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You know him from the hit A&E® show *Duck Dynasty*®—now you can enjoy Uncle Si's tall tales, crazy exploits, and quirky one-liners in one raucous collection!

As you read this book, there are a few things you have to understand: 95 percent of my stories are truthful. Every member of the Robertson family has the God-given gift of storytelling. Hey, when you've sat in a duck blind for more than half of your life, you have to figure out some way to pass the time! It's better than looking at Willie and Jase for six hours! Many of the stories I like to tell happened when I was a young boy or when I was in Vietnam. At my age, a few of the details are cloudy, but I'll recollect the coming stories as best I can. Hey, just remember it isn't a lie if you think it's true! It's up to you, the reader, to figure out what's truth and what's fiction. Best of luck with that, Jack! May the force be with you.

Hey, another thing you have to know: my stories are kind of like my vocabulary. You might have noticed I like to say "hey" quite a bit. "Hey" can mean anything. It can mean "yes," it can mean "maybe," and it can mean "no." Hey, it could mean "next week." The bottom line is, you have to understand "hey" to understand me.

And if you know anything about Silas Merritt Robertson, you know I'm a hard rascal to figure out.

—From the Prologue

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Taylor says

I actually liked this book! I thought it was entertaining and always making everyone laugh. It's a quick and easy read if you need a biography/memoir or non-fiction book. The one thing I didn't really like this book was that once you got into it, it seemed like it got less and less funnier. Overall I liked it!

Kayla Beck says

Review originally posted on Bibliophilia, Please.

Okay, I think now is the time to admit it - I watch *Duck Dynasty*. I'm not a die-hard fan of the show, but I've progressed from a fan-by-default (Mister and Bug love it) to someone who looks forward to the show each week. Trust me when I say that it sneaks up on you. Si Robertson is pretty much the sole reason that I watch the show, and his book did not disappoint the fan in me.

Si Robertson is crazy, and I mean that in the most respectful and positive way possible. He has a no-holds-barred sense of humor, and he comes across as a person who does not care what other people think about him. I guess if you spent most of your childhood running around naked and with six older siblings (five of them brothers), you can't really pay too much heed to what people say/think. Si is also a veteran and devout Christian. He tells stories about all of that, as well as about hunting and fishing, in *Si-Cology* in such a way that would have me snorting as I tried not to laugh out loud.

Si and the other Robertson boys (and Phil's wife, Kay) grew up near where I lived, so I knew a lot of the stories already. However, *Si-Cology* gave a new depth to Si that I've never seen on *Duck Dynasty* or heard about from his old schoolmates. Some of the chapters had me laughing from mishaps in the woods, but his stories about Vietnam and the fertility problems he and his wife showed a different side of Si. Though I would feel a little down for him one minute, the next thing I knew, I'd be laughing again.

I would mostly only recommend *Si-Cology* to fans of the show, hunters and fishers, or people from my area, but I think it is a book that anyone could enjoy. It was a very fast read for me, and it never got boring. Each chapter was only a few pages, so even the most reluctant of readers would have a good time reading the book. I preordered my copy of *Si-Cology* ages ago, I'll also be getting the audiobook for Mister and I. I think there will be a new dimension to the book with Si reading it, and I look forward to it though I've already read the book.

- 3.5/5 Stars -

To satisfy FTC guidelines, I am disclosing that I received a digital copy of the book for reviewing purposes from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. This has in no way affected the outcome. All opinions expressed are rambling, honest, and completely my own.

JAM says

What an amazingly funny biography. This book was definitely one of the more entertaining books that I have read. I would definitely recommend this book to someone who is looking for a biography, but doesn't want something that will bore them. If you pick up this book you will be hooked on it for the entire time you read it, I know I was.

Ryan Dejonghe says

Because I don't watch television, I was interested to know more about this fad of a camouflaged ZZ Top bearded man toting a plastic cup. Stores are flooded with Si-covered apparel; Facebook is inundated with duck-themed quotes. What is going on?

Okay, Si is funny, Jack. After reading through this book (the fastest 240 pages ever—nice job editors; tell me how you pulled that off), I can see the appeal of Si's fanatical character. And Si admits to this in the book: being a character. I think it is funny that women drive out to propose to him (even though he's married) or people offer to provide sighted guide (even though he says he's not blind). He's a character and doing quite well at doing just that.

I found the ironic prologue especially hilarious, whether intentional or not. He spends his time telling how much he values honesty and truth, but is doing so in a medium where he claims to be the author. Yeah, right. I picture the book being written in a room where Mark Schlabach (the other guy's name on the cover—the one not pictured) is listening to tapes of Si, pausing, typing, and playing some more. Congratulations to Mr. Schlabach on capturing the spirit and nuances of Sir Si—very well done. But if the prologue wasn't meant to be satirical, then maybe it should have been dropped in lieu of having Si's name in the author's spot.

Hey, this book is just a collection of Si's stories with no particular order or congruent theme. And that's fine. Based on the videos I've seen on YouTube, fans of the show will probably find the same loveable Si they see on the screen. People that are not fans of the show may still find some charm in Si's back-woods fanatical stories, but may be better served of their time elsewhere.

Ethan says

Si-cology was a great book and I would read it again. I especially recommend this book to anyone who loves bad jokes.

Minna says

I award the "non-fiction" tag with some trepidation, considering that this is Si Robertson we're dealing with here.

I watch Duck Dynasty on A&E and Si is one of my favorite "characters." I am aware that the individuals featured on the show are not necessarily true-to-life; often they may have been exaggerated or embellishing a

plot at the direction of the tv show editors/writers/crew. Obviously, if Duck Dynasty was a true representation of the Robertsons, then the Duck Commander line of calls would be out of business (since the gentlemen on the show never really do any "work").

This book (Si's memoirs, shared by Si and authored by Mark Schlabach) is entertaining. A little rambling, a little exaggerated, and a little wacky, just like Si, but a lot more earnest than the wackadoo character Si portrays on the show. Some parts were a repeat - I recognized several stories almost verbatim from the TV show, especially a couple of Si's Vietnam stories. Some parts were difficult for me to read, including Si's matter-of-fact tale of his dogs killing some twenty or thirty of his neighbor's cats or he and Phil slingshotting rocks at pigeons for fun. I'm all for hunting if you're eating your kill but these activities just seemed like immature kids killing for fun. Some parts were touching and sweet: Si's account of meeting his wife, his stories about their kids, and his sharing of his faith. The book is peppered with Heys and Jacks, but I feel like some of Si's charming style was lost in the translation. Possibly the audio book version would have been more satisfying.

I am looking forward to Miss Kay's cookbook (possibly for the shock factor alone - boudin! squirrel stew!) but otherwise I think I'll stick to the show.

Kathy Worrell ? says

When you can't put the book down and you read it in one day....it's definitely a 5 star book. I'm a huge fan of the Duck Commander family. Si-Cology 1 tells the story of Si's life from the beginning until the present. Si was also in Vietnam and shares his stories in his book! If you are a fan of the family, I would recommend this book to get a deeper understanding of them.

Josh Girard says

I loved this book it was just so funny. I know who Si robertson but I didn't know he was that funny. This book wasn't to long so if you are looking for a short funny book I recommend this one.

Raven says

Hey, so listen up. If you're reading this book it probably means that you are a fan of Duck Dynasty if not then...hey.

Si is the crazy uncle on Duck Dynasty who is always carrying around his tupperware cup and seems to be a few ducks short of flock. It's this crazy personality and unbelievable stories that make him so much fun. As you would expect this book contains some of his crazy stories, like a wheel of this deuce and a half (military vehicle he used in Vietnam) being stolen while he was driving it, but it also reveals a side to Si you don't get to see on the show, a serious side. Si explains his life from childhood, to his tries at college, to his time in Vietnam and Germany, to his wife and children and finally to working on making duck calls.

What I found most interesting were Si's stories of Vietnam and his family. Mixed through the chapters were

facts, yes actual facts, on what was going on in Vietnam, how he dealt with this, what he was doing in Germany and how he dealt with the fact that having children was difficult and the fact that his son had some trials to go through. Si's been through a lot but the tying factor between all of his trails and successes is that he is a man of faith. This faith is what helped him through all of his difficulties and the fact that this faith is unshakeable is inspiring and commendable.

Read the book if you want to get to know a different side of Si. It is a good, fun, fast read and hey remember cheese has no place on a turkey sandwich. That's a fact Jack!

Janessa B says

In my opinion this book was really good. I learned a lot of new things from the book than I knew about on the show. To be honest, I didn't even know that Si had a wife and kids because they never appeared on the TV show. Also, Si is really funny and his humor definitely showed throughout the book. Most importantly his religious side came out in the end of the book. Whether you believe in his religion (or not) I feel like it was very important to hear the last chapter, and learn about what his family believes. My favorite part was the letters at the end. His wife, daughter, and son wrote letters to him and those ended the book. I thought that it was a very good move to end the book like that (and not have it in his perspective). The letters were very thoughtful, but I liked his son's the best. I love how Scott said, "I love you, Dad, and will consider myself lucky if I grow up to be half the man you are." That was a very good way to conclude the book... Overall, this book was really good. Even though Si may not have the best grammar or writing skills, I feel like this book really showed the readers what his life was all about from his childhood to his adulthood.

Kelly (and the Book Boar) says

I haven't actually read this, but I do own it because my youngest used to be SUPER into Duck Dynasty (like to the point where I thought I might have to drop him off at the nearest fire station for them to find him a new family because he wanted to watch it ALL. THE. TIME.) and also because it was a quarter at a thrift store. However, Bad Bad Leroy Brown wants you all to know that Si is his favorite

Until he bites him on the noise-making part and he talks and then he is absolutely TERRIFYING and WHY ISN'T EVERYONE ELSE HIDING?!?!?!?! And also that he definitely DID NOT poop on the bathroom rug this morning. It was probably one of the cats.

This review has been brought to you by #todayisarealshitshow and I needed to take a little break.

Brent says

I gave this three stars. Si tries to tell his life in a very funny way, which I'm assuming is supposed to cater to his fans on the show. Not being familiar with the show, some of the humor probably went past me. I read this because I work in a bookstore, and--based on the popularity of "Duck Dynasty", this upcoming book is likely

to be very popular. Otherwise, I probably would not have picked it up. With THAT being said, it was an enjoyable autobiography. Si is an interesting person who lived a fairly interesting life, growing up in Louisiana and spending a good deal of his life in the Army. You learn about who he is, where he came from, and what makes him tick. And, even with all the pictures in the book, I'm still not sure I could pick him out of a cast photo for "Duck Dynasty". And that's the other thing that I appreciated: The show was only mentioned briefly. If you're looking for a book that delves into a behind-the-scenes, this probably isn't for you. If, however, you want to read an entertaining life story of someone who spent a good deal of his life hunting and fishing, you'll probably enjoy this quite a bit. So, if you are (or the person you're buying this for is) a fan of "Duck Dynasty", or hunting and fishing, then this book is a good, solid choice.

Hunter Kimball says

This was a great book, i really thought it was it was funny, and it was very interesting to learn about him. I had seen Duck Dynasty before, and at first, I noticed Si, and instantly he was my favorite character, so this book was something that I really wanted to read. This is a book that i'm guessing most people would like, because of the humor, the different stories he tells in the book. Though i think it was good, there might be some people who might not like it. First, maybe because they don't like that he wrote about all this religious stuff in his life, and secondly because maybe they don't like the humor, or the wording of the book.

Vicki says

If you're a fan of the A&E hit Duck Dynasty, this book is a must read/listen. I've heard some people say that if you've never seen the show, you probably wouldn't like it, but I think it will make you want to check the show out. After all, how could anybody not like Si? He's honest, hilarious, can find fun in just about anything, and very loving and humble.

This is more of a biography, and that's what's so interesting about it. Through these stories you'll get to know Si better, and see a different side to him than what you see on the tv show. He talks about being in the service, his childhood, his family and more.

I tend to be picky when it comes to narrators. You have to listen to them for hours and they can get on your nerves after a while. Jay Stone read this and I thought he did a great job.

I've been trying to get my husband to listen to audio books for years since he can't hold print books and turn the pages (he's a quadriplegic), but he was never interested until I got a copy of this audio book for review from Audiobook Jukebox. He listened to this all the way through without stopping, and said he loved it!

Like my husband, I definitely recommend this!

Tyler H. says

Very good biography some funny and some cool but mostly just a great book.
