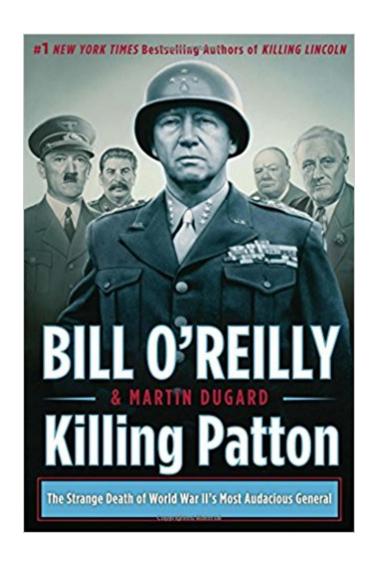
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Killing Patton: The Strange Death Of World War II's Most Audacious General





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Readers around the world have thrilled to Killing Lincoln, Killing Kennedy, and Killing Jesus--riveting works of nonfiction that journey into the heart of the most famous murders in history. Now from Bill O'Reilly, anchor of The O'Reilly Factor, comes the most epic book of all in this multimillion-selling series: Killing Patton. General George S. Patton, Jr. died under mysterious circumstances in the months following the end of World War II. For almost seventy years, there has been suspicion that his death was not an accident--and may very well have been an act of assassination. Killing Patton takes readers inside the final year of the war and recounts the events surrounding Patton's tragic demise, naming names of the many powerful individuals who wanted him silenced.

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After reading Killing Jesus I had high hopes for this book. However, a few chapters into the book I asked myself what is this book is all about and why was it written at all. I couldn't find any facts in the book that hadn't been documented before in numerous books about Patton and WWII. It is certainly not a book about Patton, his life, his career or his death. Nor is it a book about WWII since it covers only the last six months of the war in the Western European theatre. Only the last chapter of the book is related to Patton's death. However the book doesn't reveal anything new but is more of a rehash of some old and debunked conspiracy theories that have been around since his death. Unfortunately O'Reilly plays fast and loose with facts. Some parts seem to have been lifted from other books and from Wikipedia unchecked. The book has many inaccuracies or conjectures unsupported by facts. Many of them seem to be insignificant and don't detract from the overall story

but nevertheless give the informed reader the impression that the author is not in full command of the subject. As an example, the author states that on April 20, 1945, in the garden behind the Reich Chancellery it was the last time Hitler saw the light of day when meeting with young soldiers. Fact is that the last picture of Hitler was taken on April 29 when he made his last visit outside his bunker. Another example, the book states that Skorzeny and Hitler know each other well and go a long way back since Skorzeny used to belong to Hitler's personal bodyguard for a long time. First, Skorzeny was never a bodyguard to Hitler. Fact is that Skorzeny belonged to the 1st SS-Panzer Division "Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler" between 1940 and 1941 as an engineer until he was wounded.

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