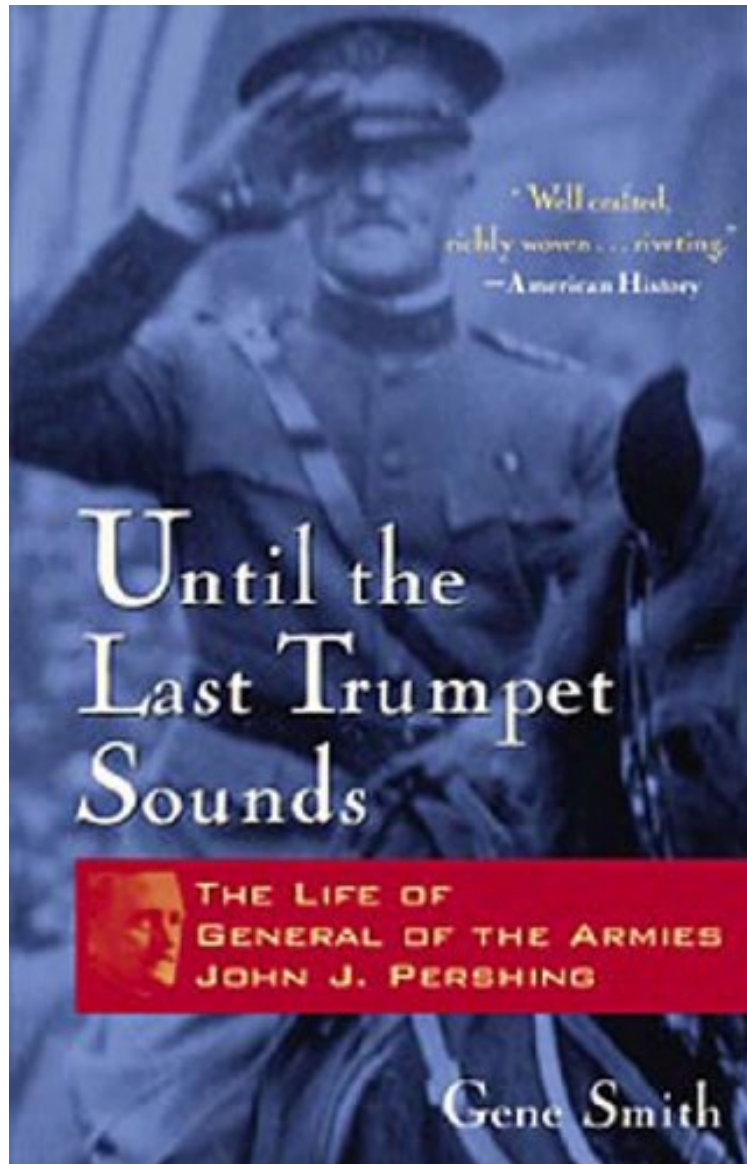


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Von Gene Smith : Until the Last Trumpet Sounds: The Life of General of the Armies John J. Pershing before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Until the Last Trumpet Sounds: The Life of General of the Armies John J. Pershing:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Pretty

good, but not what it could have been. Overall, Smith does a pretty good job of bringing Pershing to life. Prior to reading this book, I knew very little about Pershing. This book got me past that, and a good deal more. The details about Pershing's early life are a little sketchy. As the story moves along, Smith includes more and more info (presumably because more source material exists). I never got a sense of what Pershing's life was like growing up, but I got a lot (bordering on too much) about his relationship with his son and sisters. I wholeheartedly disagree with the very negative review below. This book stays VERY focused on Pershing and, in my opinion, does not give too much detail about other people involved in the story. And, while Pershing may not have been as colorful (or as politically active) as Grant, MacArthur, Eisenhower, etc., he sure as heck earned six stars (which he never wore). With very little support from home, and against a great deal of pressure from the French and British, he trained and formed a US Army out of practically nothing, beat the Germans (don't argue that the French and British could have done it alone), and was the ONLY major voice calling for Germany's unconditional surrender (would WWII have happened if Wilson the others had listened?). The greatness of Pershing's achievement comes through clearly in Smith's book. Sometimes, it's a little harder to get a feel for the greatness of the man.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Pershing himself might have wrote it.

Von Armand D Sanchez This book is awful, to be blunt. First, the information is inaccurate. The book characterizes Pershing as a spoils system man at times and other times as a cruel dictator. Pershing was neither. This paradox left me very befuddled. According to people serving at that time Pershing was a WONDERFUL general compared to the others. Also, the book portrays Pershing as uncompromising and uncooperative with the French/British forces. In reality, he was willing to integrate entire BRIGADES with the European armies. The author fails to point this out. Second, when the book doesn't praise him, it goes on about details about his family. When I read a biography of a person, I expect to read about THAT PERSON. If I wanted to read about that person's family, I would buy a biography of the other members. Also, as I said earlier the book tends to glorify. The fact that the Congress made a new rank just to put him above everyone else is appalling. Pershing was NO Washington OR Grant OR Patton OR MacArthur OR Any other Major General. The fact that he got beyond colonel is appalling. Thus, this book is a very badly written biography and if you wish to read about Pershing, wait for another bio to come out.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good book with an "extended ending."

Von Ein Kunde Smith's style of writing can be hard to get used to, but when that is done, it is easy reading and very interesting. I knew nothing about J.J. Pershing except his nick name and that he was an American general before I ordered this book (and I considered myself a fairly well rounded student of American history). This book was a great addition to my collection of history books. I must admit that I was a bit upset about the ending (there wasn't one, I thought, when there should have been), when the book extended through the lives of the later generations of the Pershing family. However, when I was done completely with the book I saw the author's reasoning behind it all I think. It left a profound feeling of "so that's what has come of the great Pershing line," in me, probably because I am interested in geneology as well (both mine and famous people). I recommend the book very much, to any history or geneology buff.

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