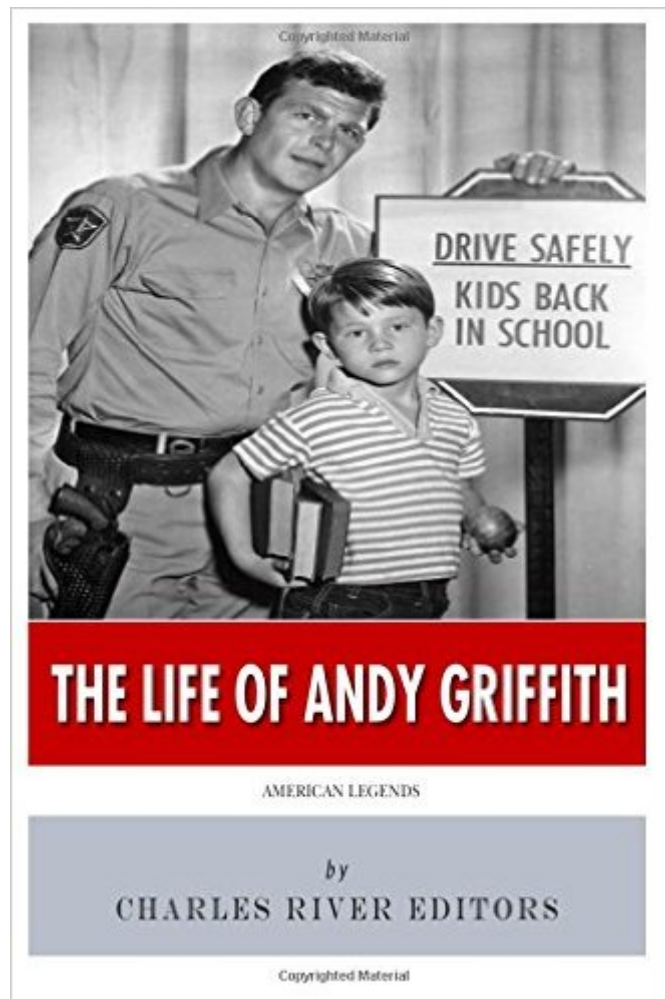


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# American Legends: The Life Of Andy Griffith



## Synopsis

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• "What I like is to play a character like me. I don't care for it too much when I have to get away from myself."

• "Andy Griffith wanted to prove that I could play something else, but there were 249 episodes out there of 'Mayberry,' and it was aired every day. It was hard to escape."

• "Andy Griffith A lot of ink has been spilled covering the lives of history's most influential figures, but how much of the forest is lost for the trees? In Charles River Editors' American Legends series, readers can get caught up to speed on the lives of America's most important men and women in the time it takes to finish a commute, while learning interesting facts long forgotten or never known. In 1957, little known comedian and actor Andy Griffith won acclaim for his portrayal as a country drifter who uses his powers of persuasion to become a television host in *A Face in the Crowd*, so it was only fitting that the role helped propel him to become the face of one of America's most beloved sitcoms. The *Andy Griffith Show* starred Griffith and a motley crew of eccentric characters, most notably his sidekick Barney Fife (played by Don Knotts), and it managed to be one of the most popular shows in history during its run from 1960-1968, despite having a nostalgic feel that Griffith once described: "Well, though we never said it, and though it was shot in the 1960s, it had a feeling of the 1930s. It was when we were doing it, of a time gone by." The show obviously catapulted its namesake to fame, but it also made stars out of Don Knotts and a young Ron Howard, who went on to become one of Hollywood's best directors. It also spawned several spin-off shows, a perfect ending for a show that was itself partly a spin-off out of an episode of *The Danny Thomas Show*. Griffith proceeded to appear on television in various roles, both in shows and movies, but his most memorable role was as the eponymous lawyer in *Matlock*, which was on air for nearly a decade. The series was much like *Perry Mason*, and with its dramatic courtroom scenes, it helped popularize subsequent shows that banked on courtroom drama. *American Legends: The Life of Andy Griffith* chronicles the life and career of one of America's favorite television stars. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about Andy Griffith like never before, in no time at all.

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## Customer Reviews

I have a soft spot in my heart for Andy. I grew up with him Barney, Aunt Bea and Opie. Being from North Carolina, I am prejudice, but I get a warm feeling reading about a man who reminds me of my southern heritage and reminds me so much of my wonderful father, bless his soul. Wonderful reading book. Thank you.

...and led him to try to find other ways to entertain people." I have to echo other people's sentiments with regards to feeling like much of the story has been left out and what we have left is an air-brushed account. Good book for the memories of an individual that forever will be remembered as "Andy Taylor," but a rather thin account overall. Not all bad, so how about leaving on a positive note with a quote of Griffiths' to commemorate the man who passed just a few years ago, "We had an old Majestic radio, which provided our only entertainment, and which gave us much joy."

Andy Griffith was the epitome of a Christian man. His gift to the world was being able to give laughter. Of course, the world knew him as an actor but he was so much more. He believed in the values of being a Christian and never forgot where he was from. He was generous, loving and full of life. He worked hard for what he achieved and was his own hardest critic. Knowing what he wanted from life he worked even harder to obtain it. Money was never his ultimate goal, people's enjoyment was. It wasn't until his later life that he mastered his singing career but even that was filled with laughter. The world truly lost a legend when he went home that can never fully be replaced. The life of Andy Griffith is a remarkable read and one that I really enjoyed. I'm sure you will too.

Quick read you want to just keep reading. Who didn't love this man and what his talent added to so

many of our childhoods in watching Andy Griffith. I read this in an hour. Look to read more from this author.

Very interesting. I learned a lot of things about Andy Griffith that I didn't know. Some I liked, some I didn't.

Interesting book but doesn't really flow well it appears to be a combination of articles banded together for this book. Nevertheless it is interesting

It did not offer anything new. It was things about Andy I had already read years ago. Good for somebody just starting to read about Andy.

A sensitive , brief biography, well written. I learned many fascinating details about this actor's method and life.

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