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The horrors witnessed by Dunant after the battle of Solferino on June 24 1859 and his humanitarian appeal are the origins of the Red Cross movement.

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KVB1 says

The book describes, in brief terms, a relatively obscure battle; then goes on to talk about the immediate aftermath and response of the local civilians to alleviate the suffering of wounded soldiers. It ends with the Authors plea to create international organizations designed for the purpose of providing a neutral medical response to war and disaster. The Author went on to have a significant role in forming what would become the International Red Cross (Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun.)

While the nature of fighting wars has changed since then, and the Red Cross is already organized to respond, the book still is effective at invoking a sense of the tragedies suffered in war and natural disaster, and the need for civilians to contribute time or materials to help. It also continues to highlight the need to create (update) and comply with the Geneva Conventions and other international humanitarian law.

Dedy says

i am looking for the book about Henry Dunant...

SpaceBear says

Dunant's biography tells the story of his witnessing the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino, a part of the Second Italian War of Independence. At the time, it was not commonplace for militaries to take care of their wounded, who were simply left to fend for themselves. Dunant, a travelling businessman, witnessed the destruction and immense suffering left in the wake of the battle, and worked with a group of like-minded citizens to bring what assistance they could to the injured. His ideas led to the founding of the international Red Cross movement, and the birth of modern humanitarianism in times of conflict or disaster. The writing itself is moving, as he details in graphic detail the suffering of many of the soldiers left on the battlefield.

John S says

This is important history that should not be forgotten. This dispels common beliefs about the glory of war. This is a personal account of someone who witnessed the slaughter and the prolonged suffering of the wounded and dying. Dunant threw himself into the exhausting and chaotic effort to save lives and comfort the dying. He describes the overwhelming numbers of wounded and dying and the utter inadequacy of care and nightmarish conditions. It was triage at its worst. But the most lasting and valuable contribution is Dunant's description of the kind of help needed and how people could be trained and resources organized. This was the genesis of the Red Cross. This is a unique and rare moment in history. It led to the creation of an international organization that alleviated incredible pain and suffering for combatants and prisoners of war. It also led to the Geneva Convention establishing rules of conduct in war and defining crimes against humanity and the ways and means for trial and prosecution. There are few books that can claim such a major

achievement and impact on the lives of humans. This is such a book. For these reasons I believe this book deserves 5 stars.

Juliano Tortelli says

Reading a book was an intense experience. After it, Europe went through two huge wars and Henri Dunant somehow predicted it. The description of the casualties is gruesome, yet necessary on raising the awareness of the need for an international and neutral institution dedicated to caring for war victims. This book's impact on the international community was huge, and his ideas ended up forming the bases for the International Red Cross.

On that time, one of my great grandfathers was in Castiglione delle Stiviere, the town which received most of Solferino's victims on the days following the battle. I don't know much about him, but I know for sure that 3 years after the battle he went on becoming a doctor at the Italian Army, which is a clear sign of the impact this battle had in his life.

Marwa Assem Salama says

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Juan Juan says

Un retrato de la realidad de la guerra y una respuesta al porqué la búsqueda de la Paz debe estar por encima de cualquier interés particular.

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Nancy says

I downloaded this book for my son who was working on a project about the Geneva Convention.

Henry Dunant wrote this after seeing the horrors and ravages of war at Solferino. In this story, Mr. Dunant details his experience and the human destruction he saw first hand. He wrote *A Memory of Solferino* hoping that he could successfully convince the leaders of the world to create an organization to protect the rights of the wounded in war. His beliefs and dream turned into the International Red Cross Society; basing their humanitarian efforts on a treatise called *The Geneva Convention*.

A clear example on the power of the written word.

kareem says

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Stephen Hatton says

Harrowing account of the destruction of war and the first written proposition for an international humanitarian aid organisation.

Azaam says

I picked this short book up at the Red Cross Museum when I was traveling though Geneva, Switzerland. This is the book that actually inspired the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, and describes the businessman Henry Dunant's experiences of walking through the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino. After helping as many injured soldiers as he could using a nearby church as a makeshift infirmary, Dunant penned his memories into this book, and shortly after founded the Red Cross with the hopes of saving the lives of injured soldiers, regardless of what side they were on.

I breezed through an English translation of the short book in about a week, reading on and off. Dunant's writing is clear, matter-of-fact and to the point, and makes for a simple and easy to understand book. His focus was not to get into the military strategy of the Battle of Solferino, but to bring the aftereffects to the front of the scene. As such, this book does get quite graphic at parts, and when combined with the serious subject matter makes for a book that I wouldn't consider recommending it to someone faint of heart. But for others that would like to learn more about the experiences of a man that ultimately formed the International Red Cross, there's no better primary source.

Matthew Trevithick says

This is the book that spurred on the creation of the Red Cross - Henri writes about his experiences as a simple tourist who happened on an enormous battle, describing the horrible levels of violence two armies inflicted on each other, and then closes the book wondering why an organization (or local organizations) could not be started to alleviate the pain of war. A few years later, twelve European countries had promised to abide by certain rules while fighting.

Tieu uyen says

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Mykyta Kuzmenko says

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