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Review

“A readable, instructive, and compelling narrative of Allied successes and German failures...*Hundred Days* succeeds in its ambition of covering all the major combatants on the Western Front in the final campaign of World War I. Lloyd adroitly combines sweeping historical scope with the perspectives of the men who did the fighting on the ground. All this in a history that taps the latest relevant scholarship without sidetracking the narrative.”

—**Michigan War Studies Review**

“His accounts of each battle are both lively and clear...the real strength of Lloyd's work is his treatment of the experience of the war from an individual perspective. He paints vivid portraits of the character and motivations of the various commanders and draws on a variety of first hand accounts from men at all levels on both sides of the front”

—**History in the Margins**

“Lloyd... enters the upper tier of Great War historians with this admirable account of the war's final campaign.... Lloyd's unfailing eye for telling anecdotes vitalize his narrative.... The text brims with archival research.”

—**Publishers Weekly**

“A fine account of the Allies' dramatic but ultimately unsatisfying victory in World War I.”

—**Kirkus Reviews**

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“A sobering but essential read on the last days of a horrific conflict.... The American role in the final victory has been downplayed by Eurocentric historians.... Now we have an esteemed British historian...giving America's soon-famed “doughboys” their just due.”

—**The Washington Times**

“A brilliantly enlightening approach to war and men's lives.... Lloyd has provided an accessible overview of how strategic and tactical shifts—like the surge in Iraq and the associated urban outposts—can help alter the course of a war and indeed end it. But much more importantly...he explores how those strategic and tactical shifts affected the lives of soldiers. As history progresses, it is their lives and experiences that are often most at risk of fading. There are no living veterans of the Great War, making it all the more essential that not only the tactics, tools, and economy of war, but also the soldiers themselves, remain the important pieces of history. At its best, *Hundred Days* does just this.”

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“Brisk and thoroughly engrossing... Far from being a pointless stalemate in the mud, the last hundred days of [World War I] saw the Allied armies push their adversaries back from the Paris commuter belt all the way to the German border itself.”

—*Evening Standard (London)*

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