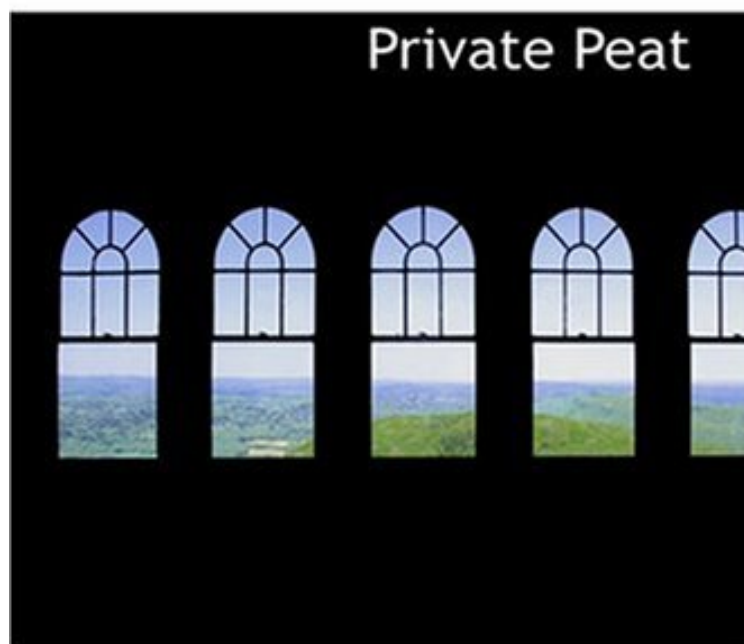


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slasher movies to desensitize society to gore and death, Peat acts as such). Mr Peat spends large chunks of time propagandizing against the Germans. He uses every opportunity to spread rumors and diminish the fighting qualities of the German soldiers. This is new for me, all the memoirs I've read have respected their foes. He mixes this in with vivid, real, action packed accounts of the front and rear lines to make himself seem honest. This is one of the few memoirs I've read where I actually felt that the author was misleading in parts about being and seeing some of the things he wrote. However, I do appreciate Peat's service and I do understand the desire to combat the German propaganda machine rampant in America at the time, to honor his fallen comrades, and to make a small name for himself while doing his part for the war by getting more Americans and Canadians to sign up for service. There is a lot to take out of this book and you should read it, but through a filter of knowledge and understanding. There are too many vignettes of early 20th century ephemera to pass up. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Private Peat By Tami Brandt In this record of the author's experiences as a private in the great war he has tried to put emphasis on the things that seemed to him important. It is true he set out to write a book of smiles, but the seriousness of it all came back to him and crept into his pages. Yet he hopes, along with the grimness and the humor, he has been able to say some words of cheer and comfort to those in the United States who are sending their husbands, their sons and brothers into this mighty conflict. The book, unsatisfactory as it is to him now that it is finished, at least holds his honest and long considered opinions. It was not written until he could view his experiences objectively, until he was sure in his own mind that the judgments he had formed were sane and sound. He gave it to the public, hoping that something new will be found in it, despite the many personal narratives that have gone before, and confident that out of that public the many friends he has made while lecturing over the country will look on it with a lenient and kind eye. Inscribed "to the boys who will never come back." This is a first-hand account of World War I from a Private in the Third Battalion First Canadian Contingent after he was discharged. Illustrated with maps and illustrations. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. hindsight is 20/20 By aunt mimi I am a collector of WWI ephemera. This book was written during the War and not several years afterwards, which is why it appealed to me. Even with the editing on his part of the atrocities of the Huns, Peat's views come through as to the war and conditions. The Triple Entente is good and the Huns are bad. He is a Canadian and enlisted in 1914. The last several chapters implore the U.S. population not to listen to German propaganda about Great Britain, their level of participation in the War, and the Home Rule issue for Ireland. Read it for a first hand account of actions and feelings of a WWI soldier.

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