

In the summer of 1914 Europe exploded into a frenzy of mass violence. The war that followed had global repercussions, destroying four empires and costing millions of lives. Even the victorious countries were scarred for a generation, and today we still remain within the conflict's shadow.

In this major, groundbreaking new analysis, published ninety years after the First World War began, David Stevenson radically re-examines the causes, course, and impact of this 'war to end war', placing it in the context of its era and exposing its underlying dynamics as never before, on a truly global scale. Far more than previous accounts, this book succeeds in bringing together how the war was fought, how it was paid for and how it was experienced by the societies that found themselves in its terrible grip.

1914-1918 is wide-ranging international history of an exceptional kind, which offers compelling answers to the key questions about how this terrible struggle unfolded - questions that remain disturbingly relevant for our own time.

This landmark, epic history of the Great War will revolutionize our understanding of this devastating conflict, and become the defining book on its subject.