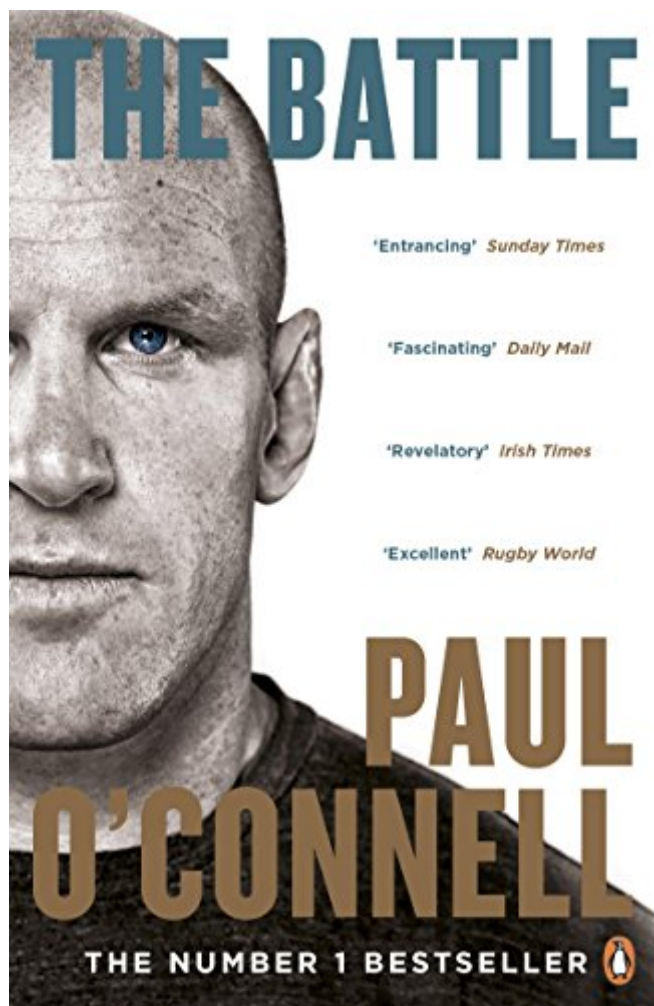


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A great Man for communicating clearly and giving credit where credit is due to people who helped him throughout his life and career. Leads by example. His attention to detail is evident in this book. An entertaining read for any Irish or Rugby fan in general.

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