



Tommy Rot: WWI Poetry They Didn't Let You Read (Paperback)

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The History Press Ltd, United Kingdom, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Great War 1914â 1918 was dubbed the ` war to end all wars and introduced the full flowering of industrial warfare to the world. The huge enthusiasm which had greeted the outbreak of hostilities in August 1914 soon gave way to a grim resignation and, as the Western Front became a long, agonising battle of dire attrition, revulsion. Never before had Britain s sons and daughters poured out their lifeblood in such prolonged and seemingly incessant slaughter. The conflict produced a large corpus of war poetry, though focus to date has rested with the ` big names â Brooke, Sassoon, Graves, Owen, Rosenberg and Blunden et al - with their descent from youthful enthusiasm to black cynicism held as a mirror of the nation s journey. Their fame is richly merited, but there are others that, until now, you would not expect to find in any Great War anthology. This is ` Tommy verse, mainly written by other ranks and not, as is generally the case with the more famous war poets, by officers. It is, much of it, doggerel, loaded with lavatorial humour. Much of...



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