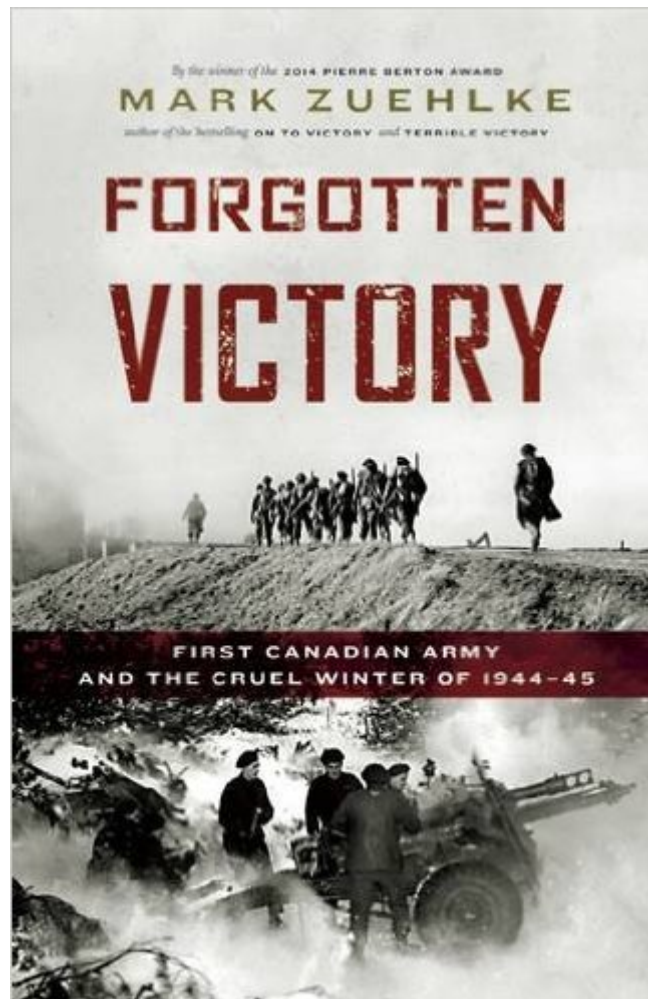


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# Forgotten Victory: First Canadian Army And The Cruel Winter Of 1944-45 (Canadian Battle Series)



## Synopsis

During the winter of 1944&#150;45 the Allies desperately sought a strategy for Germanyâ€™s quick defeat. From the Swiss border to the North Sea, hundreds of thousands of soldiers in trenches and dugouts suffered through the bitterest European winter in 50 years, while their generals debated and schemed in the war rooms. In this grim environment, First Canadian Army engaged in deadly patrols behind the German lines and fought costly skirmishes to gain control of small patches of contested ground. After much debate, the Allied high command decided that First Canadian Army would launch the pivotal offensive to win the war &#151; an attack against the Rhineland. Winning this land would give them a launching point for driving into Germanyâ€™s heartland. On February 8, 1945, First Canadian Army launched Operation Veritable. Advancing on the heels of the greatest artillery bombardment yet fired by the western Allies, thousands of Canadian and British troops advanced into an inferno of battle. Infantrymen were forced to fight relentlessly, alone and often at close quarters, for 38 grueling days. Their story is one largely lost to the common national history of World War II &#151; Forgotten Victory gives this important legacy back to Canadians.

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