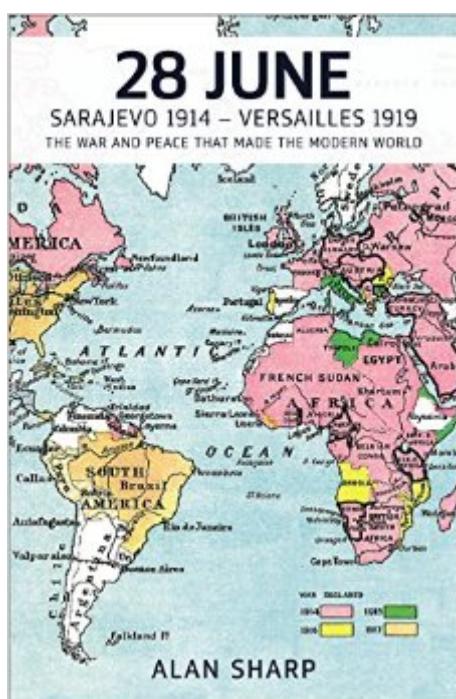


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On June 28, 1919, the Peace Treaty was signed in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, five years to the day after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo triggered Europe's precipitous descent into war. This war was the first conflict to be fought on a global scale. By its end in 1918, four empires had collapsed, and their minority populations, which had never before existed as independent entities, were encouraged to seek self-determination and nationhood. Following on from Hausâ™s monumental thirty-two Volume series on the signatories of the Versailles peace treaty, *The Makers of the Modern World*, 28 June looks in greater depth at the smaller nations that are often ignored in general histories, and in doing so seeks to understand the conflict from a global perspective, asking not only how each of the signatories came to join the conflict but also giving an overview of the long-term consequences of their having done so.

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As history buffs know all too well, June 28, 1919, marks the day that the Versailles Treaty was signed into effect. Inciting what would become a global war was the unfortunate assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo a mere five years earlier. By the time the First World War came to its conclusion, several Empires had met their demise to the jubilation of the smaller nations who were otherwise dependencies. These smaller countries celebrated nationhood and were granted a chance to determine their own fates. Alan Sharp's judiciously edited work, 28 June, examines often neglected smaller nations that were impacted by this seminal 20th century event.

The work is an edited collection of short chapters by lesser-known historians, highlighting the hows and why of these less prominent nations and their relationship in the narrative of the Great War from a global perspective. While this quick read did not knock my socks off, there were some notable insights that I'd never encountered before. It is certainly not a general history most are familiar with but it is an entertaining one nonetheless. It would not be a suitable read for those brand-new to the First World War, but for those of you who've consumed some of the major works on the conflict, you'll encounter some worthwhile nuggets. Recommended.

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