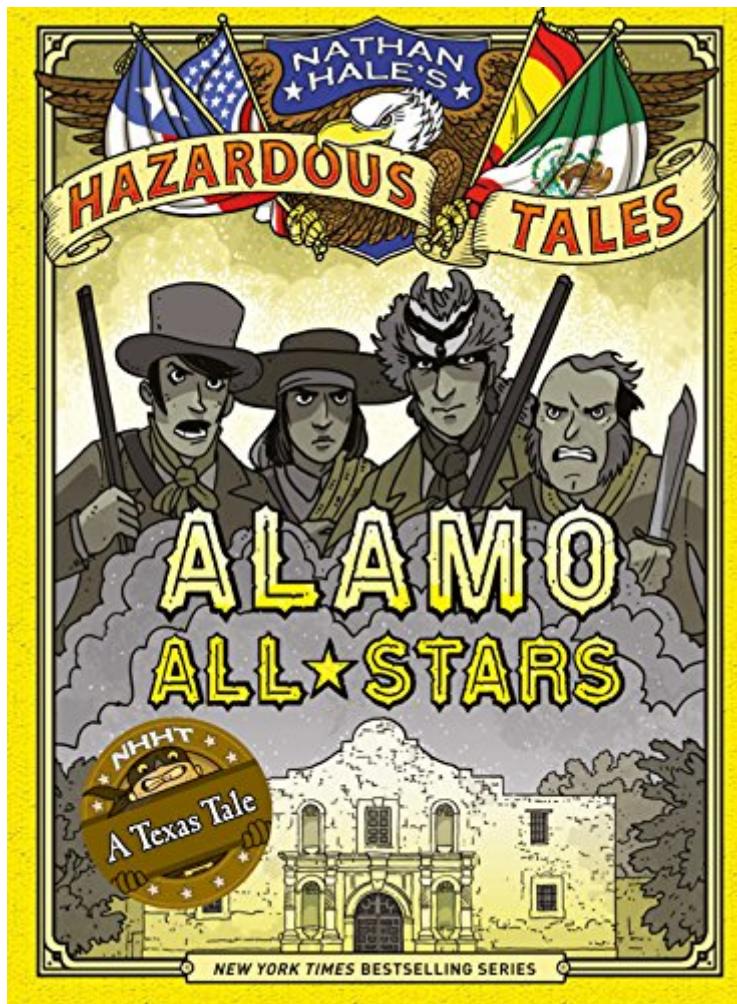


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# Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: Alamo All-Stars



## **Synopsis**

From Nathan Hale, #1 New York Times bestselling author and Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List maker, comes the definitive graphic novel about the Alamo. Hale relays the facts, politics, military actions, and prominent personalities that defined the Texas Revolution in factual yet humorous scenes that will capture the attention of reluctant readers and fans of history alike. In the early 1800s, Texas was a wild and dangerous land fought over by the Mexican government, Native Americans, and settlers from the United States. Beginning with the expeditions of the so-called "Land Pirates," through the doomed stand at the Alamo, and ending with the victory over Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto, the entire Texas saga is on display. Leading the charge to settle this new frontier is Stephen F. Austin, with a cast of dangerous and colorful characters, including Jim Bowie, William Travis, David Crockett, and others. Through his vivid depiction and additional maps, and biographies located in the back of the book, Nathan Hale brings new insight for students, teachers, and historians into one of the most iconic structures in the United States.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is all you need. I'm an adult. I have read a few Alamo books. This book is better than any

of them. It is also a surpassingly good summary of the early history of the Texas project. The graphic format is sensational -- very clear progression of the story across the pages. Amazing levels of detail and analysis. The running jokes are funny. This is history done right. Well done, Nathan Hale. More books like this, please.

TL;dr: A great read for older elementary and up. Factual and fun. Read it. Nathan Hale's 6th book, and it doesn't disappoint. Once again, he takes a familiar backdrop and fills it with little-known (to most) and interesting details which are equal parts entertainment and education. The historical Nathan Hale is back with his executioner and British officer to tell another tale. This time, Vicente Guerrero (and his band of executioners) join to help tell the story which, after all, mostly takes place in Mexico. This is a great touch and really helps propel the story while providing even more entertainment. This book includes a relatively thorough (but not tedious) history of Texas before its statehood in 1845. I enjoyed feeling the sense of chaos inflicted by the politics of time. The story follows the "Alamo All-Stars" to tell the story: William Travis, Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, and (not familiar to me) Juan Seguin. Actually, a lot of time is spent on Bowie and his many exploits which led to him being in the thick of Texas's violent birth. My largest gripe is with Santa Anna, who left no defenders of the Alamo alive. Thus, no reliable accounts of the defenders immediately before or during the battle. However, Nathan Hale did his best with what he had. Also, once again, the maps and diagrams included inside the front and back covers are helpful to place the wide range of featured locations. Full disclosure: I'm a history teacher, and I am painfully aware of how little most Americans know about their neighbors. Hopefully, this book will help fill in the blanks many have about our southern neighbor.

As a teacher, I am very happy to have these books in my classroom and school library. They are fun, informative and fascinating for young readers. Nathan Hale serves up history just the way kids like it, with humor, facts and interesting sidebars that all make the kids want to read more, more, more! Once they start reading a Hazardous Tales story, they always want to read the whole series. I got my copy of the Alamo All\*Stars from yesterday and brought it to school today. Three kids have read it by lunch and I have a waiting list of ten right now -- and that's just my 5th grade homeroom. All that said, Alamo All\*Stars is a great tale, especially for Texas students. The maps are very helpful, the drawings of the Alamo spot-on accurate, and the back story and end result of the Texas Revolution are all included, giving great context. Hale gets the tone just right, without vilifying one side or creating hagiographies of the other. You just can't ask for more.

This should be required reading for kids learning Texas history (and really anyone visiting the Alamo). It is fun, engaging, easy to read, and makes the history come alive. His illustrations are so fun to look at. I love Nathan Hale's books and I can't wait to read more. If he ever runs out of ideas, I think he should go back to ancient history. I would love to see him tackle Attila the Hun or Genghis Khan or Alexander the Great!

All of the Hazardous Tales books have been wonderful. I teach struggling readers in junior high and they all love these books. Over the school year, most of my students will read the whole series. They are also perfect for ELLs who are gaining background knowledge. This book was no exception. My students were excited to learn about something they had never heard of. I always have a checkout list for these books.

Pictures! Oh my gosh, pictures! A picture is worth a thousand words, right? So this book is like 103,284,244 words long which is a lot of pages (probably about 10,000) and I tell my friends I read a 10,000 page book in a day. They were impressed.

One of the best children's books on the history surrounding the Battle of the Alamo! It was entertaining, clever, had some cute jokes, gave a good, comprehensive overview of the people involved and the political and cultural reasons for the battle.

Wow this guy can write, and draw, a story that captivates the young persons attention and imagination. My son (the 13 year old quiz bowl champ) loves these books, especially this one. As for the dad who loves history, I must confess, they are interesting to me as well. Accurate, full of creatively explained history, made me, and him, dig a little deeper. So, YES, we thoroughly enjoyed this book.

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