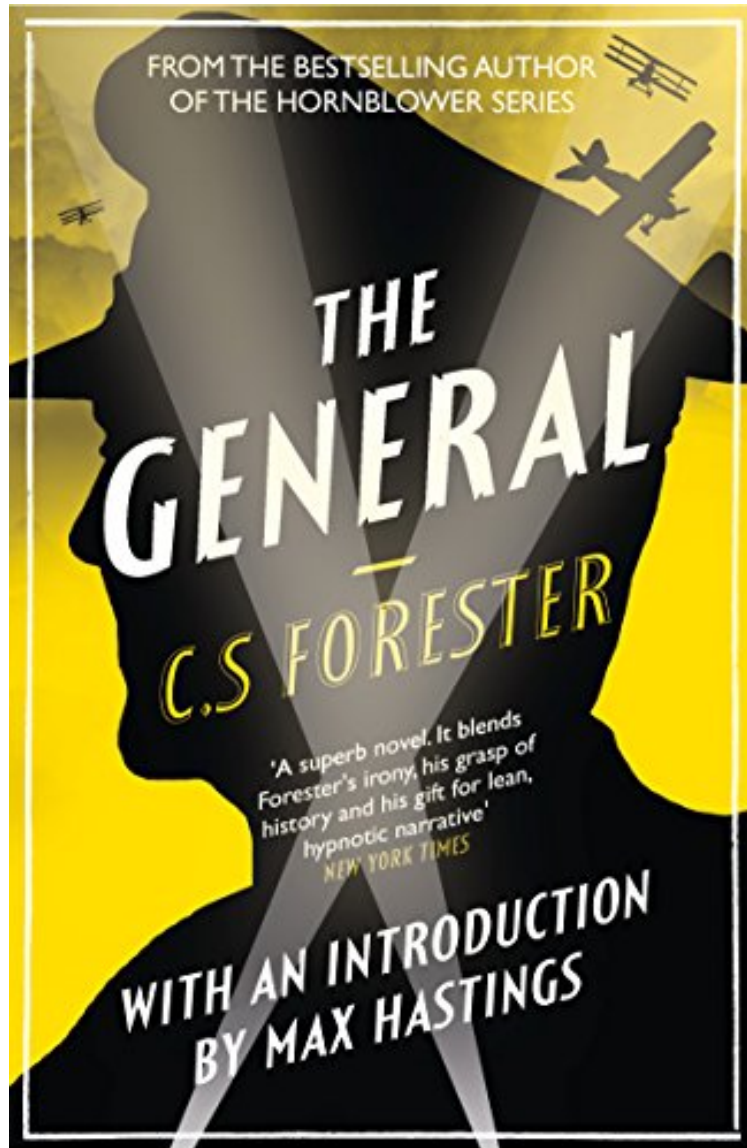


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Aufgrund seines Mutes bekommt er das Kommando über eine Brigade und von 1915 bis 1918 nimmt er als Kommandeur an den Materialschlachten an der Somme teil. Während der deutschen Frühjahrsoffensive 1918 wird er schließlich verwundet. Forester schreibt in seiner beliebten blumigen Sprache und schildert die Persönlichkeit dieser Soldaten sehr detailliert. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Was ist das überhaupt? Von CustomerIt may be a true record of this war but it shows the utter incompetence of the Army at that time and to this day they have still not learned the value of a soldier's life. 0 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. bVon Gnterwar eingeschickt ist gut angekommen bv bv bv bv bv bv bv bv bv bv bv bv bv bv bv

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