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Various Authors (Edited By Michael Foss)

Keynote

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This wide-ranging anthology presents a portrait of a nation and its allies engaged in the greatest catastrophes in human history. From the hellish visions and overwhelming grief of early writers, to the more private and personal reflections of the poets of the Second World War, this collection is a eulogy to them all.

Sales Points

- Featuring poetry from the leading war poets including Sassoon, Owen and Rosenberg, as well as those less well known for such writing - Hardy, Kipling and D.H. Lawrence
- Also includes works from members of the armed forces involved in both wars, as well as contributions from civilians
- 2014 marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War
- Compiled by Michael Foss, winner of the J.R. Ackerley Prize

Reviews

- 'Chronicles the extremes of life in the first half of the twentieth century and the changing attitudes towards the war' - *Discover Your History*
- 'Not just for poetry lovers but as a remarkable portrait of war' - *Family Tree magazine*