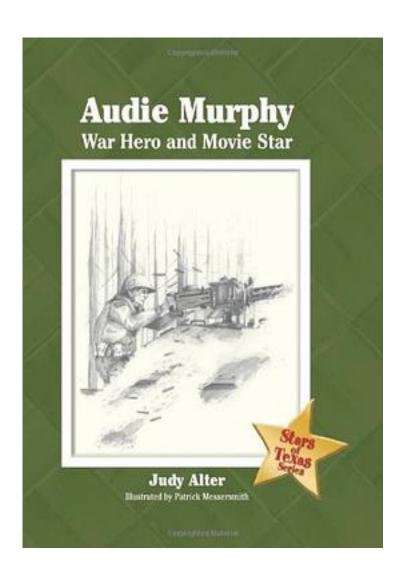
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Audie Murphy was the most decorated soldier during World War II. He was awarded the

Medal of Honor, the highest military award for bravery given to any individual who risks their life above and beyond the call of duty. Audie Murphy's life was shaped by three things: the Great Depression of the 1930s, World War II of the 1940s, and a Hollywood career which began in the early 1950s and continued through the 1960s. The Depression and his family's poverty toughened him. The war was the experience that followed him all his life and brought him fame. Hollywood was never like real life to him. Of the three, war was the definitive experience of his life. On May 28, 1971, Audie, along with several other men, were passengers on a private plane on their way to investigate a business opportunity. The plane crashed in fog and rain on the side of a mountain near Roanoke, Virginia. All aboard were killed. Audie Murphy was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Audie Murphy was a true American hero and his life was a rags-to-riches story. But in Audie Murphy, author Judy Alter shows that fame does not always bring happiness. Audie Murphy is the fifth title in the Stars of Texas Series, aimed at fourth graders studying for the Texas history section of the TAKS test. The first three books in the series, Henrietta King: Rancher and Philanthropist, Mirabeau B. Lamar: Second President of Texas, and Miriam "Ma" Ferguson: First Woman Governor of Texas, have been chosen for the Accelerated Reader program, and Henrietta King was a Spur Award finalist. Free work-books for all Stars of Texas Series books are available online.

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