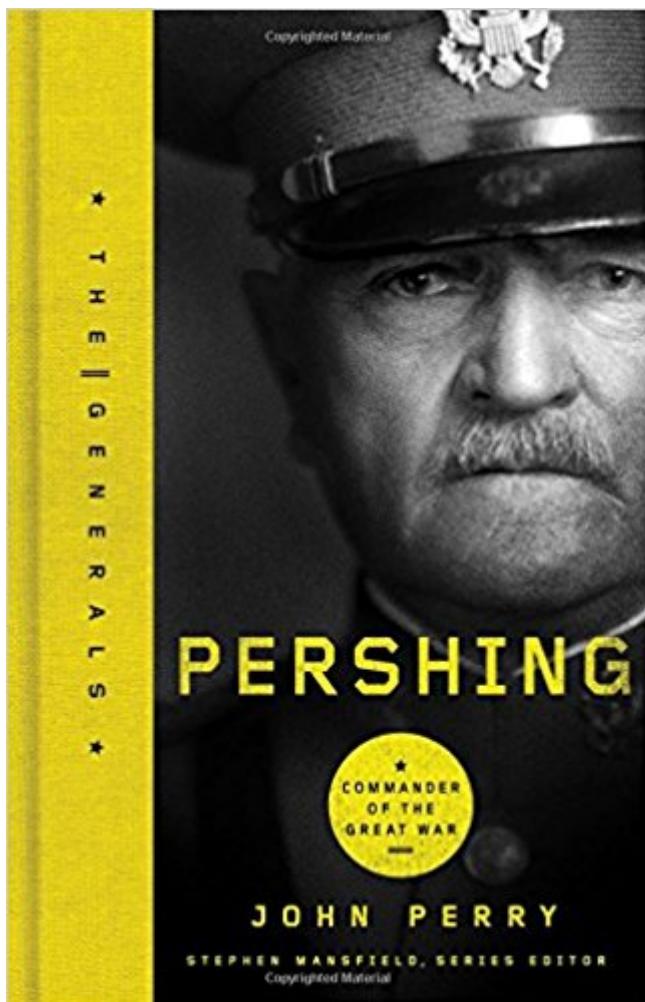


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Pershing: Commander Of The Great War (The Generals)



Synopsis

Attentive to the last detail, rigid in his expectations of drill and execution, and fiercely protective of every man he commanded, General John J. Pershing helped shape the 20th century by leading American troops in a war that saved Europe. Alienating some and inspiring others, Pershing recognized the challenges of modern warfare and embraced them as life's mission. More than 60 years after his death, he personifies the image of an American general. Army service in the Philippines and Mexico and alongside Teddy Roosevelt in Cuba served as a critical training ground for Pershing. When President Roosevelt promoted him to general in 1906, Pershing had been one of the army's oldest captains. Now, as one of its youngest generals, that training would be put to test in the coming Great War. Author John Perry unveils a general somewhat neglected by history, a mystifying fact considering that at one time more than a million soldiers followed him into battle. When France and England yearned for much-needed support against a German juggernaut, Pershing established an aggressive strategy that incorporated overwhelming numbers and comprehensive engagement, a strategy that made all the difference. Not only were there honor and order in his methods, there was victory. A legend in his own time, Pershing became the first man to be appointed General of the Armies.

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award-winning advertising copywriter and radio producer. John has published 21 books as an author, collaborator, or ghostwriter. He is the biographer of Sgt. Alvin York, Mary Custis Lee (wife of Robert E. Lee and great granddaughter of Martha Washington), and George Washington Carver. Among other books, he has also written about the 1925 Scopes "monkey trial" (Monkey Business, with Marvin Olasky, B&H Publishing, 2005) and contemporary prison reform (God Behind Bars, Thomas Nelson, 2006). He is a two-time Gold Medallion finalist and Lincoln Prize nominee. He lives in Nashville.

Pretty stiff with the writing, much like Pershing himself. I learned a lot that I didn't know about Pershing, but why has this general who had many famous WWII generals under him (ie Patton), had ticker tape parades in NY, commanded headlines for months fade so far from the knowledge of the US conscious. The book though is written much like Pershing himself, stiff and cold. There was a lot that the author brought to light about Pershing's personal life, but the writing lacks conviction. It's almost like the author had to pound out N number of words in order to receive a paycheck. Clinically the facts are correct (or I assume so), but there is just no "life" in the prose.

As a student of military history this book kept me interested until the last page. My grandfather fought with General Pershing in WWI and he mentioned him in his diary that was given to me. There was so much more about the man that history would not have given us after all these years.

This is a good introduction of the life and times of Pershing and his influence on the officer corps during and after the war. If one is looking for a work that concentrated on the strategic operational levels this is not the work

I bought this book to learn more about World War I and General Pershing. I knew little about him and thought it would be a good way to see how he fit into that war and how the war developed over time. This book met all of my expectations and then some. I highly recommend this work for those who like history and the major wars in particular. It is well written and loads of facts about Pershing, his family, how he got his experience, and other officers that Pershing surrounded himself with. Those officers included Patton, Marshall and Mitchell. Patton and Marshall contributed significantly to the Second World War as well and Billy Mitchell of course contributed mightily to the concepts of air power used in both world wars. It is nice to read about these personalities as they relate to Pershing and WW I knowing the great contributions that they made in their careers.

Great read

Great book. I knew little about General Pershing until I read this account.

I hope I'm not being picky about this but I doubt this would get a good grade in a High School history or English class as the writing style is shockingly naive and amateurishly written. Be sure to read a free sample before committing to buy. There are many opportunities to develop ideas and pursue events which are missed. All the same, there seems to be no modern biography of Pershing so I bought it. I suppose it is worth \$9.

This provided the highlights of Pershing's life and a number of very interesting anecdotes about him. Excellent introduction to the man.

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