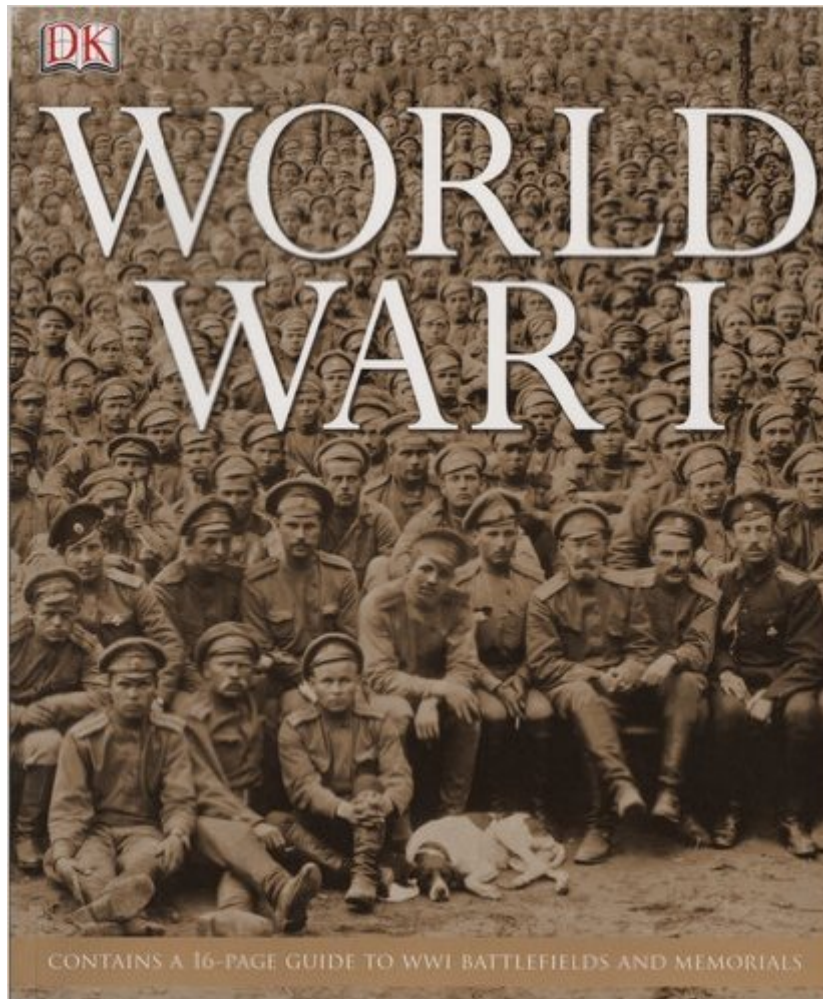


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# World War I: Contains A 16-Page Guide To WWI Battlefields And Memorials



## Synopsis

From the animosity-filled years prior to 1914 through the Treaty of Versailles and from the European campaigns to naval battles, this book explains the causes of the war, the course the war followed, and what made it the most costly and destructive war in the world's history. Enhanced edition, with 16 additional pages of a gazetteer including WWI memorials, battlefields, and museums.

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## Customer Reviews

Beautifully illustrated, and well written. The first chapter called "the Road to War" takes you from 1878 to 1914 and describes the tensions in Europe that lead to war. The rest of the book covers 1914 through 1923. It describes the war on all fronts including what was happening in the Middle East and Russia. The photos are stunning and include pictures of a line of Mark V tanks, the evolution of the machine gun, Russian soldiers caught in barbed wire, etc. Many maps are included showing troop movements and battles. I didn't notice any of the typos mentioned by the previous reviewer. This is a great book for anyone wanting an complete overview of World War I and I highly recommend it.

With all due respect to the man from BC, Columbia, this is an excellent book. If you are a visual person you will love this book. It is full of photos, maps, personal histories and letters. Yes, he is correct, there are some errors present, but nothing so significant that it takes away from this wonderful book. The price on is only \$27, not \$60, so go ahead put it on your wish list, it really is a great book!

Great graphics and excellent photographs. A comprehensive view of the war including all theatres. But too many typos and careless mistakes in the text make one wonder what other errors one is missing.

This is the second copy of this book that we have purchased. My husband had a copy but gave it to a grandson who is interested in war history. He stated that he had not found many good books on World War I. He spent a lot of time reading it while he was visiting us at Christmas time and we told him to take it home with him. I then ordered a second copy for my husband who says it is an outstanding book on the subject and very comprehensive. If you only have space on your book shelf for one book on World War I, we suggest this one.

If you are looking to fork \$60.00 for photos that's great, however there are serious flaws in the editing of this mammoth book. Photo captions are wrong eg. pg 4 "British army in a trench January 1914"!!! They wear helmets introduced in late 1915, early 1916! The war wasn't on in January 1914! Several pictures describing uniforms and equipments are wrong. Here again British Army 1914 section shows a grenade and ammo vest as a "knapsack". There are several spelling mistakes throughout the text as well. Perhaps one of the most glaring errors, is the battle of Tannenberg maps. Russian first army is to the south and the 2nd army to the north positions switched in the 2nd map. The first and 3rd maps show correct positions. TOO LITTLE INFO on some areas and too much in others. H.P. Willmott is an excellent historian. However this book tries to get through on Flash and style and little to any on substance. Most of these annoyances could have been proofed better. Save your cash if you want a good WW1 history book and good photos and maps buy Cassells WW1 by Robin Prior. A far better read, and or John Keegan's 'The First World War.

I thought that DK's World War I did a good job of finding a middle ground between giving an overview of the war without putting in too much detail. There are many pictures throughout the book showing scenes from actual battle along with photographs of museum pieces of equipment that was used in the war. There are many maps that illustrate how battles and fronts played out. Also included are short biographies of many key individuals, mostly generals. It starts out describing the events that led to war. How increased tensions ultimately snapped with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. From then on it describes many major events of the war. From Germany's Schlieffen Plan, the battles of the Somme and Verdun, the entry of the Americans, and

the eventual end of the war. This is an excellent book and anyone interested in the big picture of World War I should own it.

I'm not one to enjoy the word "fan". For one thing, it's short for "fanatic" which I hope I'm not and never become. I also tend not to like things done by particular authors, without being critical (not necessarily negative) of them. That being said, I'm something of a fan of H.P. Wilmott. He wrote two of the best books on the Pacific War (Empires in the Balance and The Barrier and the Javelin) and he tends to be very thoughtful and intelligent. This book is a survey history of the First World War, produced by DK Publishers with many maps and photographs. It's similar to, and directly competes with, the "Essential Histories" series that Osprey's been publishing recently. Generally, these books are oversized, and include many illustrations, and small sidebar articles that highlight aspects of the book's subject. Here, the photos are quite good: one interesting idea was a series of pages, throughout the book, in which are laid out all of the equipment soldiers of a particular nationality used. There's a page for the Germans, the French, the British, and so forth, right down to the Americans and Turks. It's not just a display of their guns: also included are uniforms, and such things as eating utensils, knapsacks, entrenching tools, and the like. A book such as this doesn't just require writing and editing. A typical book requires almost no composing: you merely lay the pages one after another. One like this requires a considerable amount of composing, though, because the layout is more like that of a magazine than a book. This is harder to do, and you have to wonder if the person who did it has any experience in the field: there's a missing half-paragraph about two-thirds the way through the book, and since the caption error that one of the earlier reviewers noted has been fixed here, you have to think that they either \*added\* this mistake, or no one caught it. That being said, the text is interesting, if not groundbreaking, and the illustrations are on the whole quite good. I am not a fan of the three-dimensional map, and the ones produced here seemed particularly useless, but outside of that everything's well done. I enjoyed this book and would recommend it.

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