



Summary Information

Title: WWI CRUSADERS

Categories: Nonfiction; U.S. & European history

Subtitle: *A band of Yanks in German-occupied Belgium help save millions from starvation as civilians resist the harsh German rule. August 1914 to May 1917.*

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Book Details: 6 x 9 trade paperback; 724 pages, including 126 illustrations, Author's Note, Reader Aids, Acknowledgments, Sources, Notes, and Index.

Price: Trade paperback: \$24.95; E-book: \$9.95

Targeted Audience: General readers who have enjoyed history through the eyes of Doris Kearns Goodwin, David McCullough, Laura Hillenbrand, and Barbara W. Tuchman.

Author: Jeffrey B. Miller has been a writer, editor, and author for more than 40 years. His career includes starting six magazines (city, regional, and national), being editor-in-chief of five inflight magazines, and director of communications for AAA Colorado. He is also the author of *Stapleton International Airport: The First Fifty Years* (Pruett Publishing, Boulder, CO, 1983); co-author with Dr. Gordon Ehlers of *Facing Your Fifties: Every Man's Reference to Mid-life Health* (M. Evans & Co., New York, 2002), which was included in *Publishers Weekly's* Best Books of 2002; and author of *Behind the Lines* (Milbrow Press, 2014), which detailed the chaotic beginnings of WWI Belgium food relief and was included in Kirkus Reviews' Best Books of 2014.

One Sentence Summary: The true story of young, untested American volunteers who entered German-occupied Belgium to attempt what had never been done before—save an entire nation from starvation that was trapped in the middle of a world war.

Synopsis: During WWI (1914-1918), the American-led Commission for Relief in Belgium (CRB) initiated, organized, and supervised the largest food relief program the world had ever seen. The CRB and its Belgian counterpart, the Comite National (CN), fed for four years nearly 10 million Belgians and northern French trapped behind German lines. Young, idealistic Americans volunteered to go into German-occupied Belgium to guarantee the relief food would not be taken by the Germans. These humanitarian crusaders had to maintain strict neutrality as they watched the Belgians suffer under the harsh German regime. *WWI Crusaders* is the first nonfiction book for general readers that tells in one volume the interlacing stories of German brutality, Belgian resistance, and the young Americans who went into German-occupied Belgium. The book covers August 1914 through May 1917, when the last Americans had to leave Belgium because of America's April entry into the war. It is a story few have heard.