Review of "The Unknown Fallen: The Global Allied Muslim Contribution in the First World War: Volume 1" edited by Dr Anne Samson

About the book

This book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of the First World War, particularly from the perspective of the Middle East. It provides a comprehensive overview of the Muslim contribution to the war, including both the Ottoman Empire and the various Arab states that joined the Allied forces. The book is divided into two volumes, with this review focusing on Volume 1.

The book begins with a brief introduction to the Middle East during the First World War, highlighting the challenges faced by Muslim nations and the complex political landscape of the time. The author, Dr Anne Samson, then goes on to discuss the role of the Ottoman Empire in the war, examining its strategies and tactics as well as the impact of the war on the country.

One of the most significant contributions of this book is its focus on the Arab states that joined the Allied forces. The author provides a detailed account of the Arab Revolt and the role played by leaders such as Faisal ibn Hussein and other Arab nationalists. The book also highlights the importance of the Al-Arabi newspaper in unifying the Arab world around the cause of the war.

Overall, "The Unknown Fallen: The Global Allied Muslim Contribution in the First World War: Volume 1" is a well-researched and well-written book that provides valuable insights into the history of the Middle East during the First World War. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the region's history and the complex dynamics that shaped the course of the war.

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