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#### Description:

**From** Waller brings to his latest biography the high skills as a biographer that he brought to A Question of Loyalty: Gen. Billy Mitchell and the Court-Martial That Grippped the Nation (2004).

Donovan, the head of WWII's Office of Strategic Services, was a New York Irishman who won the Medal of Honor in WWI. Between the wars, he became successful on Wall Street and a personal friend of FDR. When President Roosevelt was looking for someone to head an intelligence agency not controlled by either the armed forces or the FBI, he called on Donovan. Donovan was at daggers drawn with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and the service intelligence branches, and also recruited too many Ivy Leaguers, but the OSS did pull its weight in wartime intelligence. Donovan also drank too much, chased too many women, lost too many relatives at early ages, and generally did not fit into the postwar world, where the CIA replaced his OSS. Exhaustively researched but not exhaustively written, this will probably stand as the definitive biography of a seminal figure in the history of American intelligence. --Roland Green --This text refers to the edition.

**Review** "Entertaining history...As [Waller] amply shows, Donovan was a combination of bold innovator and imprudent rule bender, which made him not only a remarkable wartime leader but also an extraordinary figure in American history."--*The New York Times Book Review*

"Contemporary history is seldom as relevant and engaging as Douglas Waller's new biography, *Wild Bill Donovan: The Spymaster Who Created the OSS and Modern American Espionage*, which is -- by turns -- fascinatingly instructive and thoroughly entertaining." --*L.A. Times*

"*Wild Bill Donovan*, the founding father of American espionage, jumps off the page in Douglas Waller's superb biography of one of the nation's most important and least understood leaders of the 20th Century. Waller marvelously evokes an era when a matinee-idol character like Donovan could turn Washington into his own secret playground even as he ended America's naivete about the necessity of stealing the secrets of other gentlemen. Waller takes us back to a time, long before bureaucratic sclerosis set in at the Central Intelligence Agency, when American spies lived in technicolor."

-- James Risen, author of *State of War: The Secret History of the CIA and the Bush Administration*

"Whether fighting on the battlefield during World War I, leading the OSS during World War II, or prosecuting Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg, William Donovan's service to his country was historic and extraordinary. In *Wild Bill Donovan*, Douglas C. Waller's impressive research and riveting writing bring the 'Father of American Intelligence' to life, drawing the reader into one of the most thrilling and remarkable periods in American history."

--Lee H. Hamilton, former Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

"This superb, dramatic yet scholarly biography, tells a great deal about the man who built a far-flung intelligence organization from scratch in the midst of World War II." --*The Washington Post*

"In this fast-paced, entertaining and engrossing biography, the author delivers a portrait of a hard-driving, Type A extrovert willing to take on political enemies...A well-calibrated assessment of Donovan and the impact of the OSS on the war...The book is replete with fascinating anecdotes ...and tales of derring-do." -- *the Associated Press*

In *Wild Bill Donovan*, Douglas Waller brings the larger than life William J. Donovan - a World War I Medal of Honor winner, Office of Strategic Services founder, CIA architect, and one of the 20th century's most compelling figures - to life. Waller's impressive skill as a journalist, his expertise about the U.S. intelligence community, and a remarkable writing ability complement one another in this fascinating and insightful portrait of Donovan the man, not the myth, and enhances our

appreciation of his remarkable legacy. General Donovan attributed much of the success of the Office of Strategic Services to “good old fashioned intellectual sweat.” This informative, enjoyable, and important book deserves the same compliment.

--Charles Pinck, President, The OSS Society, Inc.

“An extraordinary portrait of an extraordinary figure in 20th century American history, a man beyond the power of fiction to invent. *Wild Bill Donovan* is brilliantly researched and beautifully told, as evocative and enlightening as it is entertaining.”

--Rick Atkinson, author of *An Army at Dawn* and *The Day of Battle*

“Douglas Waller gives us the definitive portrait of the fascinating, creative, disorganized, brave man who—starting from nothing during our biggest war—created our modern capacity for human intelligence and covert operations. A must for all who would understand American intelligence.”

--R. James Woolsey, Chair, Woolsey Partners, LLC and Director of Central Intelligence, 1993-1995

“In a time when espionage consists largely of technicians in windowless rooms, far from the battlefield, collecting signals and pictures from satellites and drones, it is both refreshing and fascinating to read Doug Waller’s story of the man behind World War II’s spy organization, the OSS. Long before there was a CIA, there was Major General “Wild Bill” Donovan, and Waller’s extensively researched and highly entertaining book takes the reader back to the days when spying meant sending dedicated agents behind enemy lines to risk their lives to steal secrets and help win the war.”

--James Bamford, bestselling author of *Body of Secrets* and *The Shadow Factory*

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