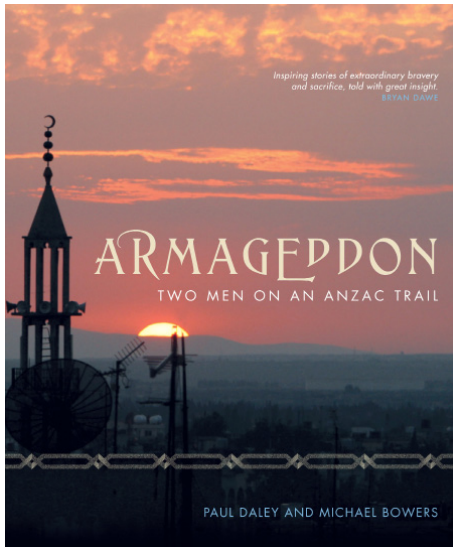


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ARMAGEDDON Two men on an Anzac trail

by Paul Daley & Michael Bowers

Almost a century after the Australian Light Horse fought a series of epic and bloody battles against the Turkish Army across the deserts of the Middle East, Paul Daley and Mike Bowers retrace the steps of the men and boys who fought there.

From enemy trenches where they charged the Turks on horseback, to narrow mountain passes where, exhausted, they slept in their saddles in retreat, Paul and Mike visit the hostile and lonely places where the Australian soldiers lost and buried their mates.

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