# Passchendaele: The Lost Victory of World War

#### **By Scott Nelson**

Passchendaele is a small town in Belgium that was the site of one of the most infamous battles of World War I. The battle, which took place from July to November 1917, was a bloody stalemate that resulted in over 500,000 casualties. Historian Scott Nelson's gripping account of the battle, *Passchendaele: The Lost Victory of World War I*, takes us into the trenches and shows us the unimaginable horrors that the soldiers endured.



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Nelson begins his book by setting the stage for the battle. He describes the strategic importance of the Ypres Salient, a bulge in the German lines that the British had been trying to capture since 1914. He also introduces us to the key players in the battle, including British commander Douglas Haig and German commander Erich Ludendorff.

The battle itself is described in vivid and harrowing detail. Nelson takes us through the initial British offensive, which was quickly bogged down in the mud and rain. He then describes the German counterattacks, which drove the British back to their starting positions. The fighting was brutal, and the casualties were staggering. By the end of the battle, over 500,000 men had been killed, wounded, or missing.

Nelson argues that the Battle of Passchendaele was a strategic failure for the British. He shows that Haig's decision to continue the offensive despite the high casualties was a mistake. He also argues that the battle had a devastating impact on the morale of the British Army.

Passchendaele: The Lost Victory of World War I is a masterful account of one of the most tragic battles in history. Nelson's writing is clear and concise, and his research is impeccable. He has created a book that is both informative and deeply moving.

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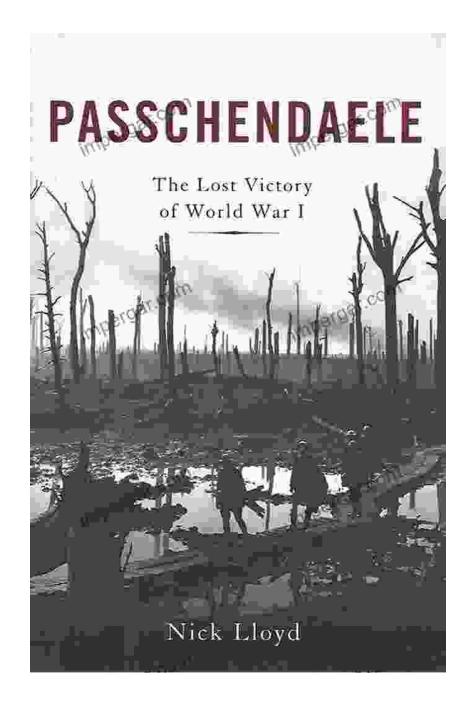
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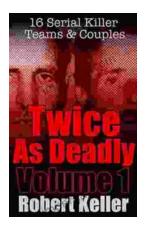
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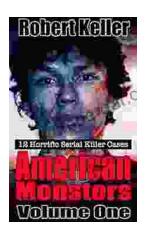
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