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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

The events set in motion by the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 changed many lives irrevocably. For Vera Brittain, an Oxford undergraduate who left her studies to volunteer as a nurse in military hospitals in England and France, the war was a shattering experience; she not only witnessed the horrors inflicted by combat through her work, but she lost the four men closest to her at that time--her fiancé, Roland Leighton, brother Edward, and two close friends, Geoffrey Thurlow and Victor Nicholson, who all died on the battlefield.

Letters from a Lost Generation, a collection of previously unpublished correspondence between Brittain and these young men--all public schoolboys at the start of the war--chronicles her relationship with them, and reveals "the old lie," the idealized glory of patriotic duty that was soon overtaken by the grim reality of the Flanders trenches. The letters are lively, dramatic, immediate and, despite the awfulness of war, curiously optimistic: "Somehow I feel the end is not destined to be here and now. We have not fulfilled ourselves--and someday we shall live our roseate poem through," wrote Vera in one of her last letters to Roland in December 1915, just days before he was killed by a sniper's bullet. Following his death, and later those of their mutual friends Victor and Geoffrey, Vera's letters take on a new, raw intensity as she concentrates all her emotions on her brother--a hero awarded the Military Cross--until his death on the Italian Front in June 1918. These letters formed the basis of Vera Brittain's remarkable autobiography, *Testament of Youth*, and vividly bring to life the voices of the lost generation whose words threaten to be lost forever as the First World War recedes even further from living memory. --Catherine Taylor, *Amazon.co.uk*

From Library Journal

This book is a collection of letters written from 1913 to 1918 between Vera Brittain and her brother, her fiancé, and two other friends. Some of the letters were included in Vera Brittain's classic account of her wartime experience, *Testament of Youth* (Penguin, 1994, reprint), but most of them are now being published for the first time. The letters provide insight into the youth of the day and how their feelings and emotions developed during the war, turning from idealism to disillusionment to an acceptance of death. The collection is unique because these letters span the entire war, showing both male and female perspectives. By the end, you know the people, feel their tragedy, and see hope change to despair as loved ones are killed. Bishop is the editor of three volumes of Brittain's diaries, and Bostridge is the coauthor of *Vera Brittain: A Life* (LJ 4/1/96). The collection is easy to read, with notes to explain unfamiliar terms and historical events. Recommended for all libraries. Mary F. Salony, West Virginia Northern Community Coll. Lib., Wheeling Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Kirkus Reviews

The moving correspondence of five young people whose idealism and dreams are reshaped and ultimately buried in the muddy trenches of WWI. The four friends of the title are poet and writer Vera Brittain's younger brother, Edward; her fiancé, Roland Leighton; and their schoolmates Victor Richardson and Geoffrey Thurlow. The four men knew each other during their public-school days and planned, along with Vera, to continue their studies at Oxford following the summer of 1914. Instead, the four sought commissions in the British army and, one by one, crossed the channel to the battlefields of France and Italy. All four were killed. Vera, who had also left Oxford to serve as a nurse's aide, kept up a steady correspondence with Leighton and her brother, and later with Richardson and Thurlow. Most of her letters were returned to her for safekeeping and she, of course, also kept theirs. Bishop (English/McMasters Univ., Canada), who has edited Brittain's diaries, and her biographer Bostridge have edited many of Vera's letters heavily because the gist of

them has already appeared frequently in her other writing. The correspondence begins almost immediately after Vera and Leighton, also a poet, are introduced by her brother. Their exchanges light-hearted, and at first possessed of a youthfully showy intellectual bent grow both in emotion and intimacy as the two fall in love. When Leighton heads for France, his letters return filled with war's beauty and its soullessness: "Modern warfare is merely a trade, and it is only a matter of taste whether one is a soldier or a greengrocer. . . ." Following Leighton's death, Vera writes more frequently to her brother and to the other two friends. Their responses are not as lyrical as Leighton's, but their deaths are in some ways more disturbing, because they do herald a lost generation. Britains of another time and place, here with their souls bared. -- Copyright ©1999, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

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