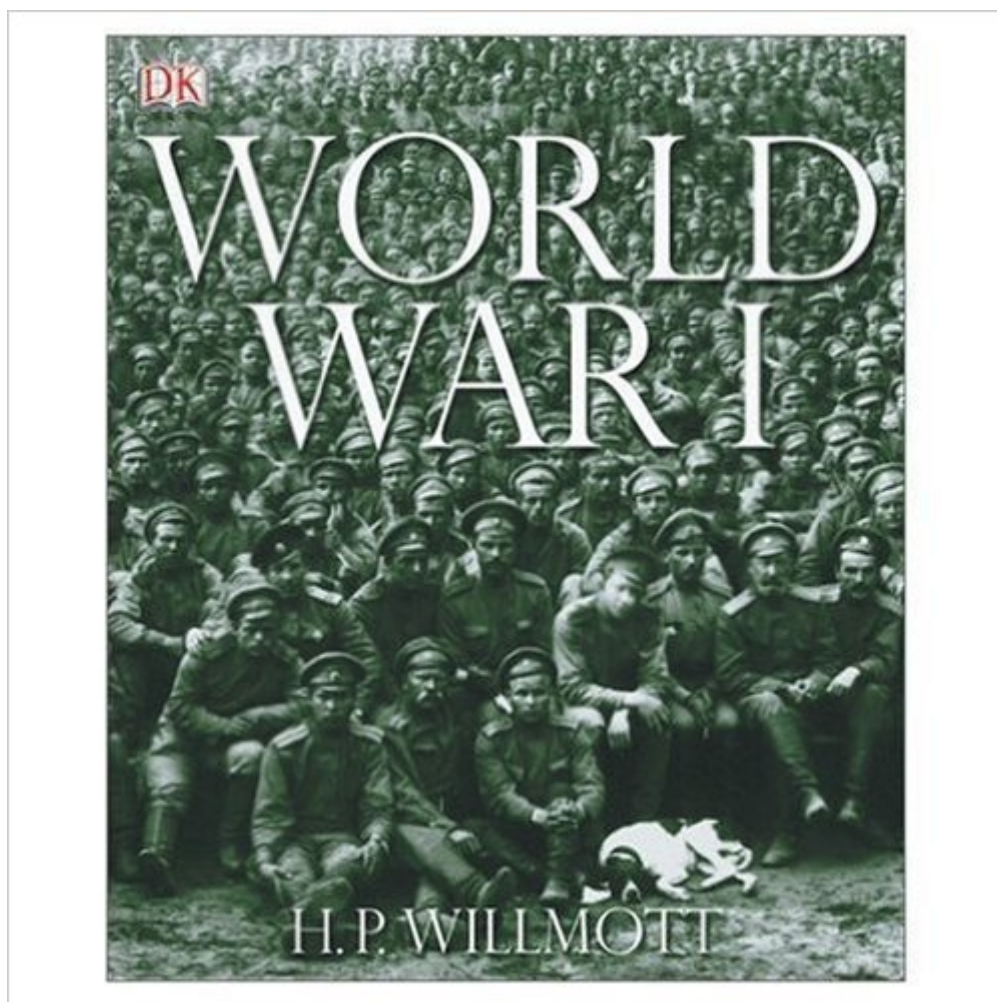


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I'm not one to enjoy the word "fan". For one thing, it's short for "fanatic" which I hope I'm not and never become. I also tend not to like things done by particular authors, without being critical (not necessarily negative) of them. That being said, 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.

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