



Passport to Hell: Paperback (Paperback)

By Robin Hyde

Auckland University Press, New Zealand, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. 2nd Second Edition, Second ed.. Language: English . Brand New Book. `This man is the biggest, laziest, rottenest, most troublesome-And in the trenches he s one of the best soldiers I ever had. Passport to Hell is the story of James Douglas Stark-Starkie-and his war. Journalist and novelist Robin Hyde came across Starkie while reporting in Mt Eden Gaol in the 1930s and immediately knew she had to write his `queer true terrible story . The result was greeted by John A. Lee, war veteran, author and politician, as `the most important New Zealand war book yet published . Born in Southland and finding himself in early trouble with the law, the young Starkie tricked his way into a draft in 1914 by a subterfuge involving whisky and tea. In his subsequent chequered career in Egypt, Gallipoli and France, he showed himself `a soldier and not a solider , with a `contempt of danger and discipline alike . Hyde took the raw horrors, respites and reversals of Starkie s experiences and composed a work of literature much greater than a mere documentary of war. She portrays a man looting a dead...



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