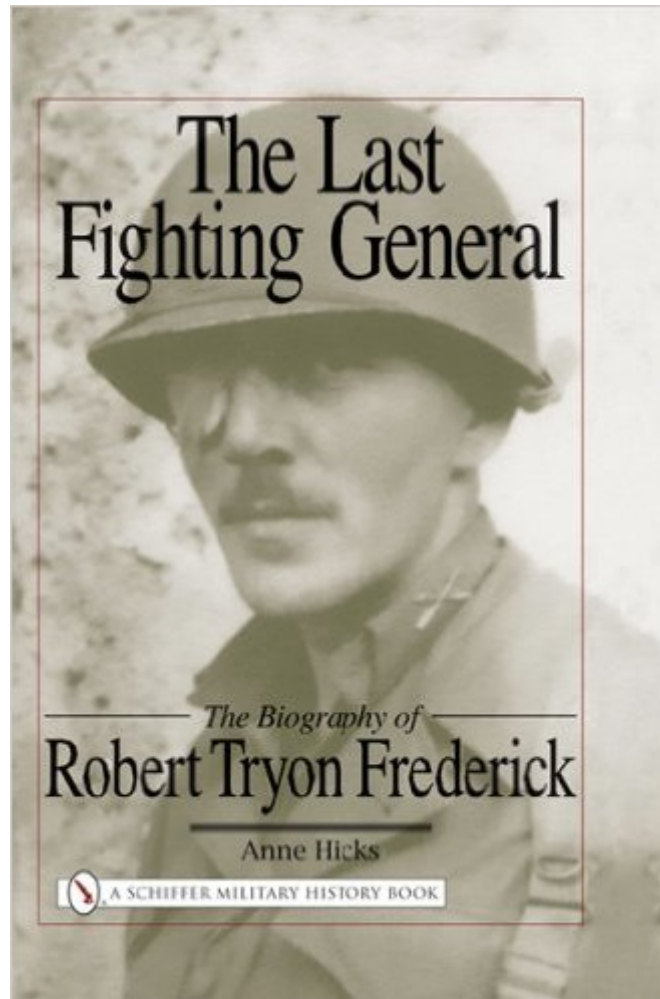


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The Last Fighting General: The Biography Of Robert Tryon Frederick



Synopsis

This is the full story of the legendary U.S. Army officer who formed, trained, and led the unique bi-national First Special Service Force (popularly known as the Devils Brigade). Robert T. Frederick was the youngest ground forces general, the youngest division commander, and one of the most decorated American soldiers in World War II. But Frederick was not just a warrior. Highly intelligent, he was an independent thinker who was as courageous and innovative in peacetime as he was in combat. He pioneered racial integration on army training bases, devised training regimens used throughout North America, and left a record that would seem mythical if not documented. The author also reveals why Frederick ended his brilliant career prematurely.

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Customer Reviews

The story of Gen. Frederick is amazing, to say the least. And, as much of a fan as I was of the movie "The Devil's Brigade," his true-life exploits were not covered nearly enough there, so this book really opens up the whole picture of this amazing individual. However, the writing style (or editing - I don't know which) in this particular book is not worthy of a professional publication. I find on every page errors in word choice, sentence structure, punctuation, idea development, etc. This makes for awkward reading and detracts from the otherwise terrific story. To the Publisher: Fix this book!

This book fills a great void for WWII or First Special Service Force buffs, because it fills in a lot of

detail about that unit's leader - stuff that always seemed alluded to but never discussed in other books about this famous fighting unit. It also covers the General's prewar, post Devil's Brigade, and post WWII army career nicely. I finally found out what happened when he served in the Occupation Forces. He's a thinking man's tough guy, or a tough guy who is a man who thinks. The only thing that got me though, was the writing style. It was a little quirky. many times it seemed the author started a sentence with one subject or tense to finish it with another, different one.

A rich and rewarding look at the founder and commander of the First Special Service Force, and perhaps the most decorated senior ground commander of ww2. General Fredericks early life is well recorded and his combat history is covered well. This is a must have for FSSF and SF historians and recommended for the serious reader of ww2 military history.

An outstanding biography on a true American hero. This is one of the best biographies (possibly THE best) that I have ever read. Not only is the story of General Frederick extremely compelling, but Ms. Hicks does an excellent job in conveying both the professional and personal sides of this great man. I highly, highly recommend this book for any fan of military history, or for that matter, anyone interested in reading about a man who lived life with honor, and who was committed to helping their fellow man.

He was the greatest combat officer I have ever studied. I was fortunate to travel to Italy with several FSSF Vets and their families and walk the terrain they battled over. The first true super commandos as far as I am concerned.

General Frederick created the FSSF and turned them into a legendary band of commandos who would and could meet any challenge in front of them. They were the best trained and most physically fit group in the Italian campaign and the Germans soon learned the "Das dicke ende kommt noch".

This is a very important biography of General Frederick. He was well respected by the men of the First Special Service Force. My father D. H. Yates was a member of the Force, who were also called the Black Devils, and was proud to have served under him.

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