## Journey to Lhasa: The Diary of a Spy



In 1904, a young British officer named William Montgomery McGovern disguised himself as a Buddhist pilgrim and traveled to Lhasa, the forbidden city of Tibet. His mission was to gather intelligence on the Tibetan government and the Dalai Lama. McGovern's diary, which forms the basis

of this book, provides a unique glimpse into a world that was closed to outsiders at the time.



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McGovern's journey was fraught with danger. He had to cross treacherous mountain passes, endure extreme weather conditions, and avoid detection by Tibetan patrols. He also faced the constant threat of being arrested or even killed. But McGovern was determined to complete his mission, and he eventually reached Lhasa in disguise.

Once in Lhasa, McGovern spent several months gathering intelligence on the Tibetan government. He met with high-ranking officials, attended religious ceremonies, and observed the daily life of the Tibetan people. He also witnessed the Dalai Lama's return to Lhasa after a long absence. McGovern's diary provides a fascinating account of these events, and it offers valuable insights into Tibetan culture and politics.

In 1905, McGovern was forced to leave Lhasa when his disguise was discovered. He returned to India with a wealth of intelligence that would prove to be invaluable to the British government. McGovern's journey to

Lhasa is a story of courage, determination, and adventure. It is also a valuable historical document that provides a unique glimpse into a world that was closed to outsiders at the time.

### **Praise for Journey to Lhasa**

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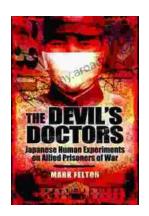
#### **About the Author**

William Montgomery McGovern (1877-1957) was a British officer, explorer, and author. He was born in India and raised in England. McGovern first traveled to Tibet in 1903, and he returned in 1904 in disguise. His diary of his second journey, which forms the basis of this book, is a valuable historical document. McGovern also wrote several other books about his travels in Tibet and Central Asia.



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