



## *The Ickniel Way*

By Edward Thomas

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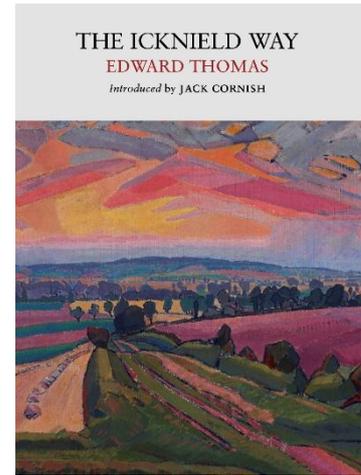
‘The idea of the Ickniel Way may conjure grandeur, but the Way as experienced and described by Thomas is varied, beautiful and ordinary, and it is precisely its everyday, changeable nature which makes it so wonderful.’ *Jack Cornish*

In *The Ickniel Way*, originally published in 1916, Edward Thomas walks one of the great ancient footpaths of England, The Ickniel Way, which runs from Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire to Suffolk, and connects to the Great Ridgeway, and has a claim to be one of Britain’s oldest roads. In startling and evocative prose, Thomas recounts the history of the path through the ages, tells us how it was established, the people who have used it and takes us on a journey through time and place. One of Thomas’ great prose works, republished alongside Little Toller’s editions of *The South Country* and *In Pursuit of Spring*.

**Edward Thomas** (1878-1917) was a poet and writer. Educated in London and at Oxford, for many years he was a writer of books about the countryside and a book reviewer, before finding success as a poet. In 1915 he enlisted in the army and was killed at the Battle of Arras in 1917.

**Jack Cornish** is the author of *The Lost Paths*, and is Director of England at The Ramblers, Britain’s walking charity.

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