



# A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918

By G.J. Meyer

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

**A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918** By G.J. Meyer

**Drawing on exhaustive research, this remarkable, intimate account tells the story of how World War I reduced Europe's mightiest empires to rubble, killed twenty million people, and cracked the foundations of the world we live in today.**

On a summer day in 1914, a nineteen-year-old Serbian nationalist gunned down Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo. While the world slumbered, monumental forces were shaken. In less than a month, a combination of ambition, deceit, fear, jealousy, missed opportunities, and miscalculation sent Austro-Hungarian troops marching into Serbia, German troops streaming toward Paris, and a vast Russian army into war, with England as its ally. As crowds cheered their armies on, no one could guess what lay ahead: four long years of slaughter, physical and moral exhaustion, and the near collapse of a civilization that until 1914 had dominated the globe.

## Praise for *A World Undone*

“Thundering, magnificent . . . [A *World Undone*] is a book of true greatness that prompts moments of sheer joy and pleasure. . . . It will earn generations of admirers.”—*The Washington Times*

“Meyer’s sketches of the British Cabinet, the Russian Empire, the aging Austro-Hungarian Empire . . . are lifelike and plausible. His account of the tragic folly of Gallipoli is masterful. . . . [A *World Undone*] has an instructive value that can scarcely be measured”—*Los Angeles Times*

“An original and very readable account of one of the most significant and often misunderstood events of the last century.”—Steve Gillon, resident historian, *The History Channel*



[Download A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 t ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 ...pdf](#)

# A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918

By G.J. Meyer

## A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer

**Drawing on exhaustive research, this remarkable, intimate account tells the story of how World War I reduced Europe's mightiest empires to rubble, killed twenty million people, and cracked the foundations of the world we live in today.**

On a summer day in 1914, a nineteen-year-old Serbian nationalist gunned down Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo. While the world slumbered, monumental forces were shaken. In less than a month, a combination of ambition, deceit, fear, jealousy, missed opportunities, and miscalculation sent Austro-Hungarian troops marching into Serbia, German troops streaming toward Paris, and a vast Russian army into war, with England as its ally. As crowds cheered their armies on, no one could guess what lay ahead: four long years of slaughter, physical and moral exhaustion, and the near collapse of a civilization that until 1914 had dominated the globe.

### Praise for *A World Undone*

“Thundering, magnificent . . . [A World Undone] is a book of true greatness that prompts moments of sheer joy and pleasure. . . . It will earn generations of admirers.”—*The Washington Times*

“Meyer’s sketches of the British Cabinet, the Russian Empire, the aging Austro-Hungarian Empire . . . are lifelike and plausible. His account of the tragic folly of Gallipoli is masterful. . . . [A World Undone] has an instructive value that can scarcely be measured”—*Los Angeles Times*

“An original and very readable account of one of the most significant and often misunderstood events of the last century.”—Steve Gillon, resident historian, *The History Channel*

## A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #10484 in Books
- Brand: Meyer, G. J.
- Published on: 2007-05-29
- Released on: 2007-05-29
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.20" h x .18" w x 5.30" l, 1.70 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 816 pages



[Download A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 t ...pdf](#)



[Read Online A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 ...pdf](#)

## Download and Read Free Online **A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918** By G.J. Meyer

---

### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

*Starred Review.* Meyer sets out to integrate the war's discrete elements into a single work of popular history and delivers a worthy counterpoint to Hew Strachan's magisterial three-volume scholarly project, *The First World War*. A journalist and author (*Executive Blues*), Meyer doesn't offer original synthesis or analysis, but he does bring a clear, economical style to the war's beginnings; the gridlock produced by the successes and failures of both sides; the divided military and political counsels that hobbled efforts at resolving operational and diplomatic stalemates; and above all the constant carnage, on a scale that staggers the imagination. Meyer provides brief, useful background on subjects from the Armenian genocide to the Alsace-Lorraine question—topics he considers crucial to an understanding of the war, but too cursorily explained in most popular histories. Correspondingly, he blends "foreground, background, and sidelights" to highlight the complex interactions of apparently unconnected events behind the four-year catastrophic war that destroyed a world and defined a century. Constructing a readable, coherent text in that format is a demanding challenge, accomplished with brio. (May 30)

Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From [Booklist](#)

One only has to look at a few of today's "hotspots" (the Balkans and the Middle East) to realize that World War I's effects remain a determining factor in international relations. It may seem impossible to write an "intimate" account of such a global catastrophe, but Meyer has succeeded in doing just that: a masterful narrative history that eloquently conveys the sense of a civilization engaged in massive self-destruction, while its leaders, blinded by hubris, nationalism, or outright ignorance, led the charge. Although Meyer pays ample attention to the broad themes of causation and military strategies, he consistently reminds us that the war was a compilation of millions of individual tragedies. He captures the horror and futility of trench warfare, the slaughter at Gallipoli, and the genocide of Armenians as experienced by those who were there. Meyer also offers interesting and controversial insights into the motivations of many of the key participants.

This is an outstanding survey of a cataclysm that still casts a shadow over world affairs. *Jay Freeman*

Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Review

"**A World Undone** is an original and very readable account of one of the most significant and often misunderstood events of the last century. With an historians eye for clear headed analysis and a storytellers talent for detail and narrative, G.J Meyer presents a compelling account of the blunders that produced the world's first "great war" and set the stage for many of the tragic events that followed." —Steve Gillon, Resident Historian, *The History Channel*

"This is one of those books where you read every page.... Meyer organizes his book chronologically, and accompanies each chapter with a short background essay.... [**A World Undone**] has the very best qualities for this kind of comprehensive approach: a gift for compression and an eye for the telling detail."

—*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

"A comprehensive history aimed at the general reader.... You finish this book feeling you've learned everything anyone reasonably needs to know about The Great War." —*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

"Meyer breathes life into the human story within the Great War. He provides in-depth profiles of many of the

political and military leaders of that era, and explains why they were so important....This is a literary vision of WWI that few of us have ever encountered. Simply put, this is historical reporting at its best." —*Smoky Mountain Sentinel*

"Thundering, magnificent...this is a book of true greatness that prompts moments of sheer joy and pleasure. Researched to last possible dot...It will earn generations of admirers." —*Washington Times*

"Especially suited for the interested American reader.... Meyer's sketches of the British Cabinet, the Russian Empire, the aging Austro-Hungarian Empire, the leaders of Prussia with their newly minted swagger, are lifelike and plausible. His account of the tragic folly of Gallipoli is masterful.... It should go without saying that in 2006 ... [A World Undone] has an instructive value that can scarcely be measured." —*Los Angeles Times*

"Accomplished with brio... [Meyer] blends 'foreground, background, and sidelights' to highlight the complex interactions of apparently unconnected events behind the four-year catastrophic war that destroyed a world and defined a century." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

*From the Hardcover edition.*

## Users Review

**From reader reviews:**

### **Betty Lavery:**

Book is to be different for every grade. Book for children until eventually adult are different content. We all know that that book is very important for people. The book A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 ended up being making you to know about other understanding and of course you can take more information. It is quite advantages for you. The publication A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 is not only giving you more new information but also to get your friend when you really feel bored. You can spend your spend time to read your e-book. Try to make relationship together with the book A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918. You never really feel lose out for everything in case you read some books.

### **Mary Burnette:**

Information is provisions for anyone to get better life, information these days can get by anyone at everywhere. The information can be a information or any news even an issue. What people must be consider while those information which is inside former life are difficult to be find than now is taking seriously which one is suitable to believe or which one often the resource are convinced. If you receive the unstable resource then you get it as your main information there will be huge disadvantage for you. All those possibilities will not happen within you if you take A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 as the daily resource information.

**Donna Young:**

You are able to spend your free time to study this book this reserve. This A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 is simple bringing you can read it in the recreation area, in the beach, train along with soon. If you did not have much space to bring the actual printed book, you can buy the particular e-book. It is make you easier to read it. You can save the particular book in your smart phone. Therefore there are a lot of benefits that you will get when you buy this book.

**Donald Wexler:**

Many people said that they feel fed up when they reading a book. They are directly felt the idea when they get a half portions of the book. You can choose the actual book A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 to make your personal reading is interesting. Your personal skill of reading skill is developing when you just like reading. Try to choose straightforward book to make you enjoy to read it and mingle the opinion about book and reading through especially. It is to be 1st opinion for you to like to available a book and go through it. Beside that the publication A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 can to be your new friend when you're feel alone and confuse with what must you're doing of these time.

**Download and Read Online A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer #HGEA5FUM4X7**

# **Read A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer for online ebook**

A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer books to read online.

## **Online A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer ebook PDF download**

**A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer Doc**

**A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer Mobipocket**

**A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer EPub**

**HGEA5FUM4X7: A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 By G.J. Meyer**