

Eve's Journey:

1923

— the diary of a singular woman

What would motivate a thirty-year-old woman to set out alone on a walking tour in 1923?

Eve Brackenbury left a surprisingly intimate diary, written as she travelled through England and Scotland with Hotep, her pack donkey.

In crossing the moors with Hotep, walking for hours in appalling weather and fending off threatening or unwanted attention, Eve showed herself to be a spirited, brave and resourceful person.

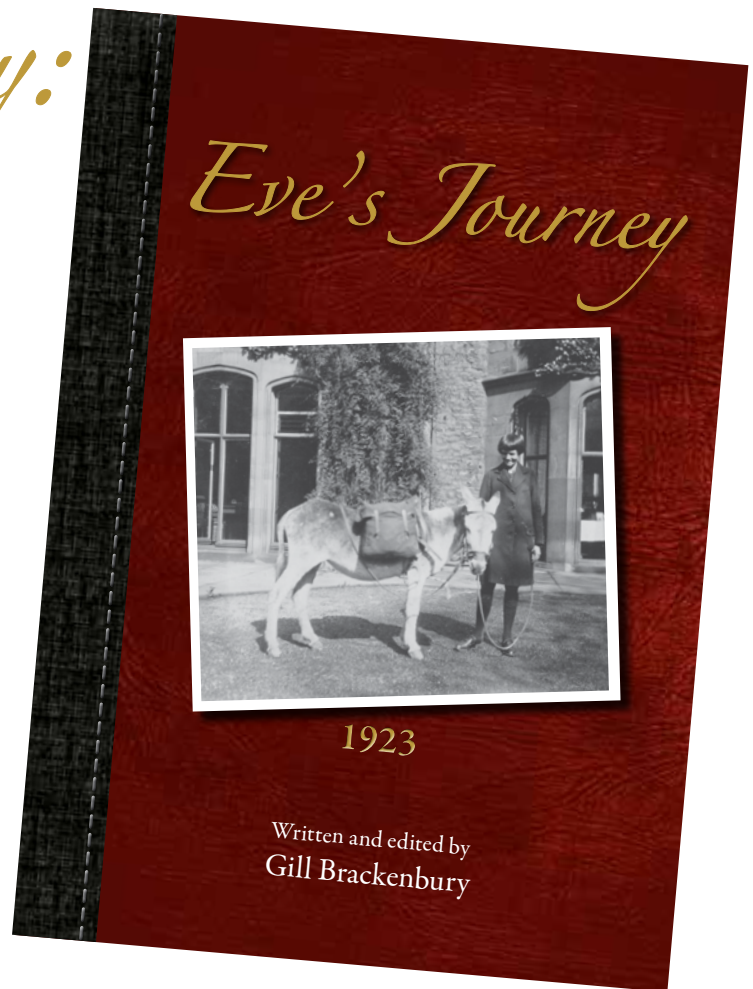
“During the first part of the walk the scenery was magnificent but rather frightening. The wind howled through the telegraph wires overhead, making a weird uncanny lament as we climbed higher and higher. For many miles there was no sign of human habitation, no sheep, no birds — we seemed to be the only living creatures in a wilderness of stern grey boulders and wind-flattened grass.”

“Seven men came into the stable But for Hotep's unexpected and timely intervention I might have fared rather badly and I made up my mind to be more careful”

Eve, a post-WWI Bohemian young woman, captures the reader with her quirky interests, her spark of wickedness and inclination to shock people, her very matter-of-fact approach to men and sex, and the courage and curiosity with which she explores personal boundaries and rises to the challenge of new, and sometimes risky, experiences.

“Everything is worth trying at least once.”

Eve's diaries are presented by her granddaughter Gill Brackenbury.



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KEY SALES POINTS

- Thirty-year-old Eve's intimate entries in her 1923 diary reveal a colourful piece of social history – an authentic and compelling woman's story.
- Braving the long walk alone with her pack-donkey, despite warnings of people being murdered or dying on the moors, a spirited Eve confronts many hardships and challenges. What is driving her?
- Threatening encounters and unwanted attention require Eve's quick thinking and steady nerve. Being a very sociable person had its drawbacks!
- Eve's first-hand accounts of: meetings with the Sovereign of the secret aristocratic gentlemen's club 'The Beggar's Benison', a risky visit down the famous Ashington coal mine and an illegal cockfight.
- Eve's story provides a window into post-WW1 life, fringe pastimes and her links with the literary set, particularly Rebecca West.

