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Omar Bradley: General at War Jim DeFelice The First In-Depth Biography of America's Last Five-Star General

He was known as "the G.I. General"—humble, self-effacing, hard-working, reflecting the small-town virtues of the America whose uniform he wore. But those very virtues have led historians to neglect General Omar Bradley—until now. Bestselling author Jim DeFelice, in this, the first-ever in-depth biography of America's last five-star general, tells Bradley's full story, and argues that the neglected G.I. General did more than any other to defeat Hitler in World War II.

While General George S. Patton has garnered much of the glory, General Dwight David Eisenhower has claimed much of the world's respect, and British General Bernard Montgomery has kept the Union Jack flying, as DeFelice proves, it was the unassuming Bradley who actually developed the strategy and the tactics that won the war in Europe. Meticulously researched, using previously untapped documents and unpublished diaries and notes, *Omar Bradley: General at War* reveals:

- Why Bradley, not Patton, deserves most of the credit for America's victories in North Africa
- How Bradley—first Patton's subordinate, then his superior—was one of Patton's great defenders, while also recognizing his weaknesses, and tried to cover up the infamous slapping incident
- How Eisenhower panicked—when Bradley didn't—during the early stages of the Battle of the Bulge, delaying an American counterattack that could have saved thousands of lives
- Why Bradley was a radical innovator in the use of combined air, armor, and infantry power
- How Bradley, contrary to those who like to portray him as a staid counterpart to Patton, was one of the most ardent practitioners of fast-moving offensives
- Why Bradley expected the Germans might use radiological weapons at Normandy

Provocative, thorough, original, Jim DeFelice's *Omar Bradley: General at War* deserves a place on the shelf of every reader of World War II history.



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