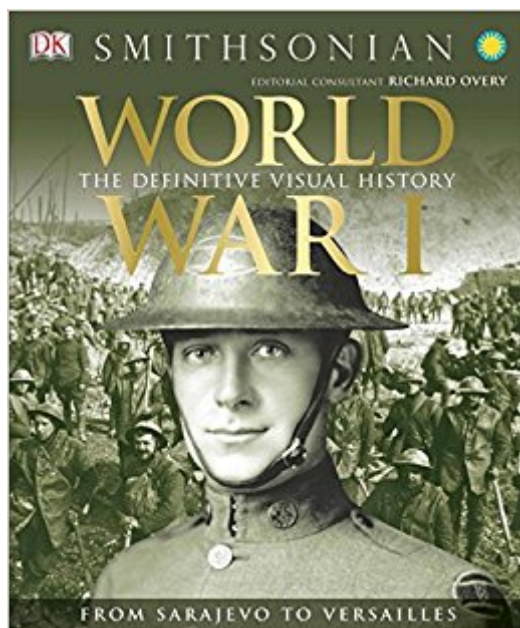


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# World War I: The Definitive Visual History



## Synopsis

2014 marks the centennial of the start of World War I. DK will mark the occasion with the publication of *World War I: The Definitive Visual Guide*, a vividly illustrated, in-depth account of the Great War. Written by historian R. G. Grant, and created by DK's award-winning editorial and design team, *World War I* charts the developments of the war from a global perspective. Using illustrated timelines, detailed maps, and personal accounts, readers will see the oft-studied war in a new light. Key episodes are set clearly in the wider context of the conflict, in-depth profiles look at the key generals and political leaders, and full-color photo galleries showcase the weapons, inventions, and new technologies that altered the course of history. A vivid portrait of the confrontation on land, sea, and sky, *World War I: The Definitive Visual Guide* offers readers a bold and thoughtful new look at this complex and explosive moment in history.

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"Capturing the full experience of WWI is a formidable task, but this new, comprehensive account by historian Grant comes close. He presents information in an accessible manner and makes it easy to peruse a rich array of articles, detailed maps, and images. The selection of images builds a remarkable portrait of the war. This is a broad, moving, informative account of the war that's perfect for both the young, budding historian and the well-versed WWI reader."  *Publishers Weekly* "A visual wonder of important historical events, as promised in the title."  *Library Journal* "This volume presents a unique and concise approach to examining the key moments of the Great War, from just prior to the declaration of war through its aftermath."  *Booklist*

My husband and I fell in love with DK (especially the Smithsonian line) during a trip to the Smithsonian museums. The books are filled with an immense amount of information which is presented in a fascinating, readable way. Of course the author couldn't include absolutely every single detail about the subject at hand, but they still did a wonderful job. The photos are gorgeous and a perfect complement to the information being presented. The books themselves have sturdy binding and stout construction.

One of the best and more complete books I have. And it is a beautiful and impressive volume. Just bought it to "commemorate", as you will, 100 years of the start of this turning point in the history of mankind. The pictures and charts are amazing denoting a caring and profound research into war archives all over many countries and lands. Thanks for editing such a great item of historical masterpiece.

Perfect price, quality and addition!

great educational book

What a wonderful book. My son who is a freshman covered this subject this year in school and was really into the information. This book covers everything he learned about and the visuals are outstanding and in color. I can't wait to give this to him. I don't know why but he found WWI more interesting than WWII.

Just what I was looking for.

Bought this book for my husband and he absolutely loved it. It was also way bigger than we expected.

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