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This article is a personal memoir of Patrick Leigh Fermor as the author knew him for half a century. It describes him as a man, as a writer, as a scholar and as an entertainer, and explains why he was loved as much as he was admired. It includes brief passages taken from his books, to give an illustration of the fact that he was no ordinary writer: his sheer exuberance, together with his astonishing erudition, ensured that a book or article by him was unlike that of any other writer.