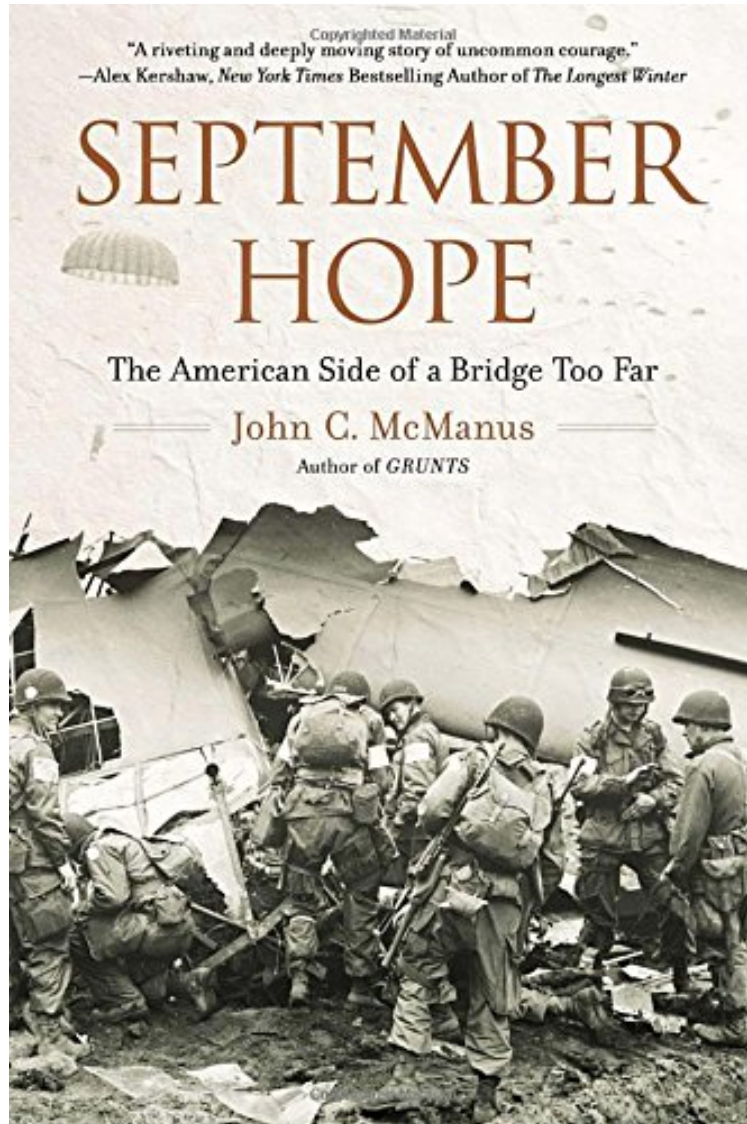


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**John C. McManus : September Hope: The American Side of a Bridge Too Far** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised September Hope: The American Side of a Bridge Too Far:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Courage and TragedyBy CustomerLike a lot of students of WWII, i have read Cornelius Ryan's A Bridge Too Far and watched the movie numerous times, thinking I had a good grasp of the madness and disaster Market-Garden was. Wrong, so wrong. John C. McManus' stirring tale in September correct that in an eloquent story from the American perspective. He gives us the strategic perspective but also takes us

to the platoon level to stand, fight, duck for cover, get wounded and die from this horrendous battle. I greatly appreciated his portrait of Gen. James Gavin and how he led by example amongst his men. McManus also shows us a much more angry and concerned Julian Cook who saw the crossing of the Waal River as a very dangerous undertaking not the casual Robert Redford adventure. McManus doesn't hesitate to put the blame for the disaster of Market-Garden where it belongs: on the shoulders of the Allied Supreme Commander, Eisenhower. A great telling of a horrendous battle that accomplished nothing but a cruel sacrifice of brave men. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I found the book a very good read of Montgomery's Market Garden. By Willem Ridder - Author Countdown to Freedom I found the book a very good read of Montgomery's Market Garden, an operation he clearly lost. McManus missed a few things however. During this period there was a significant battle in and around Overloon. That was not mentioned. There is a large museum in Overloon and it is worth visiting. What I also missed was a reference to the small diary of Montgomery that he kept since El Alamein. He would write about the battles he fought and Churchill whenever he had a chance would add his comments. In the end the little book was called "Ten Chapters". Just about every significant player's signature is included including German generals. What is interesting is that at the end Churchill comments that Montgomery had never lost a major battle. Operation Market Garden that cost the British their Airborne Division at Arnhem is never even mentioned. According to Montgomery the operation was 90% successful. Just ask US Generals what they had to say about this operation, in particular General Gavin. I suggest people read my book: Countdown to Freedom. I was there in Holland at that time. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Read! By Josh's Dad Excellent read! A view of Operation Market Garden that you didn't see in A Bridge too Far. Not just the strategy and tactics, successes and failures; but great first hand interviews with the trauma of combat that no one should have to experience. I have read several of Dr. McManus' books and have found all of them readable and informative.

Acclaimed historian John C. McManus, author of *The Dead and Those About to Die*, explores World War II's most ambitious invasion, Operation Market Garden, an immense, daring offensive to defeat Nazi Germany before the end of 1944. August 1944 saw the Allies achieve more significant victories than in any other month over the course of the war. The Germans were in disarray, overwhelmed on all fronts. Rumors swirled that the war would soon be over. On September 17, the largest airborne drop in military history commenced over Holland—including two entire American divisions, the 101st and the 82nd. Their mission was to secure key bridges at such places as Son, Eindhoven, Grave, and Nijmegen until British armored forces could relieve them. The Germans, however, proved much stronger than the Allies anticipated. In eight days of ferocious combat, they mauled the airborne, stymied the tanks, and prevented the Allies from crossing the Rhine. *September Hope* conveys the American perspective like never before, through a vast array of new sources and countless personal interviews to create a truly revealing portrait of this searing human drama. Includes Photographs

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