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by Arthur Empey (1883-1963)

Arthur Guy Empey was an American who responded to the sinking of the Lusitania by enlisting with the British Army to fight in France. His experiences in the trenches, including his ultimate wounding and convalescence, became this book. When published in 1917, it was a major hit and helped the recruiting effort when America entered the Great War.

If you've heard of the horror of trench warfare in WWI and want to see it from below dirt level, Empey offers it all here. Also included is Empey's popular "Tommy's Dictionary of the Trenches" which humorously demystifies the slang used by the British soldier. After the war, Empey reinvented himself as an author, screenwriter, actor and prolific author of pulp fiction.

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Photos from the book, clockwise from bottom center: Arthur Empey just before leaving for home; the author with guinea pig and captured German helmet; the "green envelope"; gas helmet; program for "The Diamond Palace Saloon"; convalescents at the American Women's War Hospital.

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