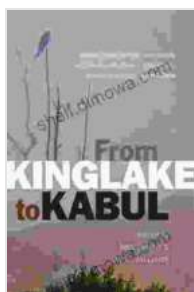


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In 1842, the British were forced to retreat from Afghanistan. As they made their way through the treacherous Khyber Pass, they were ambushed by Afghan tribesmen. Almost the entire British army was wiped out.

## **The Second Anglo-Afghan War (1878-1880)**

The Second Anglo-Afghan War was a more successful venture for the British. In 1878, the British invaded Afghanistan again, this time with the aim of securing their control over the country. The Afghans fought bravely, but they were no match for the British army.

In 1880, the British installed a new ruler on the throne and withdrew from Afghanistan. However, the British remained deeply involved in Afghan affairs. They continued to provide military and financial support to the Afghan government, and they frequently intervened in Afghan politics.

## **The Third Anglo-Afghan War (1919-1921)**

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In 1921, the British withdrew from Afghanistan. The Afghans had won their independence, but the country was left in ruins.

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## **About the Author**

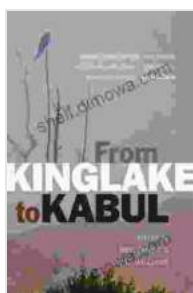
Alexander Kinglake was a British historian and travel writer. He is best known for his book *Eothen*, which describes his travels in the Middle East in the 1840s.

Kinglake was born in Somerset, England, in 1809. He studied law at Cambridge University and was called to the bar in 1837. However, he soon abandoned his legal career to pursue his passion for travel and writing.

In 1842, Kinglake traveled to the Middle East. He spent two years exploring the region, visiting Egypt, Palestine, Syria, and Turkey. His experiences in the Middle East inspired him to write *Eothen*, which was published in 1844.

Eothen was a critical and commercial success. It was praised for its vivid descriptions of the Middle East and its insights into the region's history and culture. Kinglake went on to write several other books, including *The Invasion of the Crimea* (1863) and *A History of the Crimean War* (1877-1880).

Kinglake died in London in 1891. He is considered one of the greatest travel writers of the 19th century.



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