



Curse of Cromwell: The Siege

An historical graphic novel written by Dermot Poyntz and illustrated by Lee Grace.

Graphic novel brings Cromwell's Curse to life.

"Of England, that old tyrant, who makes her treaties with the whole wide world, but breaks her faith only with the weaker nations. Who during those ten years of war marched with her Bible in one hand and her sword within the other, strewing her texts around her while she burnt and killed beating her own record as a land of robbers and of hypocrites. Pass it down the generations, this story of a nation's woes."

Randal McDonnell – *When Cromwell came to Drogheda.*

Ireland 1650 - After Cromwell's lightning campaign the previous year, he is now marching his army in two columns bound for Kilkenny & Tipperary. Having ravaged Drogheda & Wexford, giving quarter to none, he marches on Clonmel with the expectation that the town will surrender immediately. Mission Clonmel is garrisoned by 1,500 seasoned Ulster Pikemen under the command of General Hugh Dubh O'Neill. They intend to sell their lives dearly to the Parliamentarians, who are bent on exterminating the Catholic Irish.

Poyntz and Grace portray this brutal period in Irish history from the October Rebellion of 1641, to Cromwell's disastrous siege of Clonmel, and near ruin of his New Model Army in 1650.



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