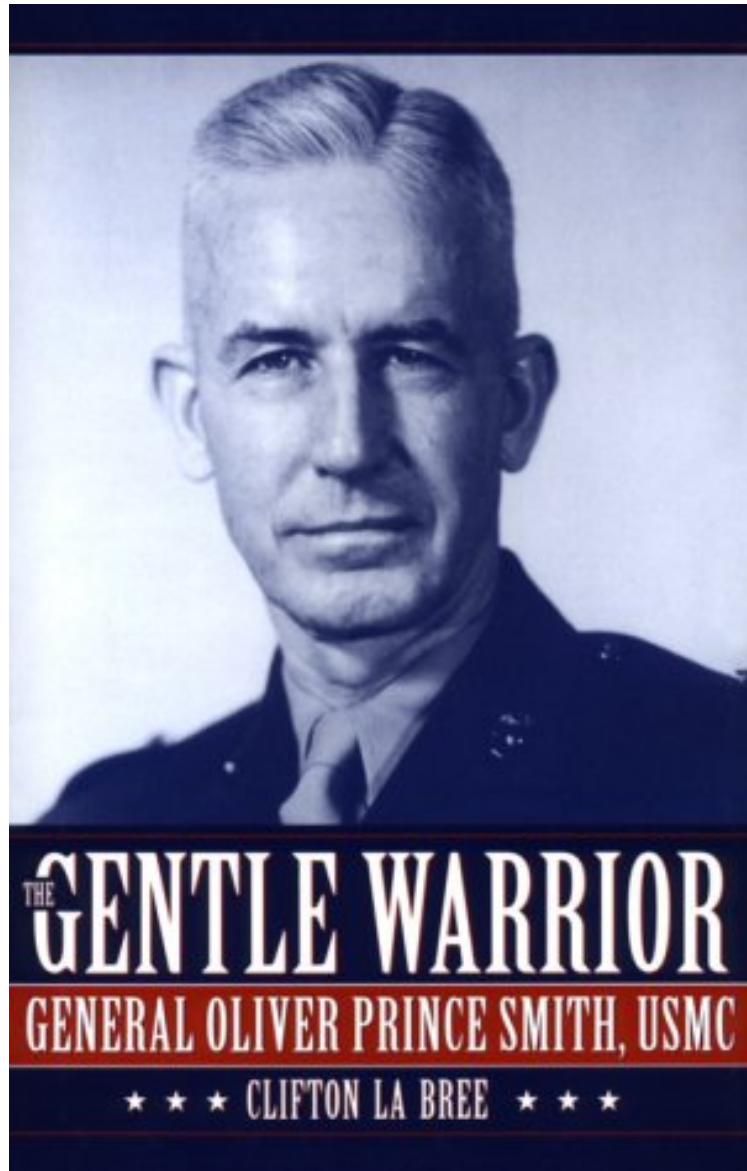


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Clifton La Bree : The Gentle Warrior: General Oliver Prince Smith, USMC before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Gentle Warrior: General Oliver Prince Smith, USMC:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Big D's reviewBy Big DI thought the book was informative, but more of a matter-of-fact textbook style of writing. In addition, it failed to expand on the tremendous challenges that General Smith encountered with his Army and Marine Corps superiors in WWII (Peleliu) and Korea. These issues are

much better described in the book 'For Country and Corps' written by Gail B. Shisler. The argument could be made that Shisler is General Smith's granddaughter and biased in her writing. However I think she is more intellectually honest because she IS the General's granddaughter and had more access to personal, background information and was not afraid to expose the shameful leadership of General Rupertus (Peleliu), General MacArthur and General Almond before, during, and after the Chosin Campaign in Korea. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I very much enjoyed racing this well written book about the lie of ...By Texas66I very much enjoyed racing this well written book about the lie of a great Marine leader, and don't doubt that had another been in charge of of the 1st Mar Div at the Chosin results might have been greatly different. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Reasonably good work about an outstanding USMC leader. By Jerry K. Belew I bought this book because I've always admired General O. P. Smith. He did a hell of a job as the Assistant Division Commander of the First Marine Division at Peleliu during WWII given the fact that the Commanding General (CG) of the 1st MarDiv at Peleliu (Bill Rupertus) was less than great! Later in Smith's career, he did an awesome job as CG, First Marine Division at Inchon and later at the Chosin Reservoir. General Smith got it RIGHT, in spite of the idiocy of his Corps (LtGen Almond, US Army, CG X Corps) commander! Smith was the very epitome of what a leader should be! The author, Clifton LA Bree does a FAIR job of giving us a reasonable overview of the Marine Corps career of O. P. Smith. But, if you're looking for a great amount of detail and the history of WHAT Smith accomplished during his career, you'll be disappointed. I was. I was glad to finally see a book on this great Marine leader, but wish it had had more depth!

In November 1950, United Nations forces in Korea were stopped in their advance toward the Yalu River by Chinese Communist forces and were in danger of being overrun. Vastly outnumbered by enemy forces, the First Marine Division was cut off from its base at Wonson. General Oliver Prince Smith, commander of the First Marine Division, is credited with bringing the division and attached army units to safety, leaving no wounded behind and, in the process, destroying the effectiveness of several Chinese units. Using the general's own notes and diaries, Clifton La Bree describes Smith's long and distinguished career, his command in Iceland in 1940, in the Pacific campaigns, and in Korea. La Bree also acknowledges the key role the army's 31st Regimental Combat Team played in conducting a successful withdrawal from the Chosin reservoir and discusses Smith's wartime dealings with military and political leaders.