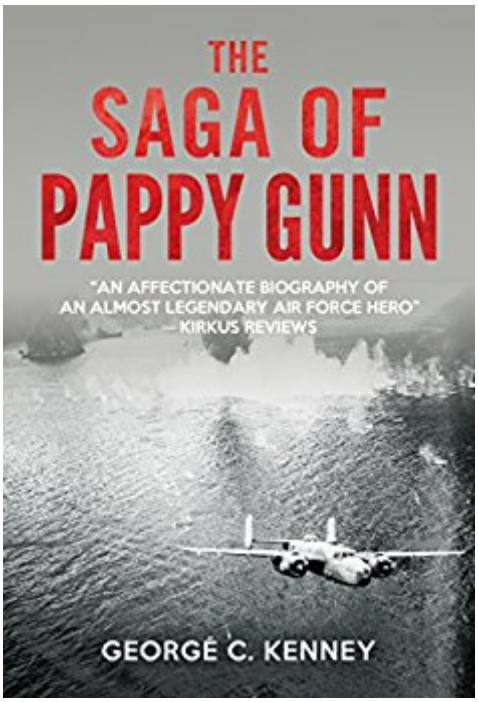
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Synopsis

Ã¢â ¬Å“This is the story of an extraordinary character. He was one of the great heroes of the Southwest Pacific in World War II, a mechanical genius, and one of the finest storytellers I have ever known.Ã¢â ¬Â•Four-star General Kenney pays tribute to a remarkable man in this biography. Colonel Paul Irvin (Ã¢â ¬Å“PappyÃ¢â ¬Â•) Gunn was a fearless fighter who demonstrated his qualities of leadership. To the youngsters fresh from the training fields and untried in air combat he was an example, an inspiration, a confidence builder, and an invaluable man to have around.As well as a brilliant pilot, Pappy was also a formidable aviation engineer. If any piece of equipment from the airplane itself to any of its hundreds of accessories failed to work, the universal answer was Ã¢â ¬Å“Pappy can fix it,Ã¢â ¬Â• and Pappy could and did. Kenney's book uncovers the remarkable life of Pappy Gunn and his exploits through the Second World War, explaining why many generals, admirals and soldiers acknowledged that he was one of aviation's great pioneers.Ã¢â ¬ËœPappy Gunn is a loving tribute by the youngest son of one of the United StatesÃ¢â ¬â„¢ greatest heroes, one that highlights the humanity of a man who was a legend in his own time.Ã¢â ¬â„¢ Ã¢â ¬â • HistoryNetÃ¢â ¬ËœAn affectionate biography of an almost legendary Air Force heroÃ¢â ¬â„¢ Ã¢â ¬â • Kirkus ReviewsGeorge Churchill Kenney (1889 Ã¢â ¬â œ1977) was a United States Army Air Forces general during World War II. He is best known as the commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific Area (SWPA), a position he held from August 1942 until 1945. Kenney wrote three books about the SWPA air campaigns he led during World War II. His major work was General Kenney Reports (1949), a personal history of the air war he led from 1942 to 1945. He also wrote The Saga of Pappy Gunn (1959) and Dick Bong: Ace of Aces (1960), which described the careers of Paul Gunn and Richard Bong, two of the most prominent airmen under his command.

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This is a very good story of a person who got things done. I would recommend it to who who is a student of WW 2.

Give a few guys an airplane and stand back. Amazing!

I found this to be a very interesting account of someone who -- at least to me -- was an unknown hero of WWII. The personal relationship between the author and Pappy Gunn provides an fully developed picture of a unique individual who combined practical technical skill with demonstrated leadership. Pappy was a most unusual Naval Aviation Officer, and his accomplishments included moving from enlisted status to that of a senior commissioned officer because of his firm commitment to his dreams.

The interesting story of an unsung hero of WW II.

Great story. It sounds cliche, but Kenney’s conversational style is like you are sitting by a fire swapping stories. Makes a fine companion read with "Air War in the Pacific".

A long untold story of not just a great man but his family that suffered the ravages of war. A family

that followed and struggled along with him in his working life and military career.Gunn was one of those can do, and did guys of that generation that got it done with they had. The imagination, drive and ability to think and act on his feet is what separated the fighting men and women during that conflict from our enemies.

I enjoyed this story of a unique person from the early days of flying. The time Mr. Gunn was in New Guinea had special significance to me as my Father fought with the 32nd infantry there in WWII. Some of my fathers stories told of being saved by B25's strafing and bombing the enemy that was attacking them. Perhaps it was Mr. Gunn flying one of those B25's or a B25 with his modifications that flew those missions. All those men were hero`s and deserve being remembered.

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