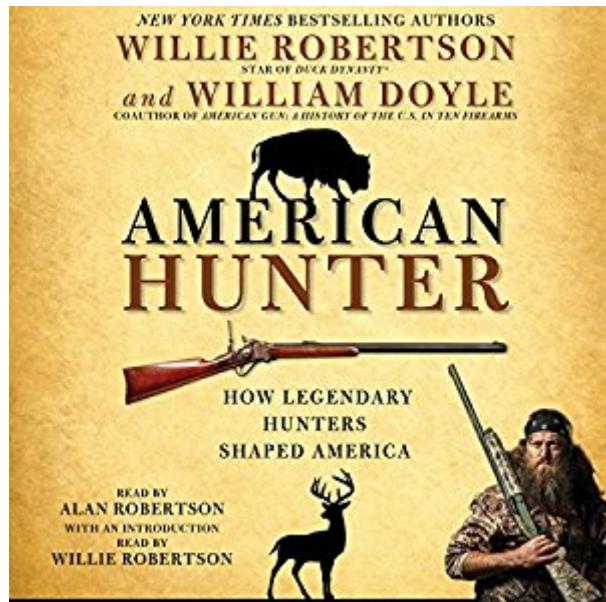


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Synopsis

New York Times best-selling author and star of A&E's Duck Dynasty, Willie Robertson, teams up with William Doyle, the best-selling author of American Gun, to share the history of America's most well-known hunters. America was created by hunters, trappers, and mountain men. As Teddy Roosevelt put it: "The virility, clear-sighted common sense, and resourcefulness of the American people is due to the fact that we have been a nation of hunters and frequenters of the forest, plains, and waters." And Willie Robertson and William Doyle think it's about time we honor American hunters by telling their incredible stories of skill, courage, survival, and downright bodaciousness. Perfect for anyone who loves hunting, sport shooting, and wide-open spaces and is interested in the amazing tales that are part of the history of America, this rip-roaring collection of true stories is perfect for sharing around the campfire after a long day's hunt. Chronicling the great hunters of America - beginning with the Plains Indians and moving through legendary hunters like Daniel Boone, Davey Crockett, Kit Carson, Buffalo Bill, Teddy Roosevelt, Ernest Hemingway, Lyndon Johnson, and more - American Hunter honors the heroes and traditions that have built America.

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Customer Reviews

My 7-year-old son was absolutely excited to open the package that revealed this book. He wanted to take it with him everywhere to read. It is a book that is a bit beyond his reading skills because of the length, but he has trudged through with such diligence and has read several pages in this book to his sisters and to his dad and grandpa. He loves being outdoors and target shooting and can't

wait for his first hunting expedition. He loves Duck Dynasty and has watched almost every episode and has read their books for kids where you choose your own journey. I was really impressed by this book. I read a few chapters to my son and enjoyed the stories so much that I would read it to myself if I missed any chapters. There is so much information in the book, but I absolutely loved the stories of some famous American people. I really had no idea a few of them hunted! They never seemed like the type of person to hunt. This book is definitely written for older kids and adults, but if you have a son who loves the outdoors, then you will create some wonderful memories with them by reading this book out loud. My 5-year-old daughter even sits in and listens. At first she wasn't as enthused because she thought it was more of a boy book. Now she asks to read it every night and loves the stories just as much as my son! With Christmas coming up, American Hunter would make a great gift to put under the tree or to put in a stocking. _____ I received this book free from Howard Publishers in exchange for my honest opinion of this book.

Nothing new here. Such a book subject would seem to have great promise. I was expecting the authors to name the "legendary" hunters chronologically and talk about them in depth. But this book seems more like self-promotion. I am guessing that the author sees himself as legendary as well, based upon how much he talks about himself and his family. "Look at me ... I am rich and can hunt and do anything I want ... that the normal person cannot". The author talks about "my" house and "my" special-built shotgun. The book was slow to start - but then gained momentum when talking of the hunters and not about self-promotion. In my opinion, most of the legendary hunters in this country have been simple, humble, heroic people of limited means. I had hoped to hear about those people, not the rich people who hunt because it is in style. I would have preferred a chronological treatment of the subject and instead it seems very random. I did like the quotes from hunters at the end of the book. I liked the large print - but that along with large margins made for a short book that could have been much more in-depth. The authors had some trouble with grammar and plural/singular terms. Lastly the book is very "preachy". God this and God that ... the bible says this and the bible says that. I don't think that I can recommend this book if you are looking for coverage of what the title promised.

The book is a bit thin... It reads like a compilation of a 13 year old's school essays on various people and events, ie, they barely scratch the surface on one before moving on to the next. For example, during a weak description of Roosevelt's hunting and shooting background they mention he signed into law Pittman-Robertson but don't further explain how this important law has affected

wildlife conservation. Hello, the sub-title is how legendary hunters shaped America. The chapters are organized by subject (though as I said they hardly scratch the surface of the subjects they do cover, let alone do the authors include a fraction of the history of hunting in the United States) but in doing so there is little following of chronological order. Randomly they include a very short schpiel on Hemingway at the end of the chapter on Presidents who hunt. Also of note, the authors' use of the word "elks", as in "shot four elks" and "he shot quails", etc... is distracting. Also a few inaccuracies and some grammar mistakes which should have been caught by such a publisher. The last chapter is just quotes from other hunters, outdoor writers, or persons already discussed in the book. Really, it does not appear much planning or effort went into this. Three stars instead of two only because I can read this to my kids or give it to them to read; the authors keep it clean, it has a positive message, and is a good intro to kids before they go off to read something else on the subject with more meat.

As many know, hunting is a tradition that runs deep in the Robertson family, of the hit TV reality show, Duck Dynasty. It is something that the family shares that binds them together, and also leaves them in awe at the wonder of their Maker. Mr. Robertson, along with Mr. Doyle, tells of the great history of hunting in America and how it is in the very roots of this nation, from the Native Americans and their sacred hunt of the buffalo, to great men who roamed the plain like Davy Crocket, Daniel Boone, Hugh Glass, and many more, and even in the White House. Hunting is an American tradition. Mr. Willie Robertson tells these stories of the hunters of days gone by, along with stories of his family and how they relate. Hunter is a topic that is close to his heart, and also the hearts of his family, and he shares his stories with, respect, admiration, and pride of the great American tradition, along with his signature humor and good nature. Overall, a enjoyable read, great for a relaxing read or as a gift to the hunter in your life. A very enjoyable read, that mixes modern hunting with great storytelling, and a history lesson to boot! Disclosure of Material Connection: I received one or more of the products or services mentioned above for free in the hope that I would mention it on my blog. Regardless, I only recommend products or services I use personally and believe will be good for my readers. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

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