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Historical Fiction: World War I Era

DB54896 All Quiet On The Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Classic World War I novel depicting the horrors and futility of armed conflict. Nineteen-year-old German private Paul Baumer relates the daily routine of ordinary soldiers in the trenches and tells how warfare affected him and his three classmates. Portrays young men who may have escaped bullets but were destroyed by their combat experience. 1929.

DB48082 Regeneration; World War I Trilogy 01 by Pat Barker

Based on the true story of two men who met during World War I--Dr. William Rivers, a renowned neurologist, and Siegfried Sassoon, an officer and poet. In July 1917, Sassoon writes a letter protesting the war and is sent to the Craiglockhart War Hospital for evaluation. There he and Rivers debate the struggle between conscience and civic responsibility. 1991.

DB49506 A Farewell To Arms by Ernest Hemingway

Romance between American lieutenant Frederic in the ambulance service in Italy during World War I and the English nurse Catherine Barkley, who tends him when he is wounded. When Catherine becomes pregnant, she refuses to marry Frederic. 1929.

DB71970 Fall Of Giants; Century Trilogy 01 by Ken Follett

Saga of five interrelated families in the early twentieth century. Welshman Billy Williams enters the coal mines, British lady Maud Fitzherbert falls for German spy Walter von Ulrich, Russians Grigori and Lev Peshkov endure revolution, and American Gus Dewar becomes a diplomat. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

DB24870 Parade's End by Ford Madox Ford

Four novels brought together in one volume that trace the personal life of Christopher Tietjens and the social history of Tory England in World War I and after. Includes "Some Do Not ...," "No More Parades," "A Man Could Stand Up--," and "The Last Post" which were published in the 1920s. 1928.

DB13639 The Passing Bells by Phillip Rock

A British aristocratic family headed by Lord Greville lives a leisurely life with maids, butlers, and chauffeurs who know their place. The outbreak of World War I brings great changes; the Grevilles's high spirits fade, barriers between the classes begin to crumble, and new romances defy tradition. Some violence. 1980.

DB58188 Johnny Got His Gun by Dalton Trumbo

Classic antiwar novel presents the internal monologue of a young soldier maimed during World War I. Hospitalized Joe Bonham, drifting in and out of consciousness, is beset by past memories and present horrors. Violence, some descriptions of sex, and some strong language. 1939.

DB72025 A Duty To The Dead; Bess Crawford 01 by Charles Todd

1916. British nurse Bess Crawford returns to England to convalesce and travels to Kent to convey a message from dying patient Arthur Graham to his brother. There Bess helps nurse a shell-shocked soldier back to health--and becomes uncomfortably enmeshed in Graham's family secrets. 2009.

DB75271 The Absolutist by John Boyne

England, 1919. Veteran Tristan Sadler returns from France bearing a packet of his comrade Will Bancroft's letters, which he delivers to Will's family. As Tristan recounts his wartime experience, the truth of his relationship with Will--and Will's death--come to light. Violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2011.

DB88703 Three Day Road by Joseph Boyden

Cree Indians and best friends Xavier and Elijah enlist in the Canadian Army in 1915, envisioning becoming heroes. Their experience as hunters leads both to become snipers on the battlefields of World War I. This leaves a lasting impact and affects them in ways they could not have imagined. Unrated. 2005.

DB67808 Maisie Dobbs; Maisie Dobbs 01 by Jacqueline Winspear

Thirteen-year-old Maisie is lucky to be a maid in the home of a wealthy London suffragette who sees to her education. Maisie becomes a private investigator in 1929 after serving as a nurse during the Great War. Her first case involves a shelter for wounded veterans. 2003.

DB75215 The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian

Syria, 1915. Elizabeth Endicott is helping Armenian refugees from Turkey when she meets Armen Petrosian, whose family has been wiped out by genocide. Years later Armen and Elizabeth's granddaughter Laura learns of her forebears' history--and a buried secret. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 2012.

DB32538 The Return Of The Soldier by Rebecca West

Chris Baldry, shell shocked and home from the war on sick leave, remembers Jenny, his cousin, and Margaret, an early girl friend, but not Kitty, his wife. He also appears to regain the vigor of his youth. But when the three women gamble an attempt to restore his memory, the result is a bitter-sweet surprise. 1918.