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World War One brought with it the world's first experience of Total War, involving all of the world's great powers, polarized between the Triple Entente, lead by Britain, France and Russia, and the Central Powers, dominated by Germany, Italy and Austria-Hungary. Around 9 million men lost their lives in a conflict that introduced the horrors of trench warfare, machine guns and toxic gas attacks.

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## **World War One: History in an Hour Details**

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# **From Reader Review World War One: History in an Hour for online ebook**

## **Michael says**

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!

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## **Andrew Billington says**

### **Excellent introduction to World War 1**

History in an Hour

A complex subject in an easy to understand format

I would recommend this book to anyone who wants an easy to understand introduction to this subject

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## **Dale says**

This book is a great introduction into a now, little-thought about war.

For the history buff, it is a good, basic beginning, and the timeline at the end of the book provides a wealth of information for further research, reading and understanding.

And for every other reader, it lays out, in stark detail, how political alliances, treaties, and political relationships that were in effect at the start of the 20th century, converged, and with the assassination of an Archduke and his wife, resulted in world war.

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## **Susan says**

A fast, but interesting read, charting the causes, progress and aftermath of WWI.

I was amazed at how much the author packed into such a small book, the information flowed, and gave lots of ideas for further research.

The short biographies of some of the war's main protagonists, given in the second part of the book, were an excellent addition to this engaging sprint through four years of history.

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## Elle says

If you don't know much about World War One I am sure this book will be very interesting. I know a lot more about the second World War so I found this book to have a lot of new information but not overly detailed enough to be become boring. Quick read that I took my time dipping into every so often.

## David Germain says

Très intéressant pour avoir un survol de ce qui s'est passé lors de la Première grande guerre. Ne connaissant pas beaucoup l'histoire de cette guerre, c'est fascinant de constater tous les changements géopolitiques qui ont été amenés.

Par contre, ça fait beaucoup de matériel en un si court document et ça devient étourdissant. Tout de même, ça donne le goût d'en savoir plus.

## Ania Radosiewicz says

Comprehensive guide to the history of World War One. Could have more about the background of the war and why countries has started it but it's a good start for everyone, eho wants to learn something about history.

## Danny Adams says

Five stars for exactly what it sets out to be: an excellent overview of World War One, particularly someone coming to the war's history for the first time. You won't find a great deal of details about things like battles or the revolutionary movements that overthrew the Tsar and nearly upended Germany...but then if it did, it would be a standard much-longer-than-an-hour-to-read history. If you want something quick (I really did read it in about an hour) and basic that will sketch out nearly all of World War One's most important events and backgrounds for you, I can't think of a better place to start. (And I used it to jump back into reading about the war for an upcoming trip to the Western Front in Flanders.)

## Paula says

A good quick overview of WW1.

## Racheli Zusiman says

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## **Christopher Johnston says**

Turns out I am quite a slow reader.

Good read which will leave you checking out other sources as various facts pique your interest on a topic.

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## **Dunkthebiscuit Kendrick says**

On 28 June 1914 a young Serbian named Gavrilo Princip shot the heir to the Austro-Hungarian empire and started a political avalanche that would eventually see over 13 million people dead, four Empires destroyed and a redrawing of many European country borders. Princip himself was too young to face execution for his crime, and lived in prison until 1918 before succumbing to tuberculosis.

I was all set to take notes while reading this book, but I didn't have to. As you can expect from the In An Hour books, it has already been pared down to the absolute basics - what happened, when and who it happened to. Appendices give short biographies of the more important people named in the book, as well as a timeline.

As a basic introduction to the First World War, for those with minimum prior knowledge, I happily recommend this book.

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## **Dan says**

I might read all of these. Great way to get a quick intro to major events in world history. I think the author's bias might sneak in a little as can be expected. But give the man credit for condensing the history and keeping it entertaining. A great service to those of us who can't afford time for all of the details. Bravo!

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## **Paul Titley says**

Tempted by the combination of this being a summary of a period of history of which I know very little and the fact it was free on Amazon, I was keen to give it a whirl.

It does what it says on the tin - and presents a summary of the main campaigns of the First World War. As other reviewers have noted, the timeline jumps around somewhat - though this issue is difficult to overcome, as the war was fought in many parts of the world over long periods of time.

The writing style is very factual - as it needs to be to cover such a large subject in an hour. The reading time was about 90 mins for me, but there is an appendix which is probably another third of the book, providing short biographies of the main individuals.

As a reader with very little knowledge of this period, I have taken two things away from the book.

Firstly, it is a good foundation/overview, from which I will now look to read in more detail (the end of the Ottoman Empire, for example).

Secondly, is to look into the rest of the series for a similar background to other periods of history.

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### **Zoe Hall says**

Just like the other History in a Hour book I read, this is a quick and comprehensive book. An interesting but digestible guide to World War One.

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