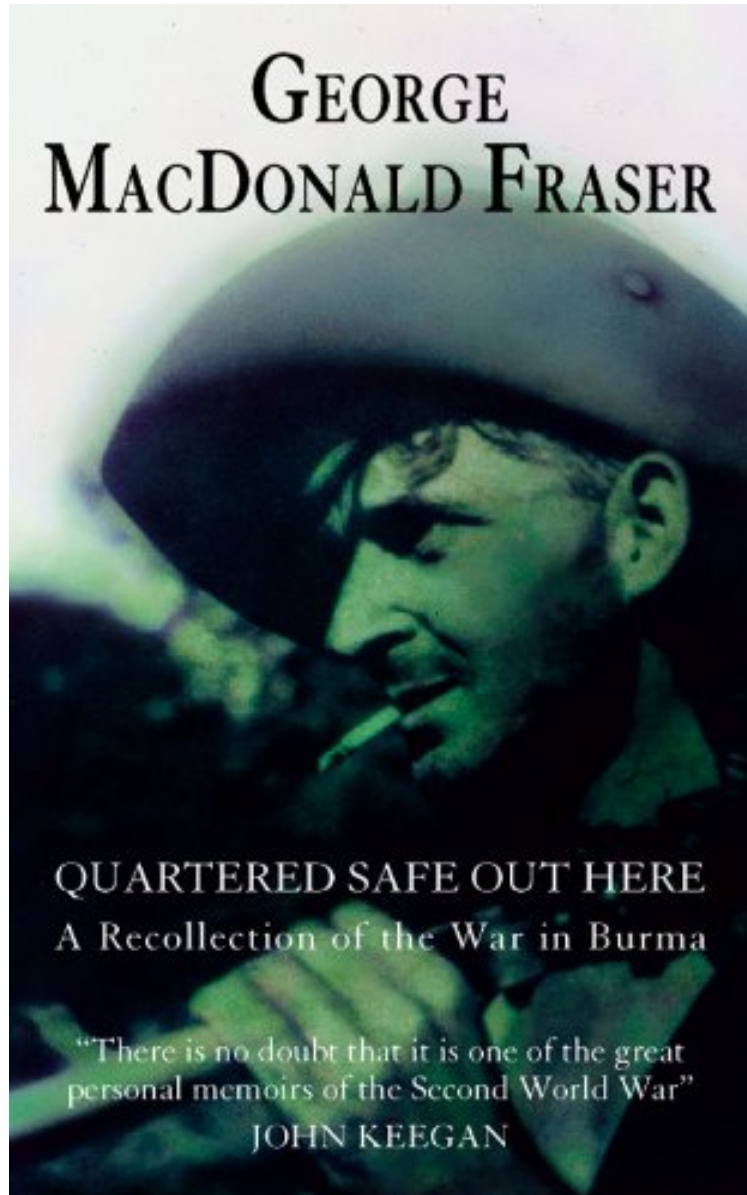


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many pages which contain little more than either cockney-talk of the worst kind or the authors opinions, which do not alter the british war-time mainstream, tiresome stuff that is. Still, in a certain sense the story has its merit: it makes plain, that the mindset of British imperialists did not differ a bit from those of their German or Japanese counterparts. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Makes sense Von Kunde This, to me, appears to be straight from the horse's mouth. Some opinions and attitudes will certainly appear somewhere between unfashionable and offensive to modern sensitivities, but then again, who gives a toss? Thank the powers I've never been in a war, but I have an unhealthy fascination with the subject, and this book is a very plausible representation for me looking in from the outside. 6 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Disappointing Von Robur After tremendously enjoying the Flashman series I thought it might be well worth while to find out what MacDonald had to write about his own war experience. - It wasn't. I don't mind that MacDonald doesn't have a lot of battle experience to relate. The few fights against Japanese forces are gruelling enough and well told. However, the description of his buddies is less plausible - all salt of the earth in their own queer way (and most of them Cumbrians a very special species as Mac Donald keeps repeating time and again). Definitely problematic is the description of India. I can imagine that a young soldier on his first leave for months tends to see everything on a grander scale than it really is. But what the reader is told about the bazaars at Calcutta sounds more like a fairy-tale enriched with clichés about India as viewed from a colonial point of view. It doesn't come as a surprise that MacDonald is a stern advocate of the death-penalty. Furthermore even 50 years after the end of WW II he is unable (or even unwilling) to distance himself from a massacre committed by Indian troops of wounded Japanese prisoners of war (the Indians were supposed to guard the Japanese at night in a make-shift hospital, but preferred to stone them to death. This is all topped off by Mac Donald not distancing himself from the spontaneous reactions of his buddies to a documentary about Belsen when some of them suggested that all Germans should be killed. And finally MacDonald keeps on ranting ad nauseam about present day society. He doesn't like it a bit. Everywhere crime, a weak government, young journalists who will never understand WW II and are therefore not qualified to write let alone pass judgement on it etc. etc. Summing it all up: If you want to enjoy Flashman, avoid this book, because Flashman turns stale if you know that his author really is 100% behind British Imperialism in all of its stages and might be closer to be the alter-ego of his hero than we want to know.

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