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Adventure, Romance And War In The Far East: The Iris Hay-Edie Diary: A Historical Memoir



Synopsis

Adventure, romance and war in the Far East is a fascinating true story based on the diary and memoir of Iris Hay-Edie, an attractive and free-spirited Scottish girl who grew up in the glamorous French Riviera during the 1920s. Suffering under her strict mother, she ran away from home and never turned back. Iris leads us on an enchanted journey around the world and through the Far East to what were then remote colonies of European empires during the 1930s. Reaching Hong Kong, she falls in love, but soon after, the Japanese invade the island and bomb her new home with her and her young family inside it. Opting to escape prison camp, they flee across China, over the "Hump" of the Himalayas, to India, Kashmir and beyond. Her outgoing and positive personality captivates the reader, and her old photos and postcards add an extra dimension of interest to this historical account of her extraordinary life as a rebellious, independent woman in a bygone era of colonial powers and decadence, of the brutal war in the Pacific, and of the growth of the Far East into the powerhouse that Asia is today.

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Fascinating memoir. I could not put it down. Highly recommend.

Iris Hay-Edie led an interesting life throughout her travels and I enjoyed her descriptions and photos of Asia during the 1930's and 40's. The period of the Japanese invasion of China and Hong Kong was especially interesting. I would recommend it to anyone interested in this historical era.

While a bit slow and rambling in the beginning, make it through that to a time filled with adventure, danger and sacrifice. Her character stands firm through it all and the rewards of life are many.

I really enjoyed reading about world travel in the thirties and forties. And about the Japanese takeover of Hong Kong. The trek overland across China on the way to India was remarkable.

Beautifully written and such an incredible account of a most inspiring life. How Iris and her family lived through such harrowing times is amazing. Her first hand account is a treasure.

I have only read a few chapters of this book, and am totally loving it. I almost passed it by thinking it was just a romance novel....it is not, It is Iris's memoirs. And a fun, interesting read.

Interesting. To be able to read history from someone who has lived it is a gift. It was as though we were on the adventure together

Iris lived an astonishing life--full of emotional and physical hardships--with good humor and free of fault-finding. Such a portrait of the greatest generation.

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