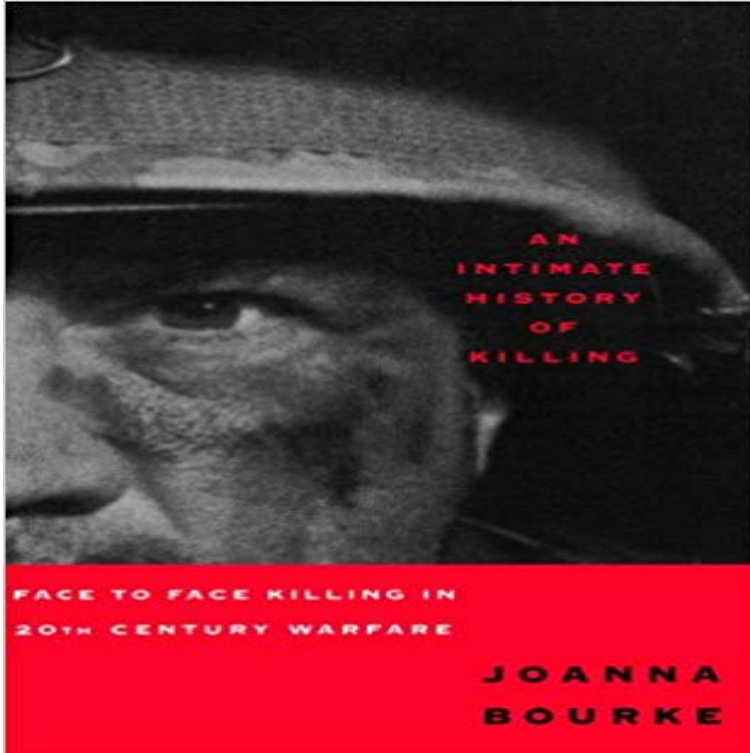


An Intimate History of Killing: Face to Face Killing in Twentieth Century Warfare



The characteristic act of men at war is not dying, but killing. Politicians and military historians may gloss over human slaughter, emphasizing the defense of national honor, but for men in active service, warfare means being - or becoming - efficient killers. In *An Intimate History of Killing*, historian Joanna Bourke asks: What are the social and psychological dynamics of becoming the best citizen soldiers? What kind of men become the best killers? How do they readjust to civilian life? These questions are answered in this groundbreaking new work that won, while still in manuscript, the Fraenkel Prize for Contemporary History. Excerpting from letters, diaries, memoirs, and reports of British, American, and Australian veterans of three wars (World War I, World War II, and Vietnam), Bourke concludes that the structure of war encourages pleasure in killing and that perfectly ordinary, gentle human beings can, and often do, become enthusiastic killers without being brutalized. This graphic, unromanticized look at men at war is sure to revise many long-held beliefs about the nature of violence.

Agradable ruta realizada junto al Bilbao Alpino que parte desde la localidad alavesa de Guinea, en la vertiente Sur de la sierra de Arkamo y que discurre por las cimas de Olvedo, Pelistornes y Cantoblanco.

Desde Guinea el camino es muy evidente, ya que las dos primeras cimas están muy cerca y separadas por un pequeño collado. Su subida es corta y casi directa y está señalizada justo a la salida del pueblo.

Al Olvedo se llega relativamente rápido. A pesar de que las nubes a veces nos impiden apreciar las vistas, el paisaje se intuye precioso.

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Para pasar del Olvedo al Pelistornes tan sólo tenemos que cruzar el collado y llegaremos en apenas 10 minutos a nuestra segunda cima del día.

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Una vez coronadas las cimas anteriores hay que continuar la travesía en dirección a la al Cantoblanco, que se asciende tras un durillo cortafuegos.

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Desde la cima tenemos justo en frente el Montemayor, máxima altura de la vecina sierra de Arkamo. 2017-01-22_13-00-09

Finalmente, iniciamos el descenso hacia la curiosa localidad de Salinas de Añana...

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...donde podremos completar la ruta con una visita a las propias Salinas.

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Una ruta de unos 15 kilómetros sin dificultades reseñables. Únicamente se hace necesaria logística de vehículos. De no tener esta facilidad entonces es mejor realizar únicamente la subida al Olvedo y Pelistornes.

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Sin embargo, no decaemos. Cogemos el testigo y no vamos a desistir en su intento, por lo que los retos que no conseguimos cumplir en 2016 serán los que tratemos de realizar en 2017, más algunos otros, a ver qué os parecen. Seguir leyendo

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