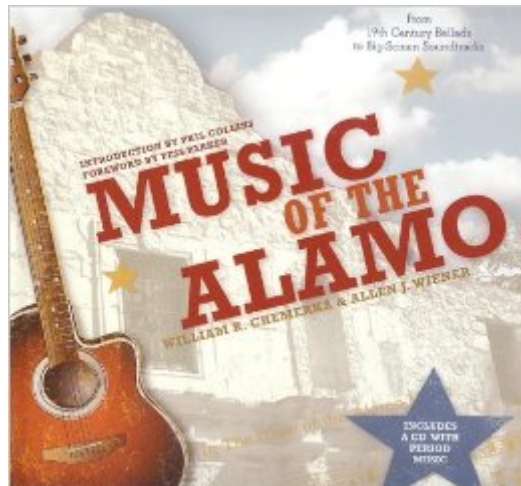


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This book is quite an achievement, a scholarly review of instrumental and vocal music from the 1830's until 2007 or so that might have been played at the Alamo, or mentioned the Alamo, or was about some of the defenders or attackers at the Alamo. By necessity, the authors also have to tell us which songs with "Alamo" in the title are NOT about the actual battle. Unfortunately for the writers, the main appeal of the book will be to people like me (I am now 70) who got hooked on Davy Crockett because of the mid-1950's Disney TV show and Fess Parker's wonderful performance as Crockett. That happened when I was 10 and I've never gotten over it. And I love Alamo-related songs, & Alamo films good and bad. I've now been to the Alamo twice and have read a dozen or more books on the battle, etc. etc. There are lots of guys like me, but we are aging and

some of us can't afford to buy our Alamo books (thank goodness for free public libraries and inter-library loans.) On the other hand, every library in Texas should have bought this, and every good library elsewhere in the nation. While the research-heavy prose can get dense in some of the chapters, the authors do a bang-up job of demonstrating the enduring power of that old TV show's anthem, "The Ballad of Davy Crockett." For the five months after the show was broadcast, four different versions of the song made the top 20 of the hit parade: Fess Parker's rendition, Bill Hayes' version, Tennessee Ernie Ford's, and a choral arrangement by the Walter Schumann Voices. The authors also give recording information on nearly 100 other recordings of the song, including those by Louis Armstrong, Diana Ross, Lawrence Welk, and a 1970's folk group featuring the now-famous actress Sissy Spacek.

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