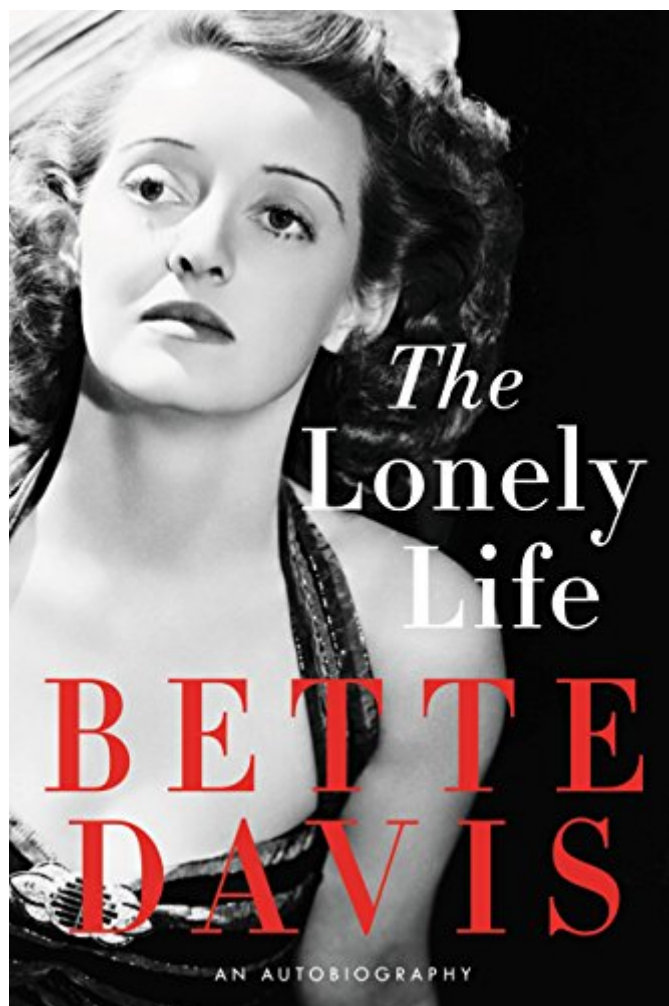


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# The Lonely Life: An Autobiography



## Synopsis

Originally published in 1962, *The Lonely Life* is legendary silver screen actress Bette Davis's lively and riveting account of her life, loves, and marriages--now in ebook for the first time, and updated with an afterword she wrote just before her death. As Davis says in the opening lines of her classic memoir: "I have always been driven by some distant music--a battle hymn, no doubt--for I have been at war from the beginning. I rode into the field with sword gleaming and standard flying. I was going to conquer the world." A bold, unapologetic book by a unique and formidable woman, *The Lonely Life* details the first fifty-plus years of Davis's life--her Yankee childhood, her rise to stardom in Hollywood, the birth of her beloved children, and the uncompromising choices she made along the way to succeed. The book was updated with new material in the 1980s, bringing the story up to the end of Davis's life--all the heartbreak, all the drama, and all the love she experienced at every stage of her extraordinary life. *The Lonely Life* proves conclusively that the legendary image of Bette Davis is not a fable but a marvelous reality.

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Much more humorous than one might expect, Miss Davis, speaking in her own voice reviews a most interesting and unique life. She's a treasure.

I am so happy that Bette Davis took the time to write his beautiful autobiography describing her childhood and her unwavering drive. I am so happy that Bette Davis took the time to tell the story of her life and fabulous acting career. I thought I knew what she was like until she shared the pain of her father's rejection. How she her mother and sister were virtually homeless until she became a successful Hollywood actress. She suffered at times, but the greatest happiness she had was from acting and her children. I enjoyed *The Lonely Life* very much.

This was a great read. Bette talked about her directors, producers, co-stars and family. I truly enjoyed the book.

Bette Davis gives an open and honest analysis of her personal life and career during the Golden Years of Hollywood. Though some of her actions and opinions may seem very non-PC to 21st century readers, her attitudes about being valued as a woman with a career and children were ahead of their time. She does not describe the lonely life of an artist to generate empathy or garner pity, but to explain her understanding of what must be sacrificed when one gives herself over to her art. There is no doubt Bette Davis made this sacrifice willingly and felt great satisfaction in her accomplishments. We, her audience, are the beneficiaries.

Bette Davis was the first one to tell her story via a ghost writer and it certainly wouldn't be the last time. Released in 1962, this book was tailored for its time and moral sensibilities. It may not tell the full story, but it is an interesting story nevertheless. Once I started this book, I could not put it down. One thing is certain, Bette Davis was never boring - ever!

If you are looking for some salacious tid bits, they are not here. But it is a good place to understand what kind of person she was and how and why she fought the studio system and paved the way for many other actresses who came after her and were able to win the battle for independence and more say in choosing the parts. She has some interesting musings about life, marriage, love and work as an actress. I really enjoyed reading this in her own words. Entertaining and enlightening.

Good autobiography and Bette doesn't hold anything back about herself. Warts and all. Very

interesting and holds your attention all the way through.

Truly enjoyed her autobiography she did a good job of writing it. I loved her acting and her movies. She was very entertaining actress.

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