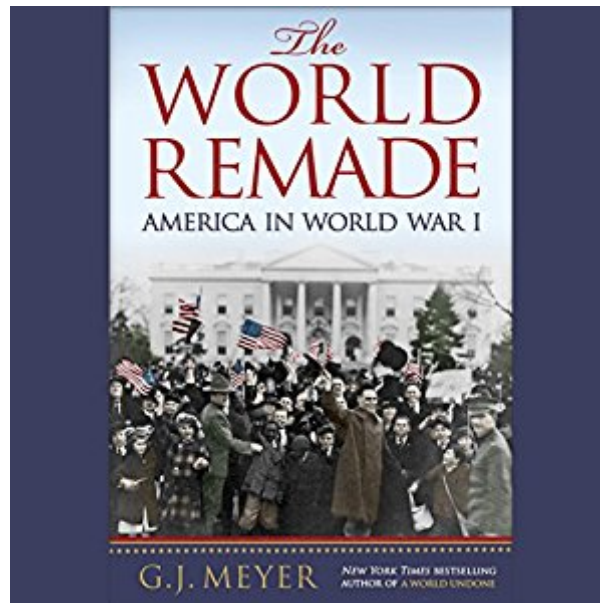




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The World Remade: America In World War I



Synopsis

A bracing, indispensable account of America's epoch-defining involvement in the Great War, rich with fresh insights into the key issues, events, and personalities of the period. After years of bitter debate, the United States declared war on Imperial Germany on April 6, 1917, plunging the country into the savage European conflict that would redraw the map of the continent - and the globe. *The World Remade* is an engrossing chronicle of America's pivotal, still controversial intervention into World War I, encompassing the tumultuous politics and towering historical figures that defined the era and forged the future. When it declared war, the United States was the youngest of the major powers and militarily the weakest by far. On November 11, 1918, when the fighting stopped, it was not only the richest country on earth but the mightiest. With the mercurial, autocratic President Woodrow Wilson as a primary focus, G. J. Meyer takes listeners from the heated deliberations over US involvement, through the provocations and manipulations that drew us into the fight, to the battlefield itself and the shattering aftermath of the struggle. America's entry into the Great War helped make possible the defeat of Germany that had eluded Britain, France, Russia, and Italy in three and a half years of horrendous carnage. Victory, in turn, led to a peace treaty so ill conceived, so vindictive, that the world was put on the road to an even bloodier confrontation a mere 20 years later. On the home front, Meyer recounts the breakup of traditional class structures, the rise of the progressive and labor movements, the wave of anti-German hysteria, and the explosive expansion of both the economy and federal power, including shocking suspensions of constitutional protections that planted the seeds of today's national security state. Here also are revealing portraits of Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Cabot Lodge, Robert La Follette, Eugene Debs, and John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, among others, as well as European leaders such as "Welsh Wizard" David Lloyd George of Britain, "Tiger" Georges Clemenceau of France, and Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany. Meyer interweaves the many strands of his story into a gripping narrative that casts new light on one of the darkest, most forgotten corners of US history. In the grand tradition of his earlier work *A World Undone* - which centered on the European perspective - *The World Remade* adds a new, uniquely American dimension to our understanding of the seminal conflict of the 20th century.

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Customer Reviews

G.J. Meyer has written an excellent book about the years leading up to America's entry into World War I and the immediate aftermath of the war. He writes well and has a knack for explaining complex situations in a succinct, straightforward manner. Background chapters, helpfully printed in a different font, explain the deeper historical contexts for the book's main themes. This is a thoughtful book: World War I was a complex affair--the Germans are not always bad, nor are the Allies always good. I thoroughly enjoyed reading "A World Remade," so I promptly started reading the author's earlier book "A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918." For very readable accounts of the Great War, I highly recommend both.

This is the second WWI book I have read by the author. The prose is excellent. The author provides an overview of how the U.S. reacted to the war in Europe. Much of the book concentrates on Pres. Wilson and Col House. Definitely worth reading.

Very well written history of the period that does much to balance more hagiographic views of Wilson and his people.

Wilson is most repressive president that unleashed greatest attack on civil liberties well worth the read. Lodge had responsible objections to League of nations and its flaws of beyond by big powers continues today in UN

Meyer is a great writer. Like reading a novel.

Engagingly written with fresh insights and revelations regarding the myriad events (many of which

are profoundly disturbing) that led the US into the war.

Good take on WWI; the "background" on each chapter presented new information, especially regarding the cast of characters and the competing issues during the time of the war and the few years after its "non-completion".

None.

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