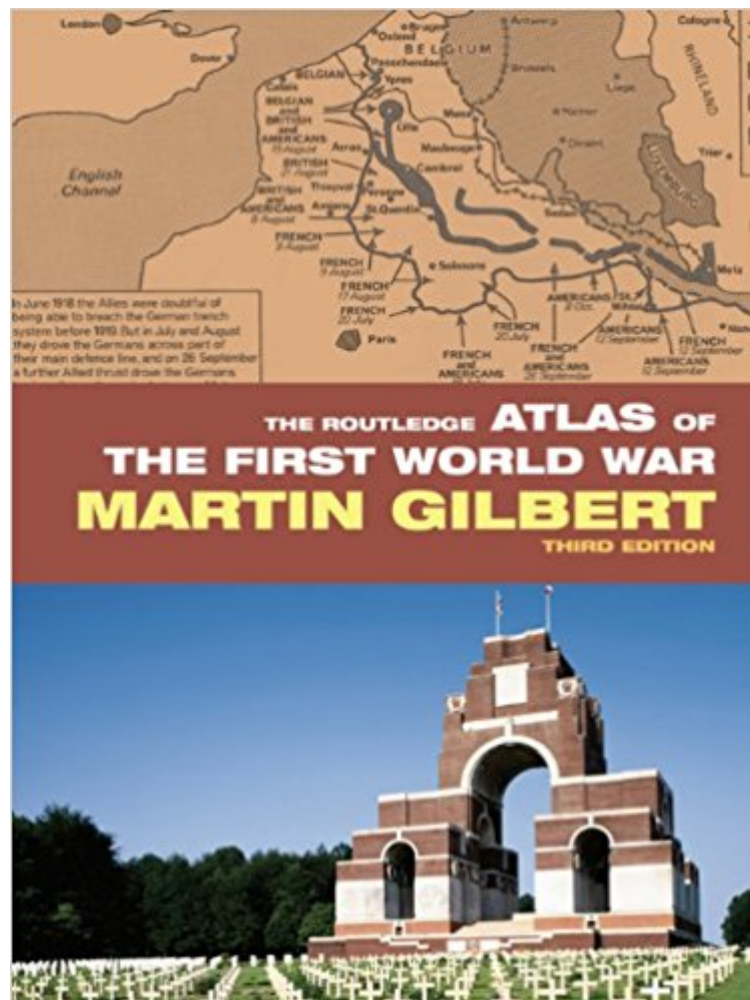


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I used this Atlas to amplify historical accounts. The back and forth over a very small area, was difficult to follow. A topographical map would have helped. It nevertheless showed what happened in the rest of the world, valuable because otherwise WW1 is just incredible slaughter over part of Belgium. The activities of Churchill and Hitler were informative.

The Kindle version stinks. It is bad in the 7 inch tablet format (Samsung Galaxy Tab Kindle App) & even worse in the 8.9 inch tablet format (Kindle Fire HD 8.9). The maps lack detail & the text needs the use of a magnifying glass to read on both tablets that I use. You may want to try the print version, but the Kindle version is a true stinker.

I once spurned this book because the maps look rather, well, bland. And they do. But they are excellent. This little atlas gives an great insight in this global conflict, not only the military operations, but diplomatic, economic, industrial aspect, both the utter scale of it and the scope in which it affected the fighting and neutral nations and their populations. There are maps on the road to war maps on what happened after the war. Maps of the war in the air. maps on the war in at sea. Many maps show the ability to think outside the box, but still says a lot about this horrible war. The one thing that I do not like, is that it is a bit anglo-centric. I say a bit, because this is a truly global atlas of the war, but still. Still do not detract from the fact that this is a very insightful atlas full of little gems.

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