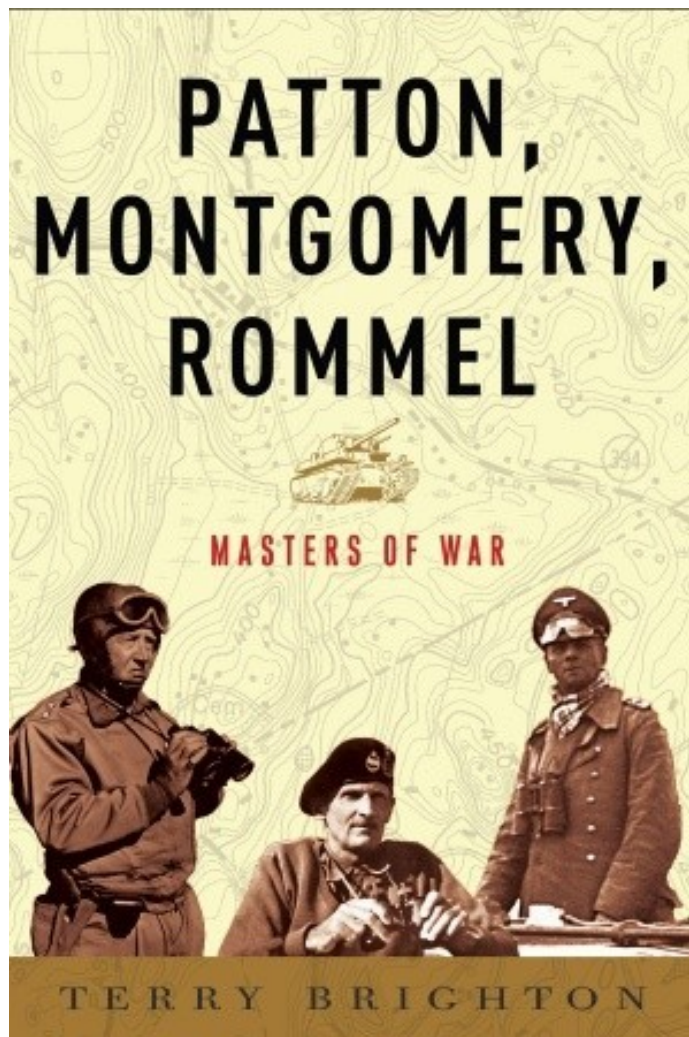

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Description

In *Patton, Montgomery, Rommel*, one of Britain's most accomplished military scholars presents an unprecedented study of the land war in the North African and European theaters, as well as their chief commanders—three men who also happened to be the most compelling dramatic personae of World War II.

Beyond spellbinding depictions of pivotal confrontations at El Alamein, Monte Cassino, and the Ardennes forest, author-scholar Terry Brighton illuminates the personal motivations and historical events that propelled the three men's careers: how Patton's, Montgomery's, and Rommel's Great War experiences helped to mold their style of command—and how, exactly, they managed to apply their arguably megalomaniacal personalities (and hitherto unrecognized political acumen and tact) to advance their careers and strategic vision.

Opening new avenues of inquiry into the lives and careers of three men widely profiled by scholars and popular historians alike, Brighton definitively answers numerous lingering and controversial questions: Was Patton really as vainglorious in real life as he was portrayed to be on the silver screen?—and how did his tireless advocacy of "mechanized cavalry" forever change the face of war? Was Monty's dogged publicity-seeking driven by his own need for recognition or by his desire to claim for Britain a leadership role in postwar global order?—and how did this prickly "commoner" manage to earn affection and esteem from enlisted men and nobility alike? How might the war have ended if Rommel had had more tanks?—and what fundamental philosophical difference between him and Hitler made such an outcome virtually impossible?

Abetted by new primary source material and animated by Terry Brighton's incomparable storytelling gifts, *Patton, Montgomery, Rommel* offers critical new interpretations of the Second World War as it was experienced by its three most flamboyant, controversial, and influential commanders—and augments our understanding of each of their perceptions of war and leadership.

Insightful reviews

Tony Whitaker: A compelling look into the lives of the three most powerful battlefield commanders in WWII. As a history buff I was surprised to find some new facts about these three iconic figures of a war that made America a "Superpower".

Glory: A very interesting, revelatory book! The mingling of the three biographies was a nice mix, and I felt good about myself for having learned about three important figures in WWII in one book. It taught me more about the general timeline of the European theater than any history textbook or article I'd read. A personal perspective, such as those found in biographies like these, always aids in the learning of the big picture.

Pucinell: Excellent. Calls Monty out on his bullshit without vilifying him and acknowledges the realities of Patton and Rommel as brilliant warriors. Although I would, personally, vilify the shit out of Monty, I appreciate Brighton's diplomacy. Great read for anyone new to WWII history, just

as great for a pro.

Goncalo Vaz: very good e-book that offers an outline of the two global wars from the eyes of those three generals, detailing the second WW with extra emphasis because the three generals had an even bigger effect during this final war. Very stable writing which grabs the reader until eventually the end! Definitely a must!!!

Fergie: i'd have given this 4 stars aside from the volume of time spent on real battles. As a reader of history, i'm consistently extra drawn to the private aspect of it. the writer lined a adequate quantity of this for me to actually just like the book. i used to be stunned how likable Rommel came upon while, of the three, i discovered the British normal Bernard Montgomery the main pompous and disagreeable. As a private figure, i discovered little or no to recognize approximately him. As I had identified the main approximately Patton, there have been no surprises there. For someone who would like to benefit approximately their historical past via movies, "Patton" will be an excellent fit or maybe spouse to this book.

Linda: Who have been the best generals of the Western entrance of WWII? What made them great? Does an excellent common need to have a superego? This e-book addresses these questions, yet doesn't solution them completely. Rommel, Patton and Montgomery all had tremendous egos and all have been cherished by means of their troops. All appear to have had first-class army minds. All appeared to be self-absorbed, to varying degrees. Montgomery, especially, looked as if it would reflect on Monty first everytime. Rommel, at the different hand, appeared to position the destiny of Germany above his own. Patton is more durable to install a box. He might forget about orders whilst he deemed it essential to get the task done, to hell with the politics. The e-book offers a precis biography of every common after which seems at there the battles/campaigns during which they participated in Africa and at the Western ecu front. it's occasionally repetitious, yet total offers a desirable examine those males and their actions. within the end, Monty comes off because the least likable, yet then either Rommel and Patton died a lot previous -- Rommel in the course of the conflict and Patton in the course of post-war cleanup. this might be a sensible choice for someone who loves to examine WWII or the personalities linked to it.

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