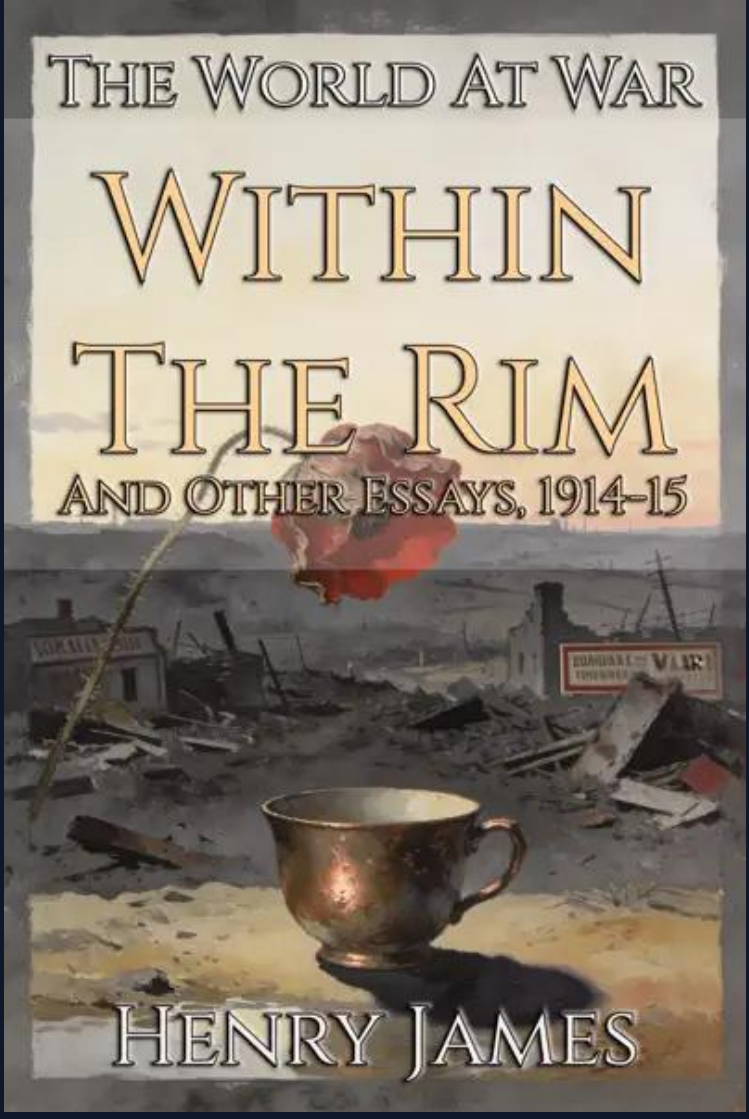

THE WORLD AT WAR
WITHIN THE RIM
AND OTHER ESSAYS, 1914-15
HENRY JAMES

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by **Henry James**

BOOK DESCRIPTION

Within the Rim gathers Henry James's wartime essays from 1914–15, moving from the home front to the battle-scarred heart of Europe with moral urgency and keen observation. The collection opens in Chelsea, where Belgian refugees find shelter in Crosby Hall, a historic London space transformed into a refuge of tea, music, practical aid, and collective compassion. James lingers on the displaced, the volunteers, and the ordinary citizens whose care turns hospitality into an act of civic courage. As the essays widen, he turns to the ambulance workers and medical staff in France, honoring those who serve near the front and those who endure the long wards of wartime hospitals. He reflects on the human cost of invasion, the resilience of the wounded, and the responsibilities of those who remain safely at home. At the center stands France itself: admired as a source of beauty, intelligence, and civilized life, now revealed anew through sacrifice, endurance, and resistance. The result is a humane, moving meditation on war's devastation and the generosity that rises to meet it. This edition has been fully restored with modern typesetting,

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