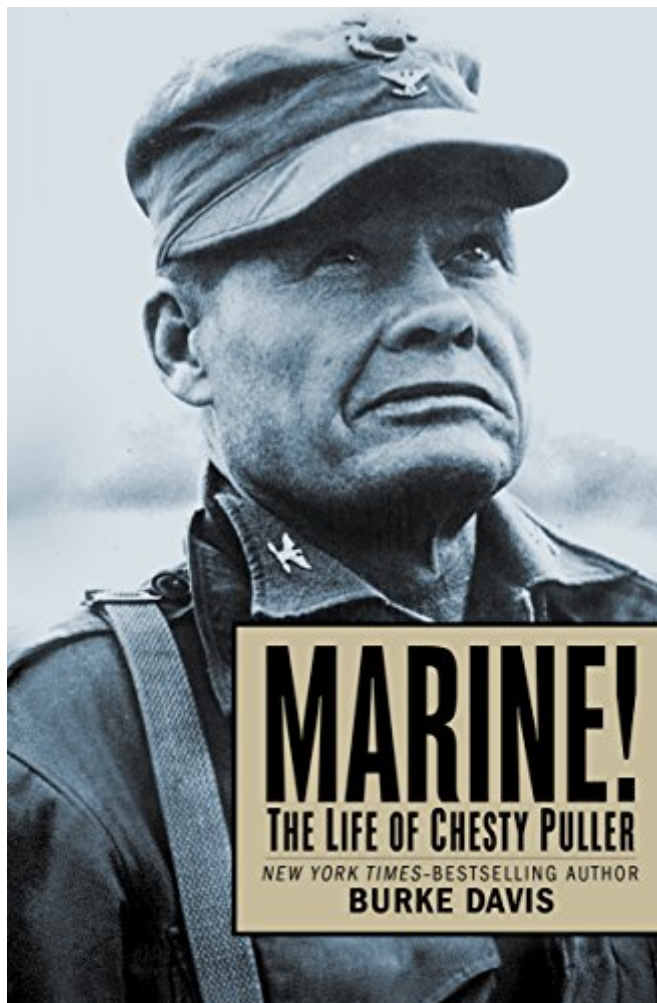


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Marine!: The Life Of Chesty Puller



Synopsis

The gripping story of an extraordinary American hero, the most decorated man in US Marine Corps history, from a New York Times "bestselling author." "We are flanked on both sides by an enemy that outnumbers us 29:1. They can't get away from us now!" —Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC

In the glorious chronicles of the US Marine Corps, no name is more revered than that of Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller. The only fighting man to receive the Navy Cross five separate times—a military honor second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor—he was the epitome of a professional warrior. A son of the South, descendant of Robert E. Lee, and cousin to George S. Patton, Puller began his enlisted career during World War I and moved up through the ranks as he proved his battlefield mettle in Haiti and Nicaragua, with the Horse Marines in Peking, in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and in the nightmarish winter engagements of the Korean War.

Fearless and seemingly indestructible, adored by the troops he championed yet forced into early retirement by a high command that resented his "lowly" beginnings and unwillingness to play politics, Puller remains one of most towering figures in American military history. Bestselling military biographer Burke Davis paints the definitive portrait of this extraordinary marine hero.

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If you think you are a patriot, you will enjoy this biography of one of America's truest warrior patriots. His experiences and the lessons he learned from them in his 37 years as a Marine fighting our country's enemies are as relevant today as they during and after he commanded and fought in Korea. If Chesty was still here and we could elect him for president, I would sleep a lot better at night. Fearless and faith-inspiring.

Amazing book about an outstanding Marine, leader, and American! Chesty Puller understood warfare and the men who fought it better than Sun Tzu. His leadership qualities were second to none. It is in my opinion that this book should be mandatory reading for all officers and enlisted men in our nation's military, all civilian members who manage others, and all schools in America. We desperately need leaders like Chesty in all facets of America. You don't have to be a warrior to be a great leader, you can be a teacher, parent, boss or any other thing, but if you can do it with even half the drive and compassion that Chesty did, then your helping to make America great again.

This was an impressive book if it was marketed as only LtGen Puller's military exploits. These were impressive. But marketing it as a whole-hog biography is disingenuous. Regardless, the tales in this book are impressive. I have a much better appreciation for why the Marine mascot is named Chesty. I would highly recommend this book to anyone looking for a read of the impressive exploits of an extraordinary Marine. For those looking for a true biography should look elsewhere.

Puller is the real deal. Others have discussed the book with a focus on Puller. Let me diverge to discuss the author's talents in describing the military situations Puller found himself in. Some books get into the details of terrain, formation, etc. Davis provided the essence of the battlefield - you felt the mud under your nails and gunpowder in your nose - without arrows and maps. Great job to provide the situation while keeping the focus on Puller.

This was a hard book to put down! I wish we had more like him in our military today! This is definitely a book I will read several times. As a history teacher I learned quite a bit and as a lover of adventure stories I was captivated!

In an age when real heroes are overlooked by so many, it is refreshing to be reminded of the life and times of a man who in his life did so much to protect our nation. Should be required reading in every high school in the country.

General Puller had one of the most interesting and all consuming military careers ever chronicled. His rise from enlisted to the General Officer ranks is an indication of his devotion to the Marines and to military service. The book provides an in-depth understanding of why our military at times suffers because of too many "staff" officers without combat experience.

Lead by example, lead with fairness, lead from the front! Lewis "Chesty" Puller was such a man, a legend in the eyes of his men and fellow Marines, common and unassuming in his own mind. In an era when we crave heroes and we turn to sports figures and Hollywood stars, it would do all some good to stop and review the military and family life of General Puller.

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