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As the blurb on the back of the book says It is the definitive account of the most serious uprising against British rule in the 20th century.Great book that brings multiple sources and

accounts to a mostly forgotten part of WW1. The race for oil was on..this I knew But the haphazard an dysfunctional way the race was undertaken by the British is eye opening. The flight within the British Government well the India office and Middle East department cost thousands of lives, needlessly. That said, they were in a part of the world of which they knew little, though they could paraphrase their colonial expertise and didn't listen to the one woman who actually knew the area the most, Gertrude Bell. My favourite area of the world, all the key players and my hero Gertrude. Mind you, the book has caused me to take pause and rethink about Gertrude. While I am not that happy about this I am determined to find out. Nothing like finding out your hero is something like a human.

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oilfields that never returned on their early potential Read it and weep.

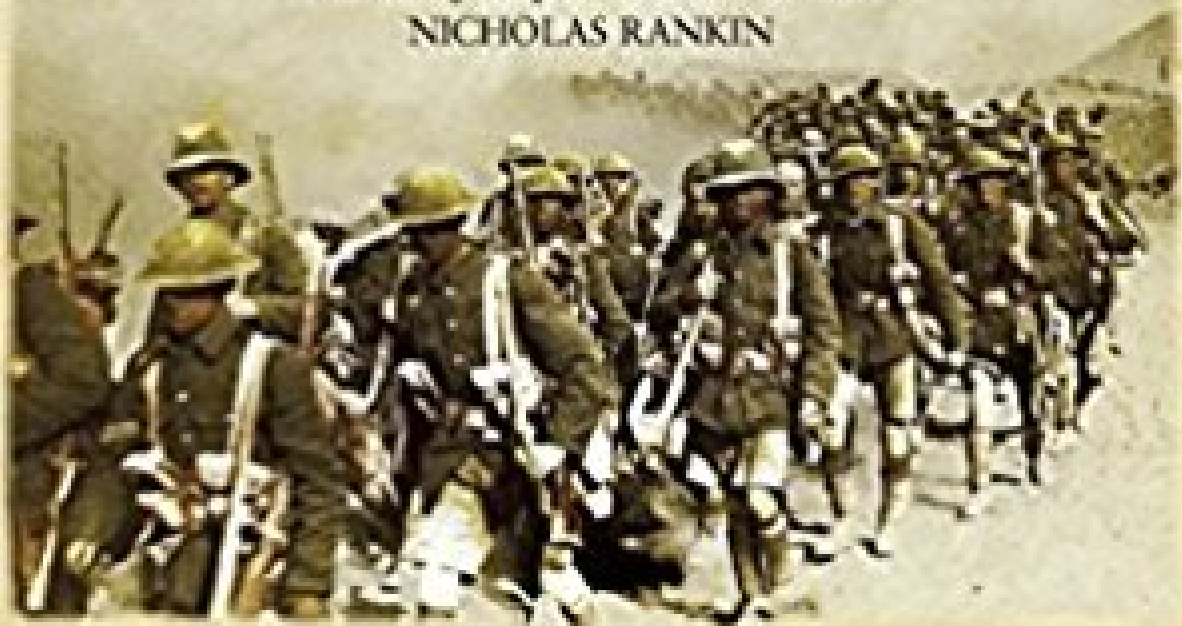
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