

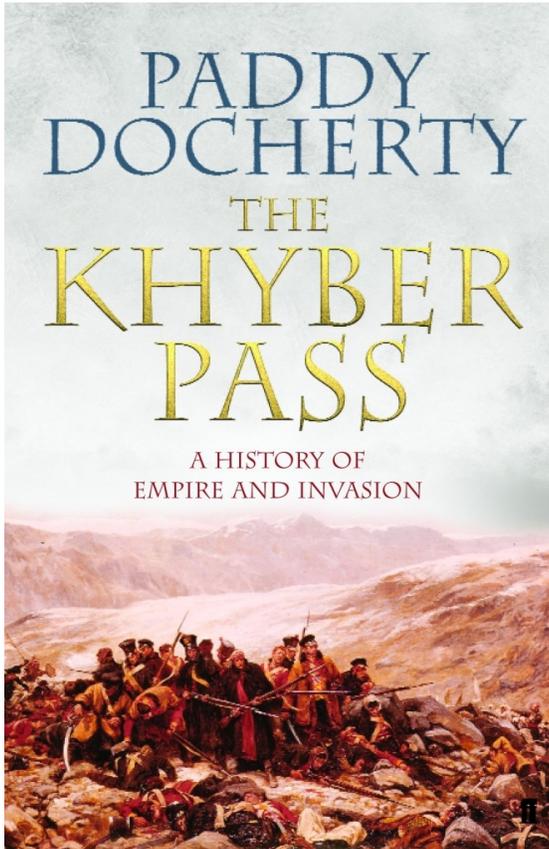
# Praise for *The Khyber Pass*

Paddy Docherty

Faber & Faber, May 2007, £17.99  
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--- A *Financial Times* Book of the Year 2007 ---

--- Shortlisted for the Longman/*History Today* Book of the Year Award 2008 ---



Excellent... tells his story with imagination and enthusiasm. His masterful grasp of events is embellished with vivid reconstructions of ancient warriors tramping through the Pass. – *The Spectator*

An energetic and readable introduction to the succession of armies and warlords, emperors and dynasties who passed through the Khyber from Darius to Osama bin Laden ... what Docherty does do very well is remind us that globalisation is not a recent phenomenon. – William Dalrymple, *Financial Times*

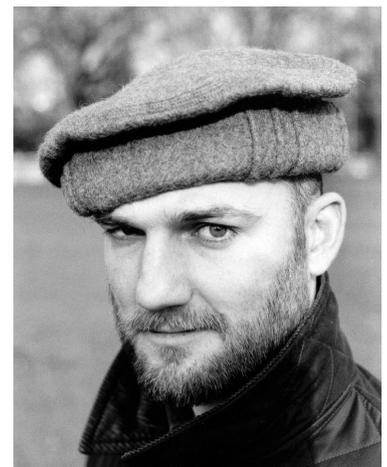
Whatever you do, read this book... Docherty has written a fascinating and extremely ambitious study of the Khyber Pass. The scope of his researches is as challenging as the physical terrain at the heart of this book ... The value of Paddy Docherty's book lies in its encapsulating in one volume the blood-soaked, spiritually charged history of one of the world's most interesting and savagely beautiful little corners. – *Literary Review*

Docherty has made a decent fist of a very tricky project and his command of a diverse selection of sources is impressive ... his enthusiasm for his subject is infectious. The Taliban may no longer rule in Kabul, but the centuries old 'tense Khyber atmosphere' is clearly still in evidence. – *Sunday Telegraph*

The long, turbulent and complex history of the Khyber Pass and the surrounding Hindu Kush makes for fascinating reading, and Docherty's excellent book is recommended to anyone looking to get beyond their *Carry On* acquaintance. – *Sunday Herald*

The main achievement of Paddy Docherty's book is to convey the importance of this "strategic possession without equal"... There are plenty of fascinating tales along the way. – *New Statesman*

"...highly readable and informative... related with verve and considerable understanding... He not only senses the time-old frissons of daring and danger that the Pass inspires, he also relays them to his readers in a manner of which John Buchan would have approved." – *Times Literary Supplement*



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