



## Paths of Glory: Impressions of World War One Written at and Near the Western Front (Paperback)

By Irvin S Cobb

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Irvin S. Cobb s eye-opening recollections of his time on the Western Front in the First World War features vignettes of rural France and Belgium, army life, and the unfolding carnage of trench warfare. A journalist by trade, Cobb journeyed to Europe in late 1914 to tour portions of the Western Front. By the time he had arrived, the armies were already dug in - the notorious attrition which characterized trench warfare was underway. He notes the use of artillery by the French, realizing that - with aviation still in its ineffectual infancy - these big guns would end up characterizing both offence and defense in the ensuing war. We hear incidental encounters and conversations with French and British officers, details of the remnants of battle and of a landscape shattered by the intensity of the conflict. At one point, Cobb drily remarks: By now half of Europe was one great funeral. Part of it was on crutches and part of it was in the graveyard and the rest of it was in the field. The final chapter carries several grim notes;...

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