Forever England


Type of Research: Book

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Description: When war broke out in 1914, conscription seemed unnecessary: there was no shortage of volunteers ready to lay down their lives for England. This book explores what ‘England’ meant to the men and women who fought, died, survived. It suggests that, with a little subliminal help from literature, art and propaganda, the British volunteer, whether factory worker, farm hand or public school boy, felt that he was fighting for a bucolic vision of ‘old England’ - village, church, meadow and carthorse, rather than city, factory, commerce and motor car.

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Forever England redirects here – the phrase is also a quotation from Rupert Brooke's poem "The Soldier". Brown on Resolution (US title – Born for Glory; UK re-issue title – Forever England) is a 1935 film adaptation of the C. S. Forester novel Brown on Resolution. Forever England Lyrics: Looking out over a wind swept sea / This island is home for me / This sceptred isle of rolling grace / There is no better place / A sentinel against the raging storm / Beacon of hands - Forever England The rolling fields is shades of green The most beautiful land