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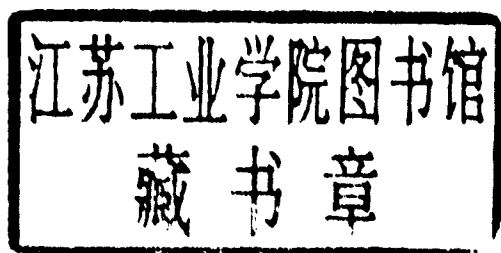


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(Wars and major texts discussed in the volume)

BCE

11th or 12th century	Song of Moses in <i>Exodus</i>
c.750	Homer, <i>Iliad</i>
490	Battle of Marathon
mid-5th century	Herodotus, <i>Histories</i>
431	Start of the Peloponnesian War
415	Euripides, <i>The Trojan Women</i>
late 5th century	Thucydides, <i>History of the Peloponnesian War</i>
404	End of the Peloponnesian War
4th century	Sun-tzu, <i>The Art of War</i>
218–201	Second Punic War (the Hannibalic War)
58–52	Julius Caesar, <i>Commentaries on the Gallic War</i>
49–45	Civil War between Julius Caesar and Pompey
late 1st century	Vergil, <i>The Aeneid</i>

CE

c.61	Lucan begins <i>On the Civil War</i>
75	Plutarch, <i>Parallel Lives of the Greeks and Romans</i>

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416-22	St. Augustine, <i>Concerning the City of God</i>
?7th century	<i>Dream of the Rood</i>
?late 8th century	<i>Beowulf</i> <i>The Wanderer</i>
10th century	<i>The Battle of Brunanburgh</i>
late 10th century	<i>The Battle of Maldon</i>
1095	Pope Urban II launches the First Crusade
mid-12th century	<i>La Chanson de Roland</i>
c.1225	<i>King Horn</i>
c.1270	St. Thomas Aquinas, <i>Summa Theologiae</i>
1271-2	Ninth and final Crusade
c.1275	<i>Havelok the Dane</i>
14th century	Alliterative <i>Morte Arthure</i> , Stanzaic <i>Morte Arthure</i> Auchinleck Manuscript (including <i>Guy of Warwick</i> and <i>Beves of Hampton</i>) <i>Gawain and the Green Knight</i>
1337	Start of the Hundred Years War
?1382-6	Geoffrey Chaucer, <i>Troilus and Criseyde</i>
late 14th century	Geoffrey Chaucer, <i>The Knight's Tale</i>
1413	Battle of Flodden
1415	Battle of Agincourt
1428-9	Siege of Orleans
1453	Battle of Castillon: end of the Hundred Years War Conquest of Constantinople by Mehmed II
1455	Start of the Wars of the Roses

- 1461 Battle of Towton
- 1485 Battle of Bosworth
Thomas Malory, *Morte Darthur*
- 1487 End of the Wars of the Roses
- 1503 Desiderius Erasmus, *Handbook for the Christian Soldier*
- 1521 Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Art of War*
- 1540s Start of Tudor reconquest of Ireland
- 1568 Start of the Revolt of the Netherlands
- 1575 George Gascoigne, *The Fruites of Warre*
- 1587 English attack on Cadiz
First performance of Christopher Marlowe's *Tamburlaine* plays
- 1588 Defeat of the Spanish Armada
- 1590 Edmund Spenser, *The Faerie Queene* (completed 1596)
- 1595 William Shakespeare, *Richard III*
- 1596 John Donne, "The Storme," "The Calme"
William Shakespeare, 1 *Henry IV*
- 1598 William Shakespeare, 2 *Henry IV*
- 1599 William Shakespeare, *Henry V*, *Julius Caesar*
- 1602 William Shakespeare, *Troilus and Cressida*
- 1606 William Shakespeare, *Antony and Cleopatra*
- 1608 William Shakespeare, *Coriolanus*
- 1618 Start of the Thirty Years War
- 1630 Richard Fanshawe, "Ode Upon occasion of His Majesties
Proclamation in the year 1630"
- 1638 Start of the British Civil Wars
- 1648 Peace of Westphalia: end of the Thirty Years War
End of the Revolt of the Netherlands
- 1649 Richard Lovelace, *Lucasta*

- 1650 Andrew Marvell, "An Horatian Ode upon Cromwell's Return from Ireland"
Henry Vaughan, "Peace"
- 1651 Andrew Marvell, "Upon Appleton House, To My Lord Fairfax"
Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*
- 1652 End of the British Civil Wars
Fulke Greville, *The Life of the Renowned Sir Philip Sidney* (written by 1612)
- 1667 John Milton, *Paradise Lost* (reissued in twelve books in 1674)
- 1678 John Bunyan, *The Pilgrim's Progress*
- 1682 John Bunyan, *The Holy War*
- 1688 Glorious Revolution
- 1689 Start of the French and Indian Wars
- 1700 Start of the War of the Spanish Succession
- 1702-4 Edward Hyde, First Earl of Clarendon, *History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars in England*
- 1704 Battle of Blenheim
- 1705 Joseph Addison, *The Campaign*
John Philips, "Blenheim: A Poem"
- 1706 George Farquhar, *The Recruiting Officer*
- 1713 End of the War of the Spanish Succession
- 1715 First Jacobite Rebellion
- 1720 Daniel Defoe, *Memoirs of a Cavalier*
- 1740 Start of the War of the Austrian Succession
- 1745 Second Jacobite Rebellion
- 1748 End of the War of the Austrian Succession
Samuel Richardson, *Clarissa*
- 1756 Start of the Seven Years War
- 1759-69 Laurence Sterne, *Tristram Shandy*

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- 1763 End of the French and Indian Wars
End of the Seven Years War
- 1773 Phillis Wheatley, "On Slavery"
- 1775 Start of the American Revolutionary War
- 1776 American Declaration of Independence (4 July)
- 1781 Anna Seward, *Monody on Major André*
- 1782 Abbé Raynal, *The Revolution in America*
Thomas Paine, *Letter to the Abbé Raynal*
- 1783 Treaty of Paris: end of the American Revolutionary War
- 1789 Start of the French Revolution; storming of the Bastille (14 July)
- 1791 Thomas Paine, *Rights of Man*
- 1792 Start of the French Revolutionary Wars
- 1793 Britain joins the French Revolutionary Wars
- 1794 Susanna Rowson, *Charlotte Temple*
- 1798 Samuel Taylor Coleridge, "Fears in Solitude"
- 1799 End of the French Revolution: Napoleon's *coup* of 18 Brumaire
- 1800 Mason Locke Weems, *Life of Washington*
- 1802 End of the French Revolutionary Wars
Phillis Wheatley, "To the Earl of Dartmouth"
- 1803 Start of the Napoleonic Wars
- 1805 Battle of Trafalgar
- 1807 Start of the Peninsular War
- 1812 Anna Laetitia Barbauld, *Eighteen Hundred and Eleven*
- 1814 End of the Peninsular War
- 1815 Battle of Waterloo: end of the Napoleonic Wars
- 1825 G. R. Gleig, *The Subaltern*
- 1828 Sir William Napier, *History of the War in the Peninsula*
(final volume published in 1840)

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- 1830 The Belgian Revolution. The July Revolution in France
- 1832 Carl von Clausewitz, *On War*
- 1839 Start of the First Afghan War
Stendhal, *The Charterhouse of Parma*
- 1842 End of the First Afghan War
- 1846 Start of the Mexican War
- 1848 Revolutions in Sicily, the Italian states, France, the German states, Hungary, Switzerland, Greater Poland, Wallachia, and Brazil
End of the Mexican War
- 1854 Start of the Crimean War
William Howard Russell begins coverage of the Crimean War for the London *Times*
Alfred, Lord Tennyson, "The Charge of the Light Brigade"
- 1855 Robert Browning, "Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came"
Alfred, Lord Tennyson, "Maud"
- 1856 End of the Crimean War
- 1857 The Indian Mutiny
Charles Dickens and Wilkie Collins, "The Perils of Certain English Prisoners"
Mary Seacole, *Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands*
- 1858 Alfred, Lord Tennyson, "Havelock"
- 1859 Alfred, Lord Tennyson, *Idylls of the King* (completed 1885)
- 1861 Start of the American Civil War
"John Brown's Body"
- 1862 Julia Ward Howe, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Christina Rossetti, "In the Round Tower at Jhansi"
- 1864 First Geneva Convention (revised 1949)
- 1865 End of the American Civil War
Assassination of Abraham Lincoln
John Ruskin gives lecture "On War"
Leo Tolstoy, *War and Peace* (final volume published 1869)

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- Walt Whitman, *Drum-Taps* (incorporated into the 1867 edition of *Leaves of Grass*)
- 1866 Sir Francis Hastings Doyle, "The Red Thread of Honour"
Herman Melville, *Battle-Pieces*
- 1867 William Wells Brown, *Clotelle; or, The Colored Heroine. A Tale of Southern States*
John W. De Forest, *Miss Ravenel's Conversion from Secession to Loyalty*
Ouida, *Under Two Flags*
- 1870-1 Franco-Prussian War
- 1878 Start of the Second Afghan War
- 1879 Anglo-Zulu War
Alfred, Lord Tennyson, "The Defence of Lucknow"
- 1880-1 First Boer War
- 1881 End of the Second Afghan War
- 1882 Start of British occupation of Egypt
- 1884-5 Siege of Khartoum
- 1887 Walt Whitman, *Specimen Days in America*
- 1891 Ambrose Bierce, *Tales of Soldiers and Civilians*
- 1892 Rudyard Kipling, *Barrack-Room Ballads* (second series in 1896)
- 1895 Stephen Crane, *The Red Badge of Courage*
- 1897 Greco-Turkish War
Henry Newbolt, "Vitaï Lampada"
- 1898 Spanish-American War
Mahdist Rebellion
Thomas Hardy, *Wessex Poems*
- 1899 Start of the Second ("Great") Boer War
- 1901 Thomas Hardy, *Poems of the Past and the Present*
- 1902 End of the Second ("Great") Boer War

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- 1914 Start of the First World War (Britain declares war on Germany on 4 August)
Rupert Brooke, "Peace," "The Soldier"
Richard Harding Davis, *With the Allies*
- 1915 Sinking of the *Lusitania*
Joyce Kilmer, "The White Ships and the Red"
Siegfried Sassoon, "A Night Attack"
Alan Seeger, "The Aisne"
- 1916 Battle of the Somme
Henri Barbusse, *Under Fire*
Alan Seeger, "I Have A Rendezvous With Death"
- 1917 USA enters the First World War (declares war on Germany on 6 April)
Ivor Gurney, "Strange Hells"
Wilfred Owen, "Dulce et Decorum Est"
Isaac Rosenberg, "Dead Man's Dump"
Siegfried Sassoon, *The Old Huntsman*
- 1918 End of the First World War (11 November)
Enid Bagnold, *A Diary Without Dates*
Joyce Kilmer, "Rouge Bouquet"
Wilfred Owen, "Strange Meeting," "Mental Cases," "The Parable of the Old Man and the Young"
Siegfried Sassoon, *Counter-Attack and Other Poems*
Rebecca West, *The Return of the Soldier*
Edith Wharton, *The Marne*
- 1919 Third Afghan War
Rudyard Kipling, "Epitaphs of the War"
- 1920 John Dos Passos, *One Man's Initiation: 1917*
Ernst Jünger, *Storm of Steel*
Ezra Pound, "Hugh Selwyn Mauberley"
- 1921 John Dos Passos, *Three Soldiers*
- 1922 e. e. cummings, *The Enormous Room*
- 1923 Thomas Boyd, *Through the Wheat*
- 1924 Ford Madox Ford, *Parade's End* tetralogy (final volume published 1928)

- R. H. Mottram, *The Spanish Farm Trilogy* (final volume published 1926)
 Laurence Stallings, *Plumes*
- 1925 Edmund Blunden, "The Ancre at Hamel: Afterwards"
 Ivor Gurney, "War Books"
- 1926 e. e. cummings, "my sweet old etcetera"
 William Faulkner, *Soldier's Pay*
 Allen Tate, "Ode to the Confederate Dead"
- 1928 Stephen Vincent Benét, *John Brown's Body*
 Edmund Blunden, *Undertones of War*
 R. C. Sherriff, *Journey's End*
- 1929 Richard Aldington, *Death of a Hero*
 Mary Borden, *The Forbidden Zone*
 Robert Graves, *Goodbye to All That*
 Ernest Hemingway, *A Farewell to Arms*
 Frederic Manning, *The Middle Parts of Fortune*
 Erich Maria Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*
- 1930 Siegfried Sassoon, *Memoirs of an Infantry Officer*
 Helen Zenna Smith, *Not So Quiet: Stepdaughters of War*
- 1933 John Peale Bishop, "In the Dordogne"
 Vera Brittain, *Testament of Youth*
 William March, *Company K*
- 1936 Start of the Spanish Civil War
 John Cornford, "Heart of the heartless world"
 Margaret Mitchell, *Gone with the Wind*
- 1937 Bombing of Guernica
 W. H. Auden, "Spain" (revised as "Spain 1937" [1940])
Authors Take Sides on the Spanish War
 Franz Borkenau, *The Spanish Cockpit*
 Margot Heinemann, "Grieve in a New Way for New Losses"
 David Jones, *In Parenthesis*
 Arthur Koestler, *Spanish Testament*
 Wyndham Lewis, *Blasting and Bombardiering*
 André Malraux, *Days of Hope*
 John Sommerfield, *Volunteer in Spain*
- 1938 Georges Bernanos, *A Diary of My Times*

- William Faulkner, *The Unvanquished*
 Ernest Hemingway, *The Fifth Column*
 Antonio Machado, "The Crime Took Place in Granada"
 George Orwell, *Homage to Catalonia*
 G. L. Steer, *The Tree of Gernika*
 Evelyn Waugh, *Scoop*
 Virginia Woolf, *Three Guineas*
- 1939 End of the Spanish Civil War
 Start of the Second World War (Britain declares war on
 Germany on 3 September)
 Louis MacNeice, *Autumn Journal*
 Dalton Trumbo, *Johnny Got His Gun*
- 1940 Battle of Britain
 Start of the Blitz
 Ernest Hemingway, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*
 Arthur Koestler, *Darkness at Noon*
 Gustav Regler, *The Great Crusade*
- 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (7 December). USA enters the
 Second World War (declares war on Japan on 8 December, and
 on Germany and Italy on 11 December)
 Final attacks of the Blitz
 Lillian Hellman, *Watch on the Rhine*
- 1942 Richard Hillary, *The Last Enemy*
- 1943 Keith Douglas, "Desert Flowers," "Landscape with Figures"
 David Gascoyne, "Ecce Homo"
 Graham Green, *Ministry of Fear*
 Henry Green, *Caught*
- 1944 Operation Overlord (D-Day invasions) (6 June)
 Henry V (dir. Laurence Olivier)
 Harry Brown, *A Walk in the Sun*
 John Hersey, *A Bell for Adano*
- 1945 Bombing of Dresden (February)
 Dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima (6 August) and
 Nagasaki (9 August)
 End of the Second World War (VE Day 8 May; VJ Day 16 August)
 Richard Eberhart, "The Fury of Aerial Bombardment"
 Randall Jarrell, "The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner"