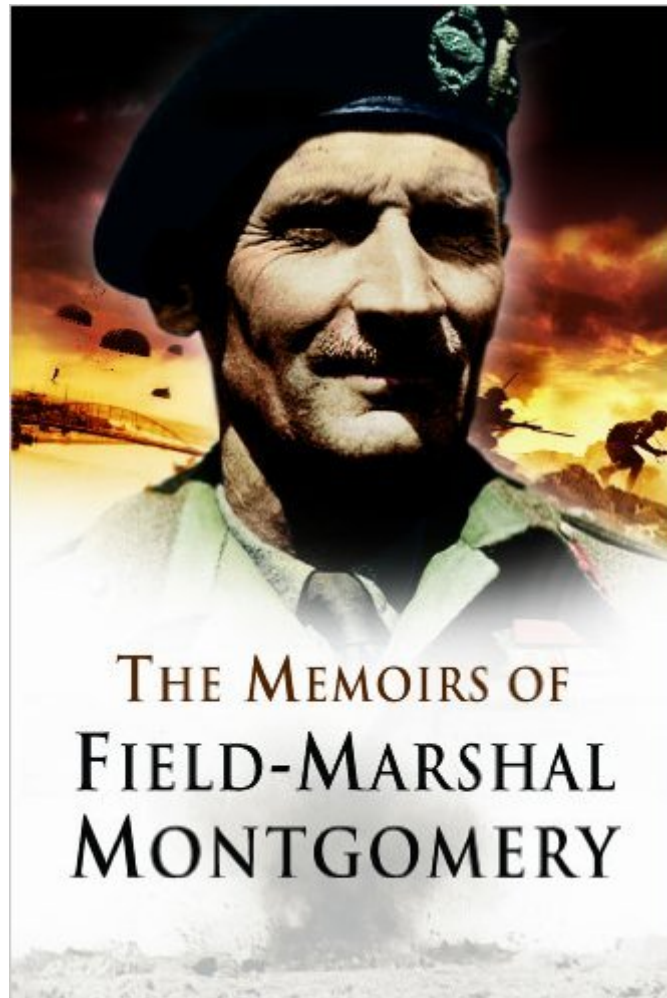




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Synopsis

First published in 1958 Montgomery's memoirs cover the full span of his career first as a regimental officer in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and then as a Staff Officer. His choice of the Warwickshires was due to his lack of money. He saw service in India before impressing with his courage, tactical skill and staff ability in the Great War. Despite his tactless uncompromising manner his career flourished between the wars but it was during the retreat to Dunkirk that his true brilliance as a commander revealed itself. The rest is history but in this autobiography we can hear Monty telling his side of the story of the great North African Campaign followed by the even more momentous battles against the enemy and, sadly, the Allies as he strove for victory in North West Europe. His interpretation of the great campaign is of huge importance and reveals the deep differences that existed between him and Eisenhower and other leading figures. His career ended in disappointment and frustration being temperamentally unsuited to Whitehall and the political machinations of NATO.

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Customer Reviews

While Montgomery's literary style may be less than polished, this is certainly an important WWII memoir- candid, without favor and revealing. (World War II Quarterly, Vol 4 No. 1 2007)

I read this autobiography of Montgomery immediately after re-reading Dwight D Eisenhower's "Crusade in Europe." There is no question but what Montgomery was one of the top commanders in

World War II, but he also has no peer in being self-righteous and narrow minded. That said, his reflections on the qualities of a soldier and leader are profound, and the way he spoke up when he thought important issues were at stake was courageous. Ike by contrast was modest and diplomatic, but he kept bigger pictures in focus. It's a book worth reading a generation after both men have died, and they should be read one after another.

My father, who served in the WW2 Royal Artillery (Italy), had a marked up 1st edition we lost long ago. I can only guess what his remarks may have been, but I decided I had to read the book. I enjoyed especially the early parts of the book about his early career and the North African campaign. The later parts of the book increasingly had speeches, recitations of some of his major orders, and his post war doings that I found aggrandizing and less enjoyable. No matter, excellent reading and highly recommended for anyone interested in Monty and the WW2 U.K. military.

It helps to understand what was seen on the UK side. He must have been a difficult individual to deal with as he certainly thought his plan was the best, and was not pleased when it was not followed. It is a good read, but it takes time to get thru.

Overall, I found the book to be excellent. It filled in many gaps in my knowledge of the British views of WWII and the years following. Unfortunately, I purchased the Kindle edition. Like many others, I am becoming disgusted with 's poor transfers from print to electronic versions. Horrid formatting and spelling errors abound. I'm rating 4 stars based on the content but if I were to rate the Kindle version it would be a lot lower.

Interesting to get the British perspective on the war strategy. Montgomery has not fared well in most of the American memoirs so it is refreshing to have his point of view. A more complicated individual than one might surmise without reading this book.

Very good, if it wasn't for his conceit.

I would still enjoy reading a biography of BLM by unbiased author. There is just too many references of his faults by others close to him that has clouded his image and I'd like to read more. GFE

Very well written , the only thing that I would have liked to see is more of the back and forth with

Eisenhower ,Bradely and Patton .

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