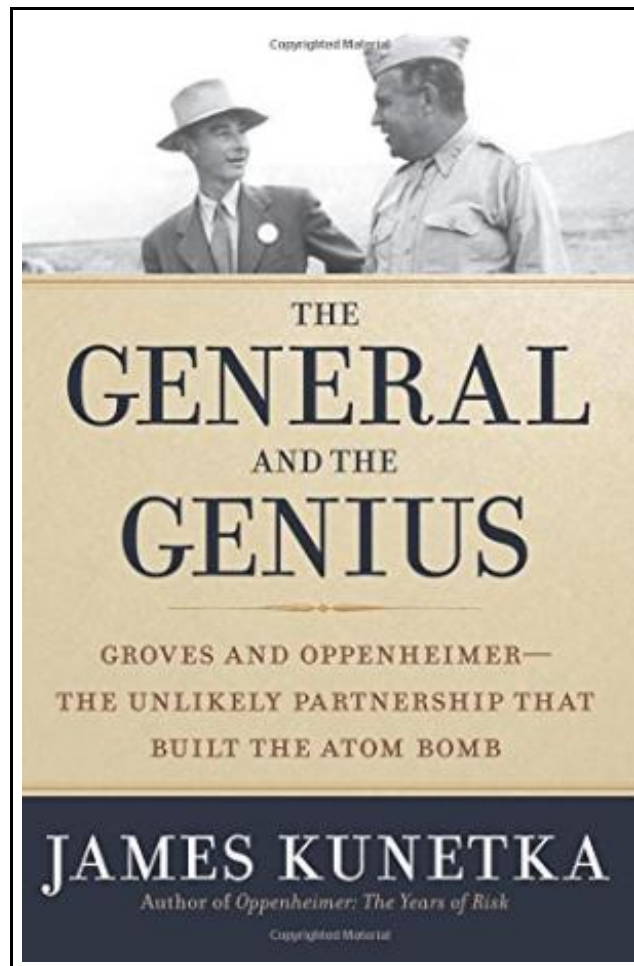# The General and the Genius: Groves and OppenheimerThe Unlikely Partnership that

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