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THE YOUNG PERSON'S GUIDE TO WORLD WAR I

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INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK

In the early years of the 20th century, a war between the nations of Europe seemed inevitable. When it eventually came in 1914, it was greeted with considerable enthusiasm. Military and political leaders thought that a short, sharp war would bring stability to world affairs. But the Great War of 1914–1918 lasted four long years and its outcome was in doubt even to the very end.

Nine out of ten soldiers survived, but for many, the physical and mental scars would never heal. This 'Lost Generation' had been forced to grow up quickly and confront ever more ingenious killing methods. After the war, many felt that 'the flower of youth' and 'the best of the nation' had been destroyed. For those that did survive, the world had changed forever.

Produced by award-winning author Martyn Barr, **The Lost Generation** is the story of the First World War, from its origins in a far-flung corner of Europe to its bloody and bitter conclusion, and written especially for today's generation of young people.

Copies of **The Lost Generation** can be ordered online at www.OOTBShop.co.uk, where discounts of up to 20% are available for bulk educational orders. A 50p donation is made to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal for every copy sold.

The publishers would like to thank Hugo Fenwick, who generously sponsored this book to mark his year as High Sheriff of Kent and made it possible to distribute free copies to many secondary schools. We would also like to thank Dr Will Butler from the Department of Modern History at the University of Kent for his invaluable advice and for checking the copy for accuracy.

REVIEWS OF THE LOST GENERATION

"This book is a valuable guide for a youth audience, or anyone approaching this subject for the first time. It is richly illustrated, covers a significant amount of detail, and avoids those well trodden myths of the First World War, to provide a concise history on the topic."

Dr Will Butler, Department of Modern History, University of Kent at Canterbury

"Martyn presents a brutally honest account of the First World War, and has pitched it perfectly for a teenage audience. He has managed to achieve this without dumbing down the material in any way, so I'm sure adults will enjoy reading it too."

Hugo Fenwick, High Sheriff of Kent

"A detailed and well written book and resource to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Martyn has succeeded in producing a fitting tribute to all those who bravely gave their lives for our freedom."

Amber Rudd, MP

A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

A century has now passed since the outbreak of 'the war to end all war' in 1914. The fertile fields of France and Belgium, where millions died, are no longer muddy, pock-marked quagmires. Nearby, row after row of white headstones mark the spot where men (and often boys) made the ultimate sacrifice... a practice repeated in many other countries across the globe.

Providing a guide to the First World War for today's generation has been a challenge. **The Lost Generation** offers an overview of the war as it progressed, as well as a series of features that help flesh out the story. It has not been possible to cover every single battle and event, but I've tried to include the most significant from Britain's perspective.

My intended readers are KS3 students, but I know from experience that my books are appreciated by a much broader audience. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and I hope you find the book – and this guide – insightful and helpful.

Huge volumes of material have been made available to assist teachers cover the subject in the classroom. I have not set about trying to duplicate or even match this, as it is well beyond the scope of my expertise and means. However, what I have tried to do in this guide is to provide a comprehensive list of resources, principally web-based, that you may wish to draw upon. All web links are active, so you will be able to go straight to the relevant page by clicking on the web address.

The beauty of publishing a Teachers' Resource Guide in this format is that it is a dynamic medium. I would be pleased, therefore, to receive additional suggestions for inclusion or corrections to any errors found. These can be emailed to me at info@outoftheboxpublishing.co.uk.

The Lost Generation is my sixth Young Person's Guide. You can find out more about my other books, and purchase them, at www.OOTBShop.co.uk.

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ONLINE RESOURCES

BBC: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1

Dail Mail: www.dailymail.co.uk

Eyewitness to History: www.eyewitnesstohistory.com

First News for Schools: www.firstnews.co.uk/forschools/world-war-activities

First World War Centenary: www.1914.org

Firstworldwar.com: www.firstworldwar.com

History: www.history.co.uk

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