

Poets & Soldiers of WW1



War Poets

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Poetry of the First World War Tim Kendall, 2013-10-10 The First World War produced an extraordinary flowering of poetic talent poets whose words commemorate the conflict more personally and as enduringly as monuments in stone Lines such as What passing bells for these who die as cattle and They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old have come to express the feelings of a nation about the horrors and aftermath of war This new anthology provides a definitive record of the achievements of the Great War poets As well as offering generous selections from the celebrated soldier poets including Wilfred Owen Siegfried Sassoon Rupert Brooke and Ivor Gurney it also incorporates less well known writing by civilian and women poets Music hall and trench songs provide a further lyrical perspective on the War A general introduction charts the history of the war poets reception and challenges prevailing myths about the war poets progress from idealism to bitterness The work of each poet is prefaced with a biographical account that sets the poems in their historical context Although the War has now passed out of living memory its haunting of our language and culture has not been exorcised Its poetry survives because it continues to speak to and about us

Heroes John Jeffcock, 2011 In 2010 with the full support of the MOD John Jeffcock poet and a former soldier in the Coldstream Guards invited contributions for a book of modern war poems He was overwhelmed by the response contributions came from serving soldiers veterans and their families wives sisters daughters one just 11 years old The writers have one thing in common these are people whose lives have been changed by war and the poems speak to readers with direct emotional appeal While over half of the contributions relate to Afghanistan there are also poems inspired by the Second World War The Falklands and Northern Ireland This is also the first time that poems have been gathered from all ranks and all organizations from the Parachute Regiment to the Special Air Service from the Gordon Highlanders to the Royal Marines As the poetry of Brooke Owen and Sassoon spoke to those who endured the First World War here are poems that speak of war in our time the theatres of war might change but the emotional resonance remains the same

War Poets and Other Subjects Bernard Bergonzi, 2017-03-02 In the opening section of these related studies of modern literature Bernard Bergonzi considers the poetry and fiction of two World Wars including discussions of Wilfred Owen Richard Aldington's Death of a Hero Pat Barker's Regeneration and the poetry of the Desert War of the 1940s The second section deals with a number of prominent twentieth century authors Among other subjects it looks at Ford Madox Ford's The Good Soldier as a novel anticipating the Great War the treatment of memory in Orwell's Nineteen Eighty Four and aspects of the poetry of T S Eliot responding to arguments about its anti semitism The final section is on Catholic writers from Hopkins and Chesterton to Graham Greene and David Lodge The book continues Bergonzi's extensive career as a critic and literary historian of the modern period and takes a fresh look at the subjects of some of the earlier books such as Hopkins Eliot Wells and the literature of war

First World War Poems from the Front Paul O'Prey, 2016-11-10 From the worst horrors of modern trench warfare a small handful of soldiers and nurses created a body of poetry that is so vivid and

intense that one hundred years later it has engraved itself on our national consciousness This anthology focuses on those poets who were on the front line from the famous Sassoon Owens and Graves to nurses like Vera Brittain The poems are accompanied by a brief and accessible introduction which sets the context for a reader new to the poems as well as short biographical profiles of the poets *Anthem for Doomed Youth* Jon Stallworthy, 2005 Leading poet and former professor of English Literature Jon Stallworthy tells the story of the lives and work of twelve major poets of the First World War and provides selections of their best work The First World War began with flag waving parades and poets inspired by abstract ideals In part this reflected the national mood but it revealed an almost universal failure to understand what modern mass warfare would really mean The story of the war poets is also the story of an awakening to the full horror of what the twentieth century came to know as The Great War Wilfred Owen said My subject is War and the pity of War He also said true Poets must be truthful The best war poetry was the work of writers who were also serving soldiers and was born out of their desire to tell the truth about what it was to be a soldier in the trenches what it felt like what it did to you and what it did to your fellow soldiers friend or foe The greatness of the poetry lay not just in the writer s talent but in the unflinching accuracy with which it portrayed their terrible circumstances

The War Poems of Siegfried Sassoon Siegfried Sassoon, 2019-11-27 In *The War Poems of Siegfried Sassoon* the devastating impact of World War I unfolds through a collection of emotionally charged verses that vividly depict the horrors of battle and the psychological toll of warfare Sassoon s literary style is characterized by stark realism and poignant imagery evoking the chaotic experiences of soldiers on the front lines while also critiquing the glorification of war Writing during a tumultuous era his poems served not only as personal lamentations but also as social commentaries effectively capturing the disillusionment felt by a generation caught in the throes of conflict Siegfried Sassoon a soldier turned poet was deeply affected by his own experiences in the trenches which inspired him to document the stark realities of war Born into a privileged background and educated at notable institutions Sassoon s literary journey began early however his wartime experiences catalyzed a transformation from a conventional war hero narrative to a more profound exploration of the physical and emotional scars left on a soldier His friend and fellow poet Wilfred Owen also influenced his critical perspective on war This essential collection is highly recommended for readers interested in the intersection of literature and history as it not only delivers powerful emotive verse but also serves as a crucial historical document reflecting the sentiments of a lost generation Engaging with Sassoon s work offers profound insights into the complexities of human resilience and the haunting shadow of war In this enriched edition we have carefully created added value for your reading experience A comprehensive Introduction outlines these selected works unifying features themes or stylistic evolutions A Historical Context section situates the works in their broader era social currents cultural trends and key events that underpin their creation A concise Synopsis Selection offers an accessible overview of the included texts helping readers navigate plotlines and main ideas without revealing critical twists A

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War Poet Jon Stallworthy,2014-09-01 Jon Stallworthy wrote his first poems during school days shadowed by the Second World War and a mother s memories of a brother and friends killed in the First At school he was introduced to the poems of Wilfred Owen whose biography he would later write and to those of others who would be represented in his Oxford Books of War Poetry Many of the most anthologized and ambitious of his own poems No Ordinary Sunday A Letter from Berlin The Nutcracker A Poem about Poems about Vietnam respond to wars that scarred the 20th century A recent uncollected poem from which the book takes its title sheds piercing light on the dark aftermath of the conflict so bitterly remembered today as the war to end wars *Poets of World War II* Harvey Shapiro,2003-01-27 Acclaimed poet and World War II veteran Shapiro s pathbreaking gathering of work by more than 60 poets of the war years includes Randall Jarrell Anthony Hecht George Oppen Richard Eberhart William Bronk and Woody Guthrie **War Poets and Other Subjects** Bernard Bergonzi,1999 In the opening section of these related studies of modern literature Bernard Bergonzi considers the poetry and fiction of two World Wars including discussions of Wilfred Owen Richard Aldington s Death of a Hero Pat Barker s Regeneration and the poetry of the Desert War of the 1940s The second section deals with a number of prominent twentieth century authors Among other subjects it looks at Ford Madox Ford s The Good Soldier as a novel anticipating the Great War the treatment of memory in Orwell s Nineteen Eighty Four and aspects of the poetry of T S Eliot responding to arguments about its anti semitism The final section is on Catholic writers from Hopkins and Chesterton to Graham Greene and David Lodge The book continues Bergonzi s extensive career as a critic and literary historian of the modern period and takes a fresh look at the subjects of some of the earlier books such as Hopkins Eliot Wells and the literature of war *The War Poets* Oscar Williams,1976 *Siegfried Sassoon* Jean Moorcroft Wilson,2020-11-25 This book encompasses the complete life and works of Siegfried Sassoon from his patriotic youth that led him to the frontline to the formation of his anti war convictions great literary friendships and flamboyant love affairs **Twentieth-Century War Poetry** Philippa Lyon,2004-10-28 Poets have written about wars throughout the 20th century questioning protesting and sometimes celebrating the nature and purpose of conflict Attracting an enthusiastic popular readership war poetry has often been seen as a way of remembering and re imagining wars Today war poems are not only part of our memorial culture on epitaphs and in Remembrance Day services but have inspired books and films and become studied widely around the world This Guide examines the genesis and development of the important genre of war poetry in the twentieth century focusing in particular on the role of the two world wars in the literary and cultural construction of a war poetry category Philippa Lyon draws upon a range of key historical and

contemporary critical responses from poetic memoir and journalism to sophisticated academic criticism to demonstrate the rich diversity of expectations and evaluations elicited by the developing genre **Up the Line to Death** Comp.

Gardner,1996 An anthology of the poetry of World War I this collection is more concerned with the War than with poetry and as such it is a book with a theme There are 72 poets represented here including Wilfred Owen of whom 21 died in action Many of the poems have notes and introductions *Poems* Wilfred Owen,2015-06-10 *Poems* Wilfred OWEN 1893 1918 A collection of poems by the English war poet and soldier of the First World War Wilfred Owen Owen is regarded by historians as the leading poet of the First World War known for his war poetry on the horrors of trench and gas warfare It stood in stark contrast to both the public perception of war at the time and to the confidently patriotic verse written earlier by war poets such as Rupert Brooke Only five of Owen s poems had been published before his death one of which was in fragmentary form Only one week before the end of the war whilst attempting to traverse a canal he was shot in the head and killed **Three**

Poets of the First World War Ivor Gurney,Wilfred Owen,Isaac Rosenberg,2012-03-27 An essential new collection of poetry from the First World War This indispensable anthology brings together the works of three major poets from the First World War Ivor Gurney 1890 1937 was a classical music composer and poet who published two volumes of poems *Severn and Somme* and *War s Embers* Wilfred Owen s 1893 1918 realistic poetry is remarkable for its details of war and combat Isaac Rosenberg s 1890 1918 *Poems from the Trenches* is widely considered one of the finest examples of war poetry from the period Carefully selected by Jon Stallworthy a professor emeritus of English at the University of Oxford these poems comprise a landmark publication that reflects the disparate experiences of war through the voices of the soldiers themselves For more than seventy years Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English speaking world With more than 1 700 titles Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors as well as up to date translations by award winning translators **The War Poets**

Robert Giddings,1998-11-01 For the people who fought in it the World War I was a cataclysm The sheer scale of its horror and carnage transformed their lives and attitudes to an extent that has coloured the way in which every subsequent generation has thought of war Nothing shows this more clearly than the work of the poets writers and artists of the trenches the creators of a cultural heritage that reflects their hopes fears doubts initial optimism and ultimate cynicism *War Poems* Siegfried Sassoon,2018-09-12 Epigrammatic and bitterly satirical verses by the well known English poet convey the shocking brutality and pointlessness of World War I Over 80 works include *Counter Attack* *They* *The General* and *Base Details* War Poetry Simon Featherstone,1995 First published in 1995 Routledge is an imprint of Taylor Francis an informa company The New Oxford Book of War Poetry Jon Stallworthy,2014-06-26 There can be no area of human experience that has generated a wider range of powerful feelings than war Jon Stallworthy s classic and celebrated anthology

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