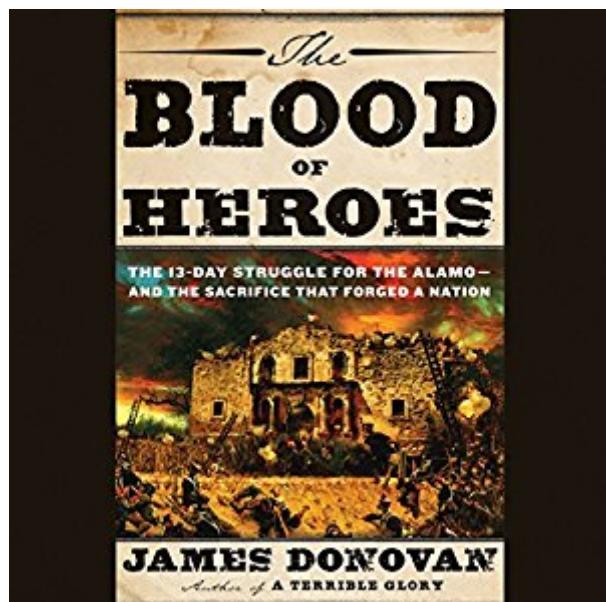


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Synopsis

The Blood of Heroes is the gripping and definitive chronicle of the iconic battle that inspired a nation - a sweeping saga of 200 brave Americans who stood tall against an overwhelmingly superior Mexican force. On February 23, 1836, a Mexican army thousands of soldiers strong attacked a group of roughly 200 Americans holed up in an abandoned mission just east of San Antonio, Texas. For nearly two weeks, the massive force lay siege to the makeshift fort, spraying its occupants with unremitting waves of musket and cannon fire. Then, on March 6th, at 5:30 A.M., the Mexican troops unleashed a final devastating assault: divided into four columns, they rushed into the Alamo and commenced a deadly hand-to-hand fight. The Americans, despite being hugely outnumbered, fought valiantly - for themselves and for a division of an independent Texas. In the end, they were all slaughtered. Drawing upon newly available primary sources, The Blood of Heroes is the definitive account of this epic battle. Populated by larger-than-life characters - including Davy Crockett, James Bowie, and William Barret Travis - it is a dynamic story of courage, sacrifice, and redemption.

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Despite its immense fame and place of honor in American history, the 13 day battle of the Alamo has always been shrouded in considerable controversy and mystery. Almost from the moment the fighting ceased on the morning March 6, 1836 with a Mexican force under the command of dictator Antonio Santa having nearly massacred the nearly the entire garrison of some 180 freedom-minded Texans holed up in a broken down mission in San Antonio, Texas -- which included such frontier

luminaries as Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie -- questions and conflicting accounts of what went on arose to confront and plague future generations and historians. While over the years a number of well-received and impressive books have been written on the subject including the highly respected *A TIME TO STAND* by Walter Lord, a great deal of the literature relating to the siege has been the work of well-intentioned although biased interpreters of the events with certain subjective axes to grind which have not always lent themselves to successful or satisfying historical scrutiny. Moreover, new information has to come to light over the last several years which has placed in question certain cherished and long-held beliefs and views regarding the events of 1836. Questioning Texas history can be a challenging business. Questioning its legends even more so. Did Bowie die from his sick bed still fighting to the last? Did Crockett go down swinging his rifle at the advancing hordes or surrender only to be executed later on Santa Anna's orders? Did the Alamo's commander William Travis draw the line in the sand over which all but one defender stepped to establish their willingness to die for the cause? How many defenders did die that day? How many Mexicans lost their lives?

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