

The **BLOOD** OF **HEROES**

The 13-Day Struggle For the Alamo—And the Sacrifice That Forged a Nation

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For almost two centuries, the last stand at the Alamo has been recognized as a defining moment in America's history. On February 23, 1836, a Mexican army thousands of soldiers strong attacked a makeshift garrison of about two hundred Texas settlers—among them, Davy Crockett, James Bowie, and William Barret Travis—who were holed up in the abandoned mission on the outskirts of San Antonio. The Texans refused to surrender, and for almost two weeks, the immense force laid siege to the fort, bombarding its occupants with a constant barrage of artillery fire. Then, in the predawn hours of March 6, the Mexican troops unleashed a final devastating assault. What happened next would become legend. In *The Blood of Heroes*, bestselling historian James Donovan, drawing on fresh primary sources in American and Mexican archives, offers an authoritative and thrilling account of this epic battle. Beginning his narrative well before the siege, he tells the fascinating story of the settling of the Texas wilderness, the rise of the Mexican dictator Santa Anna, and the crucial roles played by pioneers such as Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin amid the growing storm of despotism and discontent that led the Texas settlers to fight valiantly for independence. *The Blood of Heroes* is a masterful work of scholarship and storytelling—and a stirring tale of courage, redemption, and glory in the American West.

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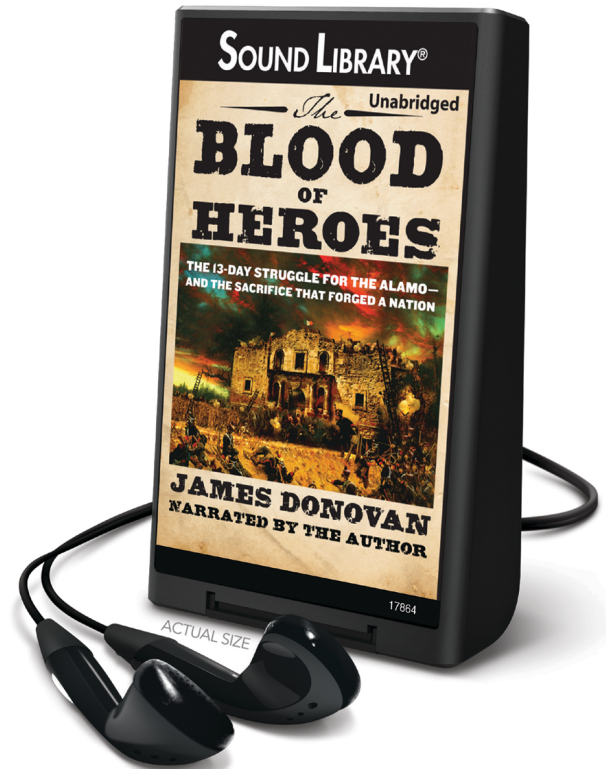
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