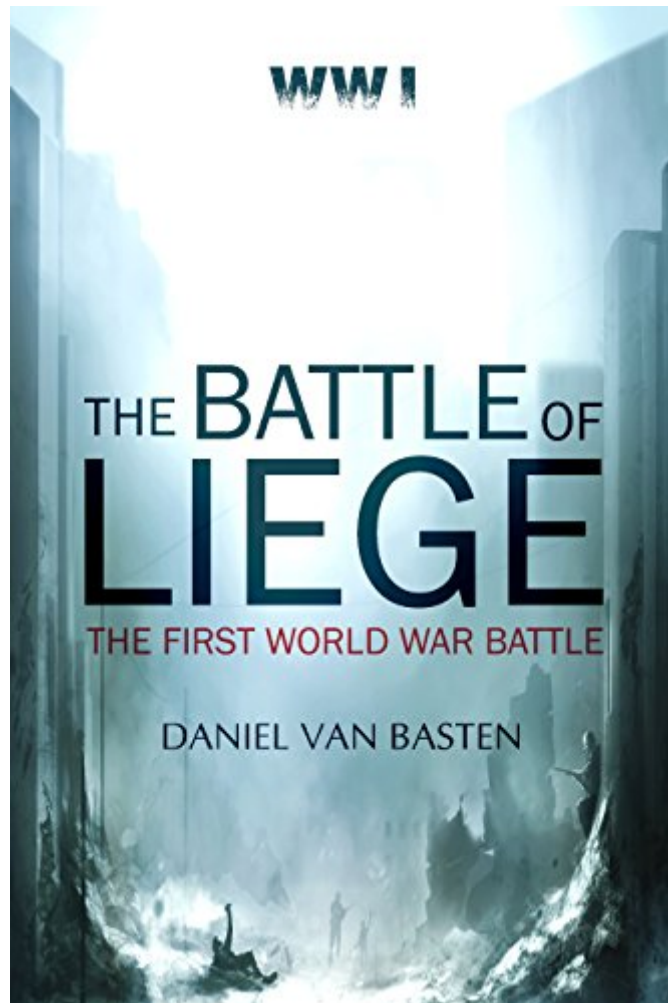




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Synopsis

The First World War was unlike any war that had ever been fought before in history. Armies battled not for colonial power or territory, but for loyalty to alliances formed during the 1800s. The obligations owed by the main powers to their respective alliances saw senseless death sprawled across Europe. The spark that started the fire was the assassination of Franz Ferdinand, the archduke of the Austro-Hungarian empire by Serbian nationalists, which would otherwise have remained a relatively minor conflict if it were not for the blind allegiances of the European countries that led all-out war to break out. The entire continent of Europe was drawn into battles that left Europe devastated and caused a chain reaction of events that would shape Europe today. Liege was one of the most important battles fought in the war, as it was the first land battle fought only days after the Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance declared war. The battle shook the Allies when they realised that the powerful weapons used by the Germans were able to reduce some of Europe's strongest fortifications to rubble, which reduced their faith in fixed fortifications as an effective defense. The battle of Liege involved weaponry and technology that was unprecedented, advanced military strategy, and relentless and blatant disregard for the rules of warfare by Germany, which was subsequently repeated in other battles across the continent. Although the battle did not impact heavily upon Germany's planned invasion of France, the battle resulted in many deaths on both sides in only 12 days... To learn more about The Battle of Liege and the history of The First World War click the BUY button.

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Customer Reviews

If you have read even the most basic of books about WWI, then don't waste your time or money on this book. It is only 92 pages long, of which the first 47 are a general description of the beginning of the war. Pages 48 through 74 concern the actual battle for the forts of Liege. The book is repetitively vague and there is not a single map of the forts surrounding Liege. (But there is a map of Europe in case you don't know where that is.) It was possibly written for middle school children. And the "customer reviews"? I can only assume that they were written by the author and his friends and family. I mean really...100% 5 Star reviews?! It will be interesting to see if this review is even posted.

this is basically a very brief description of the fall of the liege fortresses. the book includes a veryshort description of the circumstances around the formation of the forts, and their planning and a rather short description of their end. the initial german repulses are hardly covered at all and the textsuffres from high level of repetition-the same sentences are repeated in slight variations over and overagain in several parts of the book.

Some good information on a critical battle of WW1, but its endlessly repeated. Has maps of the locale, but diagrams of the Liege Fortresses and possibly pictures of them before and after the German big guns wrecked them would be helpful. Closer in maps and movements too. All in all, could use a good editing.I don't know of any other books on this battle though, so this does serve a useful Purpose.

Pretty dry. Would be useful as a reference book for early WWI but it is not a novel that keeps you the edge of your seat. Probably could be shortened by a third if so much of the material wasn't told over and over.

I love how this book offers detailed stories and events from both sides of the war. In addition, the

pictures included in the book help with the over-all representation of it. Very well-researched, very well-written.

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