



Walking the Woods and the Water: In the Footsteps of Patrick Leigh Fermor from the Hook of Holland to the Golden Horn

By Nick Hunt

NICHOLAS BREALEY PUBLISHING, United Kingdom, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 138 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. In December 1933, an eighteen-year-old Patrick Leigh Fermor set out in a pair of hobnailed boots to chance and charm his way across Europe, like a tramp, a pilgrim or a wandering scholar, on foot from the Hook of Holland to Constantinople. The books he later wrote about this walk, *A Time of Gifts* (1977), *Between the Woods and the Water* (1986) and the posthumous *The Broken Road* (2013), are a half-remembered, half-reimagined journey through cultures now extinct, landscapes irrevocably altered by the traumas of the twentieth century. The brilliant bubble of his writing captures a prelapsarian world of moccasin-shod peasants and castle-dwelling aristocrats, preserved in perfect clarity. But war, political terror and brutal social change lay on the horizon. That bubble was about to burst, and the raw light of the modern world soon to come flooding in. On 9th December 2011, Nick Hunt caught the ferry to the Hook of Holland to follow in his footsteps. Using Fermor's books as his only travel guide he spent seven months walking his route through Holland, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary,...



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