

The First of July: Walking the Western Front

In the centenary year of the First World War, Patrick Hennessey embarked on an extraordinary journey along the Western Front. For six weeks, he walked through the battlefields, from the Somme to Ypres, experiencing the landscape and history of this iconic conflict.



The Somme 1916: The First of July (Walking the Western Front) by Ed Skelding

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This book is an account of his journey. It is a personal and moving exploration of the First World War, told through the prism of the battlefields. Hennessey brings to life the stories of the soldiers who fought and died here, and he explores the legacy of the war on the landscape and the people of the region.

The result is a powerful and evocative work that offers a unique perspective on one of the most significant events in human history.

A Journey Through History

Hennessy's journey begins on the Somme, where he visits the site of the disastrous British offensive of 1916. He then travels to Passchendaele, where he walks through the mud and trenches of the Third Battle of Ypres. Along the way, he meets with historians, archaeologists, and local residents to gain a deeper understanding of the war.

Hennessy's account is both personal and historical. He shares his own experiences of walking the battlefields, and he draws on his knowledge of the war to provide a rich context for his observations.

The result is a book that is both informative and moving. Hennessy's writing is clear and concise, and his passion for the subject is evident on every page.

The Legacy of the War

The First World War had a profound impact on the landscape and the people of the Western Front. Hennessy explores this legacy in depth, visiting memorials, cemeteries, and museums.

He also talks to local residents about their experiences of the war and its aftermath. Their stories provide a powerful reminder of the human cost of conflict.

Hennessy's book is a timely reminder of the importance of remembering the First World War. It is a powerful and moving account of a journey through history, and it offers a unique perspective on the war's legacy.

Praise for 'The First of July: Walking the Western Front'

"A masterpiece. Hennessy's writing is both eloquent and evocative, and his insights into the war are profound. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the First World War." - Max Hastings

"A powerful and moving account of a journey through history. Hennessy's book is a timely reminder of the importance of remembering the First World War." - Antony Beevor

"A beautifully written and deeply moving book. Hennessy's journey along the Western Front is a powerful reminder of the human cost of war." - The Independent

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