The March to Kandahar: Roberts in Afghanistan

The March to Kandahar was a remarkable military campaign fought in 1880 during the Second Anglo-Afghan War. Led by General Frederick Roberts, the British Army marched over 500 miles across the barren and mountainous terrain of Afghanistan to relieve the besieged city of Kandahar.



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The March

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The first major obstacle that the British encountered was the Shutargardan Pass. The pass was over 11,000 feet high, and it was covered in snow and ice. The British had to use ropes and ladders to climb the pass, and they were constantly harassed by Afghan snipers.

After crossing the Shutargardan Pass, the British continued their march towards Kandahar. They crossed several more mountain passes, and they fought off several Afghan attacks. The British also had to deal with the extreme cold and harsh weather conditions.

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The Battle of Kandahar

The Battle of Kandahar was fought on September 1, 1880, between the British Army and the Afghan Army. The British were outnumbered by the Afghans, but they had superior weapons and training. The battle lasted for several hours, and it was fought in intense heat.

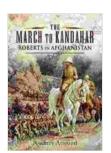
The British eventually defeated the Afghans, and they captured the city of Kandahar. The British victory at Kandahar was a major turning point in the war, and it led to the eventual defeat of the Afghans.

The Aftermath

The March to Kandahar was a remarkable military campaign, and it is considered one of the greatest achievements of the British Army. The campaign demonstrated the skill and determination of the British soldiers, and it helped to secure British control of Afghanistan.

The March to Kandahar also had a significant impact on the development of military strategy. The campaign showed that it was possible to move a large army across a long distance in a short period of time. This lesson was later used by other armies, including the German Army in World War II.

The March to Kandahar is a fascinating and important story, and it is one that should be remembered by all military historians.



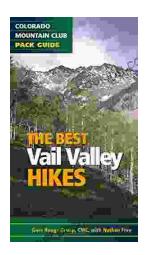
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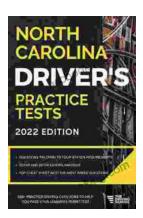
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