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This unique Regiment of Scouts was raised by Lord Lovat in 1900, mainly from Highland stalkers. Valiant, hardy and unorthodox, they and their successors distinguished themselves in two world wars. In a variety of roles they were always superb in fieldcraft, spying and reconnaissance. Today they still exist proudly in the Northern Isles. Their story is now told for the first time with eye-witness accounts of their exciting exploits and also of many strange and amusing incidents. Written with realism, humour and affection, this unusual book can be described as "a living contribution to Highland history". Michael Ian Leslie Melville1918 - 1977 was educated at Eton, read Agriculture at Balliol, and served in the Lovat Scouts from 1936 to 1951. A Chartered Surveyor, he managed land from the Highlands to the Borders and farmed near Selkirk. He married Cynthia Hambro and had three children and five grandchildren. Mike was a countryman with a keen knowledge of trees and birds who loved Scotland. He involved himself in all field sports and particularly fox hunting, and deer stalking. He was a deputy lieutenant for Ettrick and Lauderdale and a Member of the Royal Company of Archers.



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