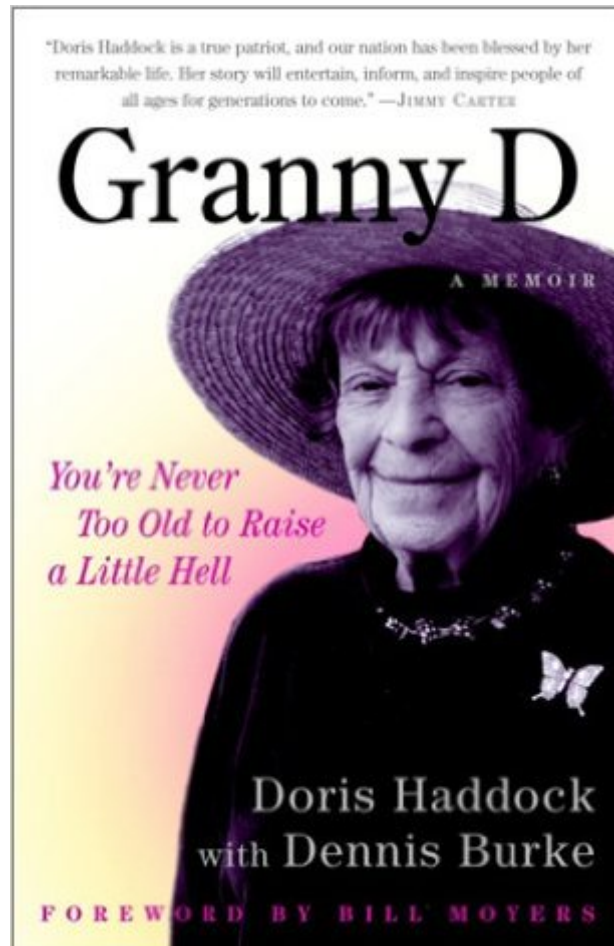


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Granny D: You're Never Too Old To Raise A Little Hell



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In February 2000, ninety-year-old Doris "Granny D" Haddock became a national heroine when she completed her 3,200-mile, fourteen-month walk from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., to bring attention to the issue of campaign finance reform. Granny D recalls and celebrates an exuberant life of love, activism, and adventure—from one-woman feminist plays in the thirties, to stopping nuclear testing near an Eskimo fishing village in 1963, to her current crusade. Threaded throughout is the spirit of her beloved hometown in New Hampshire—Thornton Wilder's inspiration for Grover's Corners in *Our Town*—a quintessentially American center of New England pluck, Yankee ingenuity, and can-do attitude. Told in Doris's vivid and unforgettable voice, *Granny D* will move and delight readers with its clarion message that one person can indeed make a difference.

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Customer Reviews

"It's never too late to get in shape, nor to get involved in issues of importance to you", so says Granny Doris Haddock. Fed up with a sense of no voice in political issues, and hearing so many other folks express the same sentiments of "big money" barriers existing between people and the officials elected to represent them, Granny Haddock decided to campaign for financial reform by taking her show on the road in her own way-- "walking across America". Her book is an engrossing collection of her experiences as she walked across deserts, through Native American Villages- and when confronted with snow- took off her sneakers, put on skis and skied one hundred miles across West Virginia. This is determination, focused purpose and love of life at its best. What an example!

Reminiscent of those Charles Coralt driving through the heartland of America stories, or Garrison Keillor's Lake Woe-be-gone essays, Granny Haddock's pilgrimage touches and informs you. After reading her book, it will be difficult to whine about anything ever again without getting involved and making an effort to do something about it. Inspirational!

Right off the bat, I must admit a certain partiality. Doris Haddock is my great-aunt. I've always considered her to be a truly special and gifted individual. Now, the rest of the nation can discover what I've known for a long time. This book is much more than a travel journal, or a discourse on the ills of our political system. It is a look at America and the people who make it such a special place. It is an examination of life, loss, and the reaffirmation of life. It is also a call to action. I re-learned that we are never too old, or too young to find a cause that we can believe in and support, and regardless of what we hear from the media and the politicians, we can make a difference.

This is a story well told. Not fiction, and very, very real. Doris Haddock achieved a virtually impossible goal of walking across the United States through her entire 90th year and more. In doing that, she grew more aware of just how great the people of this country are, and how important it is to return the power of the government back to those people - and away from the corrupting influences of the special interests. It is more than just a textual journal of this trip. It lets you get to know the real GrannyD, from her early days through the tortures experienced in her cross country trek. She is truly a great American and makes you wish there were more like her - especially in the decision making positions in government. And, you will meet many other wonderful people along the way. The story does not drag in any part, and keeps you wanting to see what is coming up next. Easy reading, and a wonderful book to have and share with others.

Granny D is real. That's the highest praise I can bestow. You feel you've met the real person and that she's presented herself, warts and all. I actually read this book with pen in hand, marking points to write down to form a synopsis of her wit and wisdom for later reference. This is certainly not something I do more than once in a decade. I'd expected more of a description of the walk itself, and less of a memoir, but I was delighted with what I got. I loved her and the people she met along the way. Though she and I have differing viewpoints on several issues, I thoroughly respected her and was nearly overwhelmed with the magnitude of her undertaking and her optimism.

Even if you don't care about campaign finance reform, the cause that sent Doris Haddock walking

across the country, you will probably enjoy the stories she tells. Doris kept a diary, so we know about her adventures and the people she met along the way. If nothing else you will find out that advanced age, even 90, is not an excuse to pack it in, but rather to pack up and get going for what you believe in. Be inspired, learn something, but mostly have a lot of fun reading this book. I sure did.

I say bravo to Ms. Haddock and to her book! I believe this country needs more passionate input and action from its citizens with regards to our government and the political nightmare we have all help to create and Granny D - Delivers. Ms. Haddock, as a Californian, may I suggest a sequel to your what I hope will become most successful book: Granny D2 - Raising a little more hell! This one could add "Recall Campaign Financing Reform" to the agenda! Regarding the lone star reviewer: A Texan against campaign spending limits...what a surprise!

This book is about 90 year old Doris Haddock walking from Los Angeles to Washington to call attention to the need for campaign finance reform. Regardless of your political persuasion, I think you'll find Granny D's book a fun and inspiring read. She intersperses stories from her life with her pitches to run the money changers out of the Capitol. Her charm is reflected near the end of the book where she says, " Well, I am finished with this book, but I am not finished with my life or with my passion for campaign finance reform. There is almost always time to find another victory, another happy ending. I hope that is your feeling about life, too. I thank you for the time spent with me between these covers. I apologize for preaching far more than I intended, but I 'm sure you skipped through the worst of it" Oh that we should all be able to pursue such adventure in our life, let along in our 90th year.

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