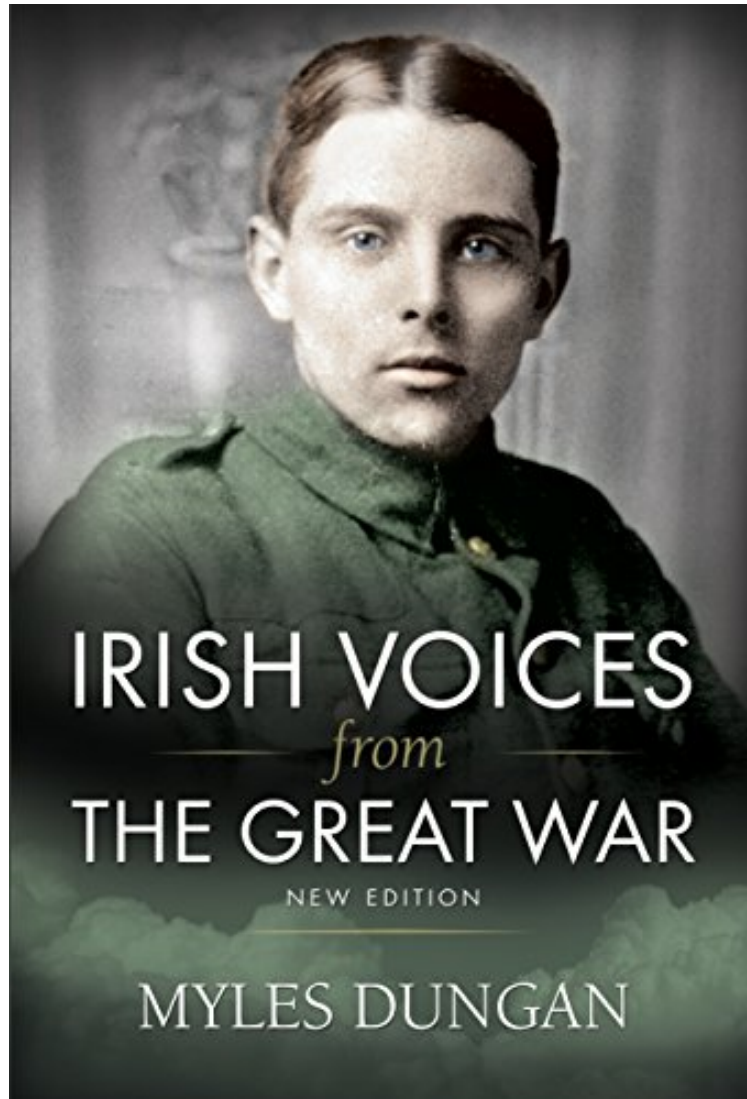


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**Von Myles Dungan : Irish Voices from the Great War (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Irish Voices from the Great War (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Voice for the ForgottenVon Martin SteffenThe First World War period was pivotal for Irish history in the 20th century. During this War, over 200,000 men and women from the island not one of them conscripted in Ireland) fought with the Allied Armies, yet only recently has their story been receiving increased attention. After the Easter Rising of 1916 and its bloody repression, after a protracted campaign for independence from Great Britain (political and military) the old

idea of Home Rule within some sort of a British context had faded away. Subsequently, those who had taken the King's shilling for all sorts of reasons found themselves on the "wrong" side of history and official Ireland concentrating on the memory of those who had in whatever way, shape or form, fought for the all-Ireland Republic (which turned out a 26 county-Free State but that's a nother story...) Since about 1990, historians and journalists like Myles Dungan have unearthed a lot of what was part of the Irish experience of the 20th century. The interviews and accounts he collected provide a valid insight into the experince and impressions of the time. They illustrate the suffering of those who had volunteered for the "war to end wars", how they saw themselves then and after and how they were seen by people at home and the wider community. A book that does not judge or re-write history. It adds to the overall picture. Gripping reading.

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