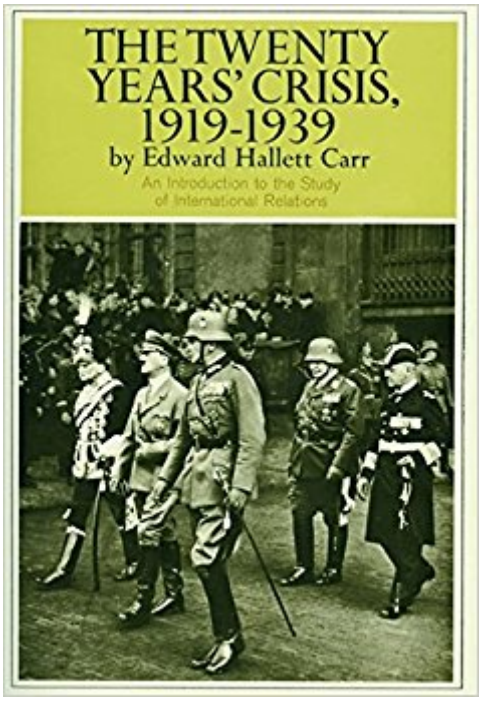
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In Carr’s 1939 title, one of the first serious studies in the area of international relations, he discusses theories of society, the nature of politics, the military, and more. This edition has been updated by Michael Cox, a professor of international politics at the University of Wales, Aberstwyth, where Carr himself was a professor decades earlier. This is more for the academic crowd. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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The Twenty YearsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ Crisis (1919-1939) by Edward Hallet Carr is a book that I discovered while reading another book on the topic of the inter war period. I am giving this book 4 stars because I think Edward Hallett Carr provides a fantastic overview of the international tensions that existed during this time period. His analysis is quite expansive.He covers all of the competing philosophies that precluded WWI:ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¢ Utopian Ideologies versus those of RealismThe book discusses the main international actors (both individuals and nation states) that promoted the utopian ideology versus those that promoted the ideology of realism. Carr thoroughly compares the two ideologies and offers a critique of both. He shows how the push and pull of these two ideologies manifested through military conflict, economic conflict and ultimately lead down a path that started WWI and then, ultimately, lead to ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“international cooperationÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•.The stage for this international cooperation was the science of International Relations. The conceptualization of International Relations as an idea really began after WWI. This is when the nation states of the world were motivated into looking at things on an international level.The book is meant to be academic in nature so at times it can get a little esoteric. Never the less, it really does an excellent job in highlighting the progression of ideologies that lead to The Great War. It is a great introduction on a myriad of topics that the reader can use as a jumping off point for additional research or casual reading. To me, the sign of a good book is one that makes you think and makes you want to go out and read other books related to the main topic.In conclusion, I really liked the book, especially the first two-thirds of the book. The only reason I am not giving it 5 stars is because it gets a little circular/repetitive at times and I feel like his conclusion was a little unresolved.I would recommend this book to anyone interested in this topic, or anyone that is looking for research material related to this time period (topic).

Great text on international relations.

Good

If you have any interest in International Relations; this book is a must read. The format of the book is very good for teaching, and Edward Carr's writing is wonderful to read.

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Learn about the interplay between states. Carr's book offers a good foundational knowledge.

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