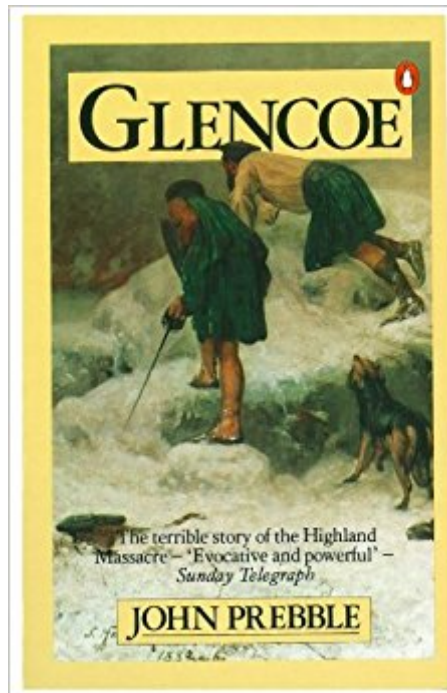




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Synopsis

'You are hereby ordered to fall upon the rebels, the MacDonalds of Glencoe, and to put all to the sword under seventy.' This was the treacherous and cold-blooded order ruthlessly carried out on 13 February 1692, when the Campbells slaughtered their hosts the MacDonalds at the Massacre of Glencoe. It was a bloody incident which had deep repercussions and was the beginning of the destruction of the Highlanders. John Prebble's masterly description of the terrible events at Glencoe was praised as 'Evocative and powerful' in the Sunday Telegraph.

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As a blood member of Clan Campbell I always make every effort to avoid the subject of Glencoe. For some reason though I picked up this book and I am glad that I did. John Prebble has done an excellent job of telling the whole story in this book and I have found that the legends leave a lot of the story out. This is a book that would be of interest to all people with Scottish ancestry, especially to those of Clans Campbell and MacDonald. It seems that King William had become the target of mocking tongues around Europe because he could not control the Highlanders. He and his Secretary for Scotland, the Master of Stair were willing to do anything to solve the problem except spend money. Stair, a Lowlander had the normal Lowlander's hatred for the Highlanders and it was he who was most responsible for the massacre. But there is plenty of blame to go around. The Campbells of course are not blameless for they actually carried out to plan, although they had no idea what they had been sent to Glencoe for until just hours before the deed was to be carried out. There were also very thinly veiled threats against the commander of the expedition if he failed to carry out the orders delivered to him less than twelve hours before the massacre was to commence.

Campbell of Glenlyon, the commander of the troops involved, and most of his command had very good reason to despise the MacDonalds of Glencoe and were well chosen for the mission. After the massacre many Campbell troops carried home household items and animals that had been stolen from them by this set of MacDonalds. There was even a kettle in the chief's kitchen that had been stolen from the Campbell commander himself.

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