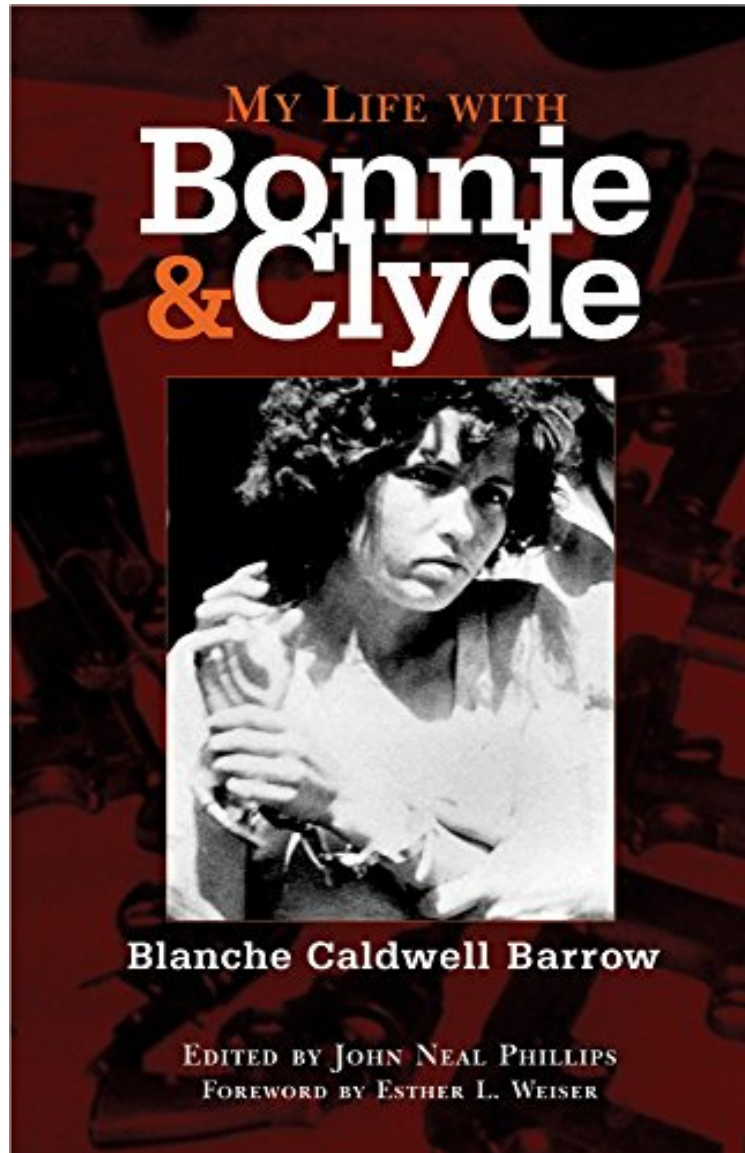


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**Blanche Caldwell Barrow : My Life with Bonnie and Clyde** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Life with Bonnie and Clyde:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Inside The Car With Bonnie and Clyde By David M. England I have read many books on Bonnie and Clyde and the gangster era in the 1930's and I thought that this might be a rehash of others that I had read. I was pleasantly surprised by the book and I believe the difference is that in the other books the reader is looking "from the outside in", and in Blanche's account, the reader has the feeling that he/she "is in the car"

with Bonnie, Clyde, and Buck. I do believe as the author alludes, that Blanche wrote her account from the perspective of the possibility of the electric chair looming over her and wanted to put herself in the role of a girl in love who just wanted to be by her man come hell or high water. Even saying that she would be left outside of town until the heist was over and they gang would pick her up, in an attempt to distance herself from the crimes and the murders. The author does point to later interviews of Blanche and from eyewitness accounts, that Blanche was not a innocent as she makes herself out to be and was a full participant in many of the events. Four stars instead of five, because she watered her account of her participation down, although this is not the fault of the author of the book, but more with Blanche's account. The photograph on the front of the book shows a beautiful young Blanche right after her capture, and her account is a love story with Buck that is often lost in the shadows of Bonnie and Clyde. Well worth the read for any interested in this era. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Jim Olsen absolutely LOVED the book! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I waited with baited breath By Nicole Ferrier I was so excited to read this. I have been very interested in Bonnie and Clyde and it was great to get an inside account right after it happened. Blanche wrote this while in jail so the accounts are very fresh and not that of someone recalling an event 50 years ago. Her accounts are very much selling herself as a victim and at points gets whiney but over all its soooooo neat! I was bummed that there were not very many pictures of Bonnie and Clyde but I very much enjoyed the read. At points its a little hard to follow but the editor does his best to help with that. It was a tad annoying going back and forth from the text of the chapter and the notes in the back but all together a great read and I am very glad I bought this book!!

Bonnie and Clyde were responsible for multiple murders and countless robberies. But they did not act alone. In 1933, during their infamous run from the law, Bonnie and Clyde were joined by Clydes brother Buck Barrow and his wife Blanche. Of these four accomplices, only one Blanche Caldwell Barrow lived beyond early adulthood and only Blanche left behind a written account of their escapades. Edited by outlaw expert John Neal Phillips, Blanches previously unknown memoir is here available for the first time. Blanche wrote her memoir between 1933 and 1939, while serving time at the Missouri State Penitentiary. Following her death, Blanches good friend and the executor of her will, Esther L. Weiser, found the memoir wrapped in a large unused Christmas card. Later she entrusted it to Phillips, who had interviewed Blanche several times before her death. Drawing from these interviews, and from extensive research into Depression-era outlaw history, Phillips supplements the memoir with helpful notes and with biographical information about Blanche and her accomplices.

About the Author Blanche Caldwell Barrow was the wife of Marvin "Buck" Barrow and the sister-in-law of Clyde Barrow. Buck and Blanche were part of the Barrow Gang from late March 1933 until their capture on July 24, 1933.