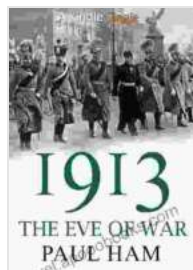


1913: The Eve of War: A Journey into the Heart of the World's Last Peacetime Year

In 1913, the world stood on the brink of catastrophe. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914, sparked a chain of events that led to the outbreak of World War I. In his book *1913: The Eve of War*, historian Paul Ham takes us back to that fateful year, and provides a vivid account of the events that led to the outbreak of the war.

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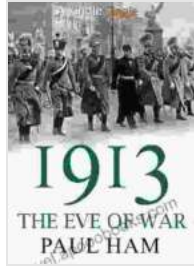
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Paul Ham is a British historian and journalist. He is the author of numerous books on World War I, including *The Great War: A Military History*, *Kitchener's Army: The Men Who Won the Great War*, and *Passchendaele: The Calvary of Sir Douglas Haig*. Ham has also written extensively about the history of espionage and intelligence, and he is the author of *MI5: The Inside Story of Britain's Security Service* and *The Secret History of MI6*.

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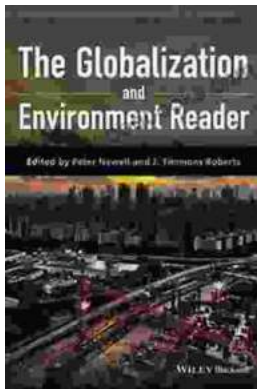
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