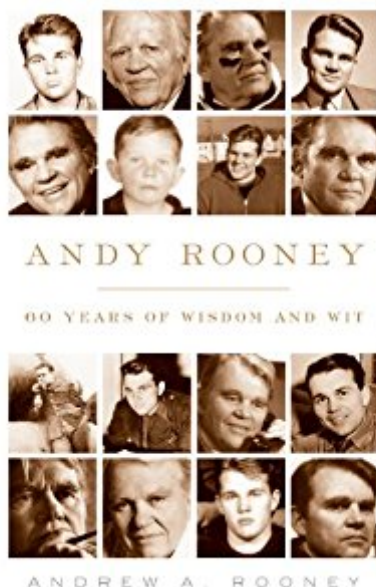


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# Andy Rooney: 60 Years Of Wisdom And Wit



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How many people do you know who habitually consider objects and human events from the inside looking out rather than just the opposite? It seems that the late Andy Rooney may have been born with an innate and impressive ability to do just that. Although this book is a semi-biography, Rooney goes even further by peeling away just about all the inner layers of his personal life. You will learn of his work ethic, his foibles, his refreshingly honest opinions, likes and dislikes, and his sometimes off-the-wall evaluations on various aspects of human life on the planet earth. Unlike most celebrities, you will come to appreciate his humble, straightforward, and very insightful style of writing and

living. Perhaps his son said it best in the introduction by stating that Andy Rooney could have been just as happy spending his life doing something else. That could have very well been his favorite hobby---woodworking. As a matter of fact, he was perplexed when his wife rejected his idea of replacing the pictures on the wall of their home with some of his favorite pieces of hardwood. Warning! Be prepared for a lot of self-deprecating, zany one liners. For example, when his very young grandchild, Justin, asked him a question which he couldn't begin to fathom an answer, he came up with this observation: "I can't figure out how Justin learned how to be a grandchild faster than I learned how to be a grandfather." Like most readers of this book, my familiarity with the author was through his long career as a television commentator and editorialist. However, he has written several books and has worked on numerous television documentaries.

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