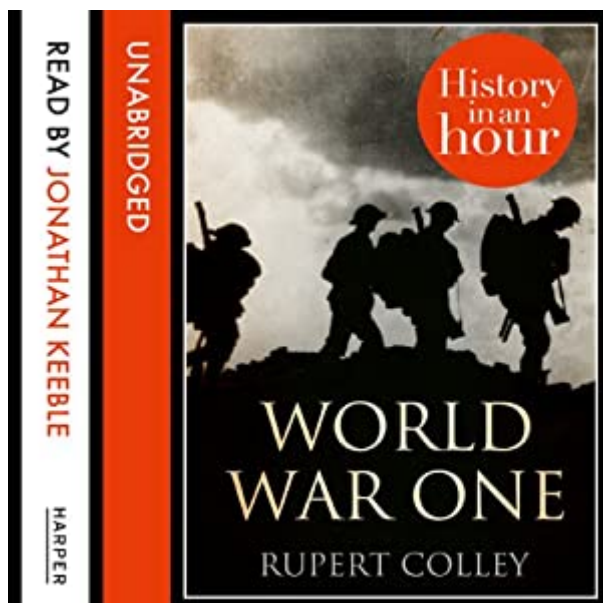


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# World War One: History In An Hour



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

This summary is short, sweet, and to the point - similar to a Cliff's Notes version of the major actions and key players involved in World War I. This was well-researched and concise. While very high-level, it gives you enough to whet your appetite and want to learn more details, and the addition of pictures of the key players, etc., enhance the value. I also liked the end notes which gave you autobiographical information on the key players, including what happened to them after the war and how they died. Yes, it took about an hour to read this while on a plane! I picked this up for free during a Kindle promotion, and as I type this review I see the Kindle pricing is still free - even if they charged a couple of bucks for it, this is a worthwhile summary.

This is a great read if you don't know much about World War One, and are trying to get a good picture of the events in the precise order they happened. I am reading this book as a supplement to "America: the Great War 1914-1916." I get to read what happened, and then read an eye-witness account of it in The Great War. It's well written, so this book gets five stars. ;)

I profess to be an amateur historian as I have no degrees to back-up the vast readings I've done on WWII and a small part to WWI. So, I'm always looking for something new and interesting. Sadly this one missed the mark. It does cover WWI in less than an hour and that is the problem. The reader is introduced to the facts and only the facts, yet the author fails to make any mention of the American Expedition in Russia. Yes, American troops were attempting to bring down Lenin and the new Communist government. I did like the introduction on what triggered WWI. That was good, but from that moment on, it left me flat. There is no definitive time line which could easily thwart new readers from garnering any interest in the "War to End all Wars." I did enjoy the Appendix where the reader is truly introduced to the main players and their interesting backgrounds. Well done. I believe if a more structured time line was implemented it would be easier to digest.

Well, as has been pointed out by several other reviewers, if you read this work in one hour then "You're a better man than I am gunga din." Yup, it took me considerably more time to digest the content of this small work but like others I found it to be excellent. Now do keep in mind...As I time this I am looking at one of my bookshelves and note that I have no less than sixteen books addressing the subject of WWI. Most to many of these books are way in excess of 800 pages and most of them are so detailed that they take days and days to read, evaluate and digest. I am saying this to warn prospective readers that they will NOT become experts on WWI after reading this one short work...no, no, no...far from it. That being said....This is one of the most concise and no nonsense books on the subject I have ever read. If you know little to nothing of the cause and source of this war and are curious but not to the point that you want to devote weeks and months to the subject, then this one is a good choice "an excellent introduction!! personally felt that the two strongest aspects of this work were the way the author briefly but concisely outlined the cause of the war and then went on to briefly and concisely document the absolutely madness of the most tragic of events...how and why it should never have been and how and why it could have been almost instantly stopped. So sad; so tragic. This one is well worth the time. The Kindle formatting was quite adequate as far as I am concerned.

This book is good for readers of all ages and levels. It introduces the key people, places, and events of WWI. There are several chapters that are bite-sized and organized around one main concept. It includes a list of key figures with a brief biography of each and a concise timeline of the war with the events discussed in the main body arranged in chronological order by day. If you need to begin learning about WWI or need a quick and easy review of facts and ideas, this book is perfect for that.

I thought the book was very well written and well done. My first problem was a lack of detail regarding US involvement, something I'd hoped to learn more about. My second problem was lack of clarity in war aims and a visual of timelines. Discussions of the roles of Churchill were cursory in regards to his eventual transition to his pivotal and valiant role as the Prime Minister of the UK in WWII.

Rupert Colley has put together a fine piece of work here that can actually be read in the promised hour. What I liked most about this book is that although it can be read so quickly, it is not boring or lacking in information. The provided info is organized in a way that makes it easy to understand and the timeline of events are perfectly sequential. This would be a great book to use as a refresher for a student that has a test coming up, or just for anyone who would like to have a quick impression of the first world war. I liked that the author did not go into too graphic of detail when describing the war and that it was done tastefully. I would recommend checking this one out, it's worth the hour.

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