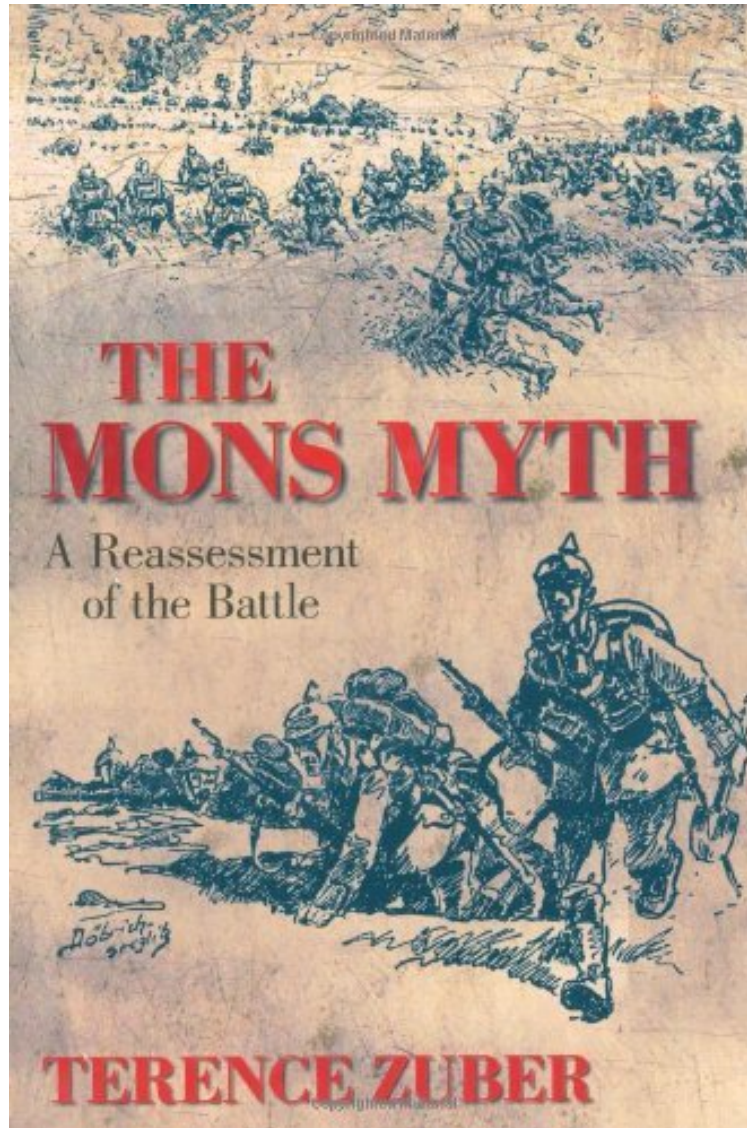


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Variation on a ThemeVon rastThis new Zuber book is quite in line with his previous publications, and he again brings home his major point: Not the doings of the Great General Staff were what made the German Army so effective, but the thorough and diligent training on unit, battalion and regimental level.In other words: The German soldiers were

lions led by donkeys - at least in Zuber's perception. If the BEF survived Mons and Le Cateau, this was due to the errors of the German 1st Army command, namely those of the Chief of Staff, General Hermann von Kuhl. The story which Zuber tells is not basically new - at least for people who care to read German regimental histories. That this point of view is now matched against the host of British fairy tales dominating publications on Mons and Le Cateau hitherto is what makes Zuber's book remarkable. Whether the British Expeditionary Force - the BEF - was really as badly trained and led as Zuber suggests certainly will require thorough examination. But the fact that German forces of equal strength (Mons) and numerical inferiority (Le Cateau) twice were able to force the BEF to hasty retreat indicates that Zuber's line of argumentation is basically sound. The first third of the book is a repetition of the prose about German training already published in 'Ardennes 1914', this will be slightly boring for those who have read 'Ardennes 1914'. He then continues with the German advance through Belgium and takes up the point found in many German regimental histories (and also in personal recollections): That there were multiple cases of armed civilians ambushing the advancing Germans. This will not please all those 'historians' who have deduced - obviously without consulting German sources - that there was no Franc-tireur threat and the Germans were just nasty to the Belgians because Germans are nasty in general. Zuber's description of the operations of the German cavalry corps is rather fascinating and adds a new note to this facet, because in German lore about 1914 the cavalry reconnaissance used to score badly. The following parts about Mons and Le Cateau have already been outlined above. In total, a good read, well researched from German and British unit histories. Certainly provoking for those who were used to accept British 'historiography' about those battles at face value. A valuable addition to every World War One bookshelf.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Mons reassessed Von Tullius If you want to know, what really happened at the battles of Mons and Le Cateau, this book is the one to read. Zuber's account of the battles is based on both sides' detailed accounts of the battles, as found in the regimental histories of the involved units and such. Beware, the old stereotypes of Germans charging and being mown down in an Omdurman-like fashion and of elite British rifle fire dominating the battlefield are proven to be myths. (As the main range of engagement was in the region of 800 - 1200 m, the rate of fire which the myth attributes to the BEF would have been rather a sign of low troop quality). The book is very detailed in its accounts, down to the actions of single companies, which is probably necessary to give the complete picture but may become boring to readers that aren't military history buffs.

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