decorated soldier, Lt. Audie Murphy, and most decorated sailor, submarine commander Sam Dealey, both were Texans. Texas A&M, an all-male military college, placed 20,000 men in the armed forces, of which 14,000 were officers--more than any other school in the nation, including the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme commander of Allied Forces in

Europe, was born in Denison in northeast Texas. Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, was born and raised in Texas. Almost 1.5 million soldiers, sailors, and fliers trained at scores of Texas bases. Texas oil fueled the Allied war effort, while Texas shipyards and defense plants provided a flood of war machines and munitions during the war effort. America's most decorated combat soldier appeared in 45 movies from 1948 to 1969. All of those were accompanied by a set of eight lobby cards upon their initial release except his last film *A Time for Dying*, which wasn't released until 1981, ten years after Audie's death. This book contains images of all the official American 11 x 14 inch lobby cards of Audie Murphy's films...and a special section containing bonus material! DAW

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AMERICAN BOYS AT WAR IN VIETNAM--AND INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS YOU WON'T FIND IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES In this compelling, highly unusual collection of amazing but true stories, U.S. soldiers reveal fantastic, almost unbelievable events that occurred in places ranging from the deadly Central Highlands to the Cong-infested Mekong Delta. "Finders Keepers" became the sacred byword for one exhausted recon team who stumbled upon a fortune worth more than \$500,000--and managed, with a little American ingenuity, to relocate the bounty to the States. Jorgenson also chronicles Marine Sergeant James Henderson's incredible journey back from the dead, shares a surreal chopper rescue, and recounts some heart-stopping details of the life--and death--of one of America's greatest unsung heroes, a soldier who won more medals than Audie Murphy and Sergeant York. Whether occurring in the bloody, fiery chaos of sudden ambushes or during the endless nights of silent, gnawing menace spent behind enemy lines, these stories of war are truly beaucoup dinky dau . . . and ultimately unforgettable.

I came up with the title *Wheres the Music* because as a boy growing up watching John Wayne and Audie Murphy win World War II on the movie screen or television with their heroics punctuated by a musical background. In my first experience with the sting of battle, I wondered where was the music that was supposed to accompany the action happening around me. As a result, I learned that in real battle there is no musiconly fear.

Audie Murphy Days first began in 1945, and then again in 1973. The event spawned its present incarnation in 1996 with a two-hour event on one day. It expanded to three full days in a few years, but since 2001, it has been an annual two-day event. Family, friends, fans, co-stars, and admirers from all over the world have come to pay tribute to America's most decorated soldier each year in Grenville, Texas. Over the last twenty years the attendees have become very close and each year feels like a family reunion... DW

The military career of Matt Urban, the man whose World War II medal count eventually exceeded that of Audie Murphy.

The Price of Valor  
The Life of Audie Murphy, America's Most Decorated Hero of World War II  
Simon and Schuster  
Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of World War II, fights his way across Europe, portraying the brutalities of war  
Profiles the baby-faced soldier who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor and became the most decorated soldier in American history as a teenager and went on to become a Hollywood star before slipping into a life of dissolution  
America's youngest living WWII veteran tells his story.

Audie Murphy, the son of an itinerant Texas farmhand, was born in 1925. The teenager enlisted in the US Army in 1942. At that time, he stood 5' 6" tall. By the time he reached twenty, he had seen action in the WWII European Theater in Sicily, mainland Italy, France, and Germany. He held a battlefield commission, and when the war in Europe ended, he returned home wearing more medals for valor than had any other soldier in his country's history. This living legend became a Hollywood actor, and starred in more than forty movies before his tragic death in 1971, at the age of 45. He had become a living myth. Comparative mythologist, Joseph Campbell (Hero with a Thousand Faces) along with psychologists like Rollo May (The Cry for Myth) and Carl Jung, agree that all true heroes lives follow the same "archetypal" pattern. Homer's Perseus, the Arthurian Percival, Luke Skywalker, and the real life hero, Audie Murphy all lived lives that resonated with that pattern.

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