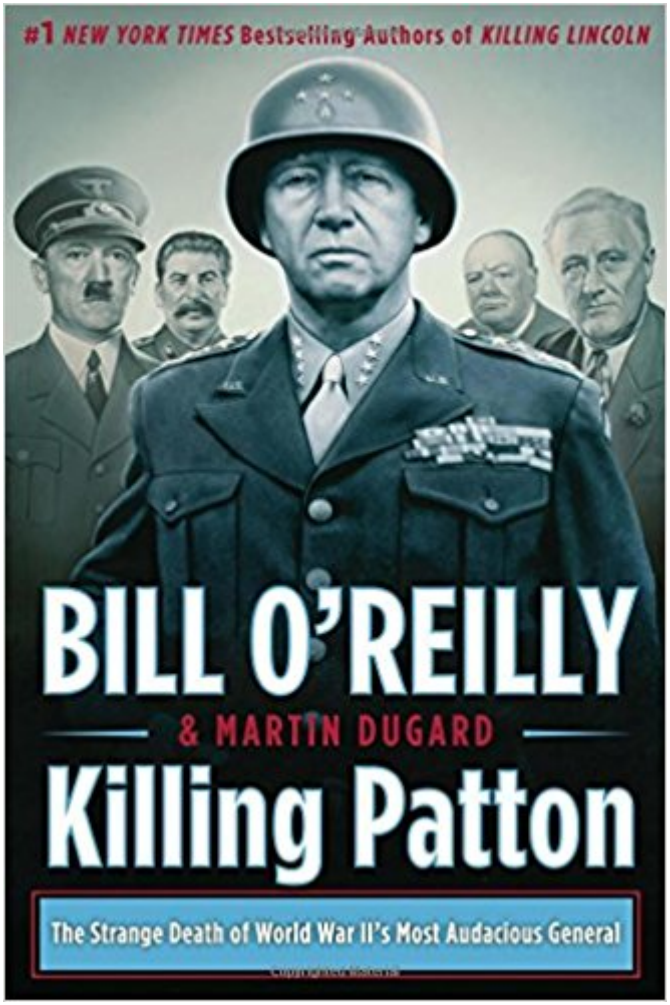
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Killing Patton: The Strange Death Of World War II's Most Audacious General



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Synopsis

Readers around the world have thrilled to Killing Lincoln, Killing Kennedy, and Killing Jesus--riveting works of nonfiction that journey into the heart of the most famous murders in history. Now from Bill O'Reilly, anchor of The O'Reilly Factor, comes the most epic book of all in this multimillion-selling series: Killing Patton.General George S. Patton, Jr. died under mysterious circumstances in the months following the end of World War II. For almost seventy years, there has been suspicion that his death was not an accident--and may very well have been an act of assassination. Killing Patton takes readers inside the final year of the war and recounts the events surrounding Patton's tragic demise, naming names of the many powerful individuals who wanted him silenced.

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Exclusive: Senator John McCain Reviews Killing Patton In Killing Patton: The Strange Death of World War IIÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Most Audacious General, Bill OÃ¢â ¬â„¢Reilly and Martin Dugard have written a lively, provocative account of the death of General George S. Patton and the important events in the final year of the Allied victory in Europe, which PattonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s brilliant generalship of the American Third Army did so much to secure. The fourth book in the bestselling Killing series is rich in fascinating details, and riveting battle scenes. The authors have written vivid descriptions of a compelling cast of characters, major historical figures such as Eisenhower, Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin, Hitler, and others, as well as more obscure players in the great drama of the Second World War and the life and death of Patton. OÃ¢â ¬â„¢Reilly and Dugard express doubts about the official explanation for PattonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s demise from injuries he suffered in an automobile accident. They

surmise that the GeneralÃ¢ ¬â„¢s outspokenness about his controversial views on postwar security, particularly his animosity toward the Soviets, our erstwhile allies, might have made him a target for assassination. They cast a suspicious eye toward various potential culprits from Josef Stalin to wartime espionage czar Ã¢ ¬Å“Wild BillÃ¢ ¬Â• Donovan and a colorful OSS operative, Douglas Bazata, who claimed later in life to have murdered Patton. Certainly, there are a number of curious circumstances that invite doubt and speculation, BazataÃ¢ ¬â„¢s admission for one. Or that the drunken sergeant who drove a likely stolen truck into PattonÃ¢ ¬â„¢s car inexplicably was never prosecuted or even reprimanded. But whether you share their suspicions or not this is popular history at its most engrossing. From accounts of the terribly costly battle for Fort Driant in the hills near Metz to the Third ArmyÃ¢ ¬â„¢s crowning achievement, its race to relieve the siege of Bastogne in the Battle of the Bulge, the reader experiences all the drama of the Ã¢ ¬Å“great crusadeÃ¢ ¬Â• in its final, thrilling months. The authorsÃ¢ ¬â„¢ profiles of world leaders and PattonÃ¢ ¬â„¢s contemporaries are economic but manage to offer fresh insights into the personalities of well-known men. Just as compelling are the finely wrought sketches of people of less renown but who played important parts in the events. There is PFC Robert Holmund, who fought and died heroically at Fort Driant having done all he could and then some to take his impossible objective. PFC Horace Woodring, PattonÃ¢ ¬â„¢s driver, who revered the general, went to his grave mystified by the cause and result of the accident that killed his boss. German Field Marshall Erwin RommelÃ¢ ¬â„¢s young son, Manfred, exchanged a formal farewell handshake with him after learning his father would be dead in a quarter hour, having been made to commit suicide to prevent the death and dishonor of his family. These and many other captivating accounts of the personal and profound make Killing Patton a pleasure to read. I enjoyed it immensely and highly recommend it to anyone with an interest in World War II history and the extraordinary man who claimed NapoleonÃ¢ ¬â„¢s motto, Ã¢ ¬Å“audacity, audacity, always audacity,Ã¢ ¬Â• as his own.

Bill O’Reilly’s success in broadcasting and publishing is unmatched. The iconic anchor of The O’Reilly Factor led the program to the status of the highest rated cable news broadcast in the nation for sixteen consecutive years. His website BillOReilly.com is followed by millions all over the world.In addition, he has authored an astonishing 12 number one ranked non-fiction books including the historical "Killing" series. Mr. O’Reilly currently has 17 million books in print.Bill O’Reilly has been a broadcaster for 42 years. He has been awarded three Emmy’s and a number of other journalism accolades. He was a national correspondent for CBS News and ABC News as well as a

reporter-anchor for WCBS-TV in New York City among other high profile jobs.Mr. O’Reilly received two other Emmy nominations for the movies "Killing Kennedy" and "Killing Jesus."He holds a history degree from Marist College, a masters degree in Broadcast Journalism from Boston University, and another masters degree from Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.Bill O’Reilly lives on Long Island where he was raised. His philanthropic enterprises have raised tens of millions for people in need and wounded American veterans.Martin Dugard is the New York Times bestselling author of several books of history. He and his wife live in Southern California with their three sons.

Not a bad book, but the idea of some type of conspiracy was just left in thin air. Once that was never developed, you are left with a moderately entertaining history book about certain parts of WW II. O’Reilly wrote an interesting and very good book about Lincoln. Then he wrote a very interesting and very good book on Jesus. And then he got cocky and wrote this dribble. Reminded me of the book Pat Conroy wrote about his high school basketball team. One of the worst books anyone has ever written, made even worse by the fact that a great author like Conroy wrote it. He must have been having a bad year at that time. And when O’Reilly wrote this thing after two very good books, he obviously was asleep at the switch.

I was disappointed. I’m not an O’Reilly fan, but I had heard his books were well written. I found the conspiracy theory regarding Patton’s death to be rather thin. While there were footnotes, I did’nt find much that co-oborated O’Reilly’s contention. It came accross as BS to me.

For those that enjoy reading about the history of WWII, this book is one of many that does an excellent job. In 352 pages the authors describe in detail many events of the war in Europe during WWII. However, if you, like myself, were looking for a book about General George S Patton, you will be extremely disappointed. The title of the book, "Killing Patton: the Strange Death of World War II’s Most Audacious General" is incorrect as the book only talks about the death of Patton on maybe ten pages. On page 294 there is an implied order to kill Patton that is dropped "like a bullet" and then never mentioned again. I bought this book because I wanted to read about one of the greatest generals in American history and learn some new and elaborate biographical data on his death. This book does not tell the reader much about Patton. In fact, text about Patton would only be found on less than approximately 50 pages. Based on the title, a disappointment and a blatant sham.

The book is hard to put down, It contains so many details I had never read before... We all knew

Patton was a Idiot But he was a Great General and as always some of us are just great at one thing. Patton was good at killing and warfare and he more than did his job when it came time to put his gonads on the table. Great job.....

This is my 3rd book I read on Patton, highly recommend it

This is an awesome book. A real page turner. I knew Patton was an awesome personality but never imagined had been asssinated. After reading the book I can totally believe that he was assasinated.

I've read this before and bought it so that I could read it again. I'm not an avid reader but this is one of my absolute favorite books it is very well written and I plan to buy it for my grandfather who is also a huge fan of Patton.

Thought provoking.....General George S. Patton, old "Blood and Guts" himself, did not know he struggled with dyslexia most of his early life, a disability that hampered his schooling all the way through his West Point graduation. However, despite this disability he applied himself fiercely to his studies and graduated with honors and was appointed Cadet Adjutant (the second highest position for a cadet), graduating in 1909 instead of 1908 and receiving his commission as a cavalry officer.His incredible perseverance and courage in the face of some serious personal adversities offended many of his staff and the leadership rank of WW 1 and 2. However this perseverance was the great strength that was a key to his successes in life.General George S. Patton, hero of World War I and II, liberator of much of Nazi-controlled Europe in World War II, tactical genius and military innovator, was an Olympian.

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