

## WORLD WAR I

***Ace of Aces: The Life of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker*** by H. Paul Jeffers

Read by Richard Hauenstein. Reading time 12 hours 28 minutes

A biography of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973), the much decorated "Ace of Aces" who destroyed twenty-six enemy planes in World War I. Fascinated with engines and speed, he began his career as a race-car driver, becoming third-ranked in the country. He later founded Eastern Airlines. 2003.

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***The Enormous Room*** by E. E. Cummings

Read by Jonathan Farwell. Reading time 10 hours 57 minutes

Satirical account of the poet's experiences in a French prison camp during World War I. Volunteering as an ambulance driver in France, he is arrested for his association with another American who is his best friend. 1934.

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***The First World War*** by John Keegan

Read by Bill Wallace. Reading time 20 hours 47 minutes

British military historian examines the chain of events that led to the conflict that began in August 1914. He analyzes major battles and the role of mechanized warfare; discusses the political outcome of World War I, its long-term implications, and impacts still felt at the end of the century. Bestseller.

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***The First World War: A Complete History*** by Martin Gilbert

Read by Bruce Huntley. Reading time 28 hours 55 minutes

The author draws upon his travels throughout war torn Europe and on letters from and talks with World War I servicemen for his assessment of the war's effects, especially on the British. Rather than describing the battles, Gilbert focuses on the suffering of individuals, the war's impact on future leaders such as Hitler and Churchill, and the emergence of new warfare tactics. Companion to Second World War (DB 40822).

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***A Leader Born: The Life of Admiral John Sidney McCain, Pacific Carrier Commander*** by Alton Keith Gilbert

Read by Jake Williams. Reading time 10 hours 10 minutes

Biography of career sailor John "Slew" McCain, who graduated from Annapolis in 1906. Describes his World War I service on an armored cruiser and aviation expertise that led him to command aircraft in World War II under William "Bull" Halsey. Introduction by his grandson, Arizona senator John McCain III. 2006.

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***My Experiences in the First World War*** by John J. Pershing

Read by Robert Sams. Reading time 33 hours 52 minutes

Then General of the Armies chronicles United States involvement in the "Great War" from Woodrow Wilson's 1917 appointment of Pershing to command the American Expeditionary Forces in France through the armistice in 1918. Won the 1932 Pulitzer Prize for history under the title My Experiences in the World War.

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***A Question of Loyalty: Gen. Billy Mitchell and the Court-Martial That Gripped the Nation*** by Douglas Waller

Read by Roy Avers. Reading time 14 hours 56 minutes

Reconstructs the 1925 insubordination trial of World War I brigadier general Billy Mitchell, the "intellectual father" of the Air Force. Describes the aviation hero both as a brilliant and innovative officer and also as an egotistic opportunist whose public condemnation of his superiors led to his downfall. 2004.

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***Soldiers and Sled Dogs: A History of Military Dog Mushing*** by Charles L. Dean

Read by Mark Ashby. Reading time 3 hours 50 minutes

Arctic expert and former army officer chronicles the use of sled dogs in military operations, from 1900s Alaska and World Wars I and II to modern-day sledge patrols. Describes the bonds between soldiers and dogs and canine roles in search-and-rescue missions and parachute drops. Also covers sled types. 2005.

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***Voices of War: Stories of Service from the Home Front and the Front Lines*** by Tom Wiener

Read by Fred Major. Reading time 11 hours 2 minutes

Personal accounts of American soldiers and medical personnel active in World War I, World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars, and the Persian Gulf conflicts. Extracts from interviews, letters, and diary entries collected by the Library of Congress Veterans History Project are grouped by themes: Answering the Call, Under Fire, Coming Home. 2004.

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