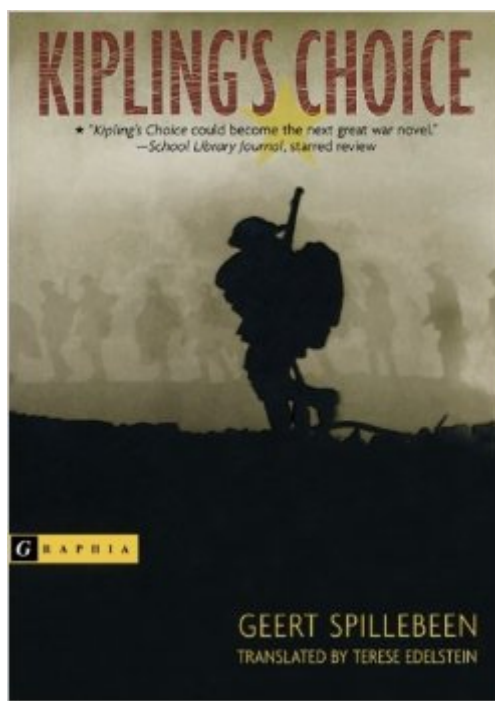


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# Kipling's Choice



## Synopsis

On the verge of World War I, author Rudyard Kipling's son, John, like his father before him, wanted to fight for his country. But when John's military application was threatened, Rudyard took matters into his own hands, applying all his influence to allow his son to fight in the Great War. And the teenager who had lived his life in comfort and whose greatest concern had been pleasing his father now faced a much greater challenge—staying alive in his first battle.

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I found this book a fascinating read. I was aware that it was based a nucleus of fact, namely how the son of Rudyard Kipling died in action on the Western Front, and that there was a fictional "infill". The story seemed very vivid, as if I were there myself, dying in No Mans Land. It was quick and easy to read, and left me with a strong feeling of the futility of war. Jim Stacey, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, Ireland

Geert Spillebeen's Kipling's choice is a detailed account of a 17 year old John Kipling, fighting for the Irish Guard during World War I. Throughout the book John has a series of flashbacks explaining how he got to this point in his life, most of which he is laying wounded on the battlefield. John's father Rudyard had tried to join the army years before but had been turned down due to his terrible vision. Because of this Rudyard had always wanted his son to be a successful soldier in

the army. It began with Johns lavish life style at the training camp then swiftly changed into the grim reality of war for John Kipling.

I choose this book by chance. Please note that subconsciously I entered (killings choice) a very sad and disturbing book. How many fathers have lost a son by promoting a war?

I thought this book was different than any other book that i have ever read. It kept going from the present time of what was going through rudyard kiplings head as he lay on the ground wounded back to what he was thinking about from his past. This book made me feel really bad for young rudyard kipling, because throughout most of the book he was helpless do to his near fatal injuries. He literally lay paralyzed on the ground completely helpless. The worst part about that was people were stealing things from him when he couldnt do anything about. Even the germans were taking things from him. It would have been better if they just shot him to put him out of his missery if they werent going to help him. But overal i thought the book wasnt the best ever written, but was very enjoyable to read. I would recamend this book to anyone whon likes a good war story.

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