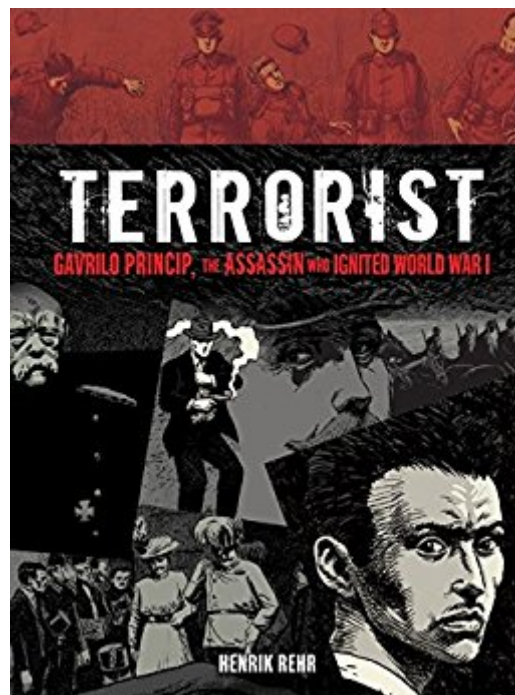




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Terrorist: Gavrilu Princip, The Assassin Who Ignited World War I (Fiction - Young Adult)



Synopsis

"I am not a criminal, because I destroyed that which was evil. I think that I did a good deed." —Gavrilo Princip, October 23, 1914. This much we know: On June 28, 1914, a young man stood on a street corner in Sarajevo, aimed a pistol into a stalled car carrying Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, and pulled the trigger. Within a few minutes, the archduke was dead, and Europe would not know peace again for five years. More than 16 million people would die in the fighting that came to be known as World War I. Little else is known about the young man named Gavrilo Princip. How could a poor student from a tiny Serbian village turn the wheel of history and alter the face of a continent for generations? Henrik Rehr's dark and riveting graphic novel fills the gaps in the historical record and imagines in insightful detail the events that led a boy from Obljaj to become one of history's most significant terrorists.

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Most of us know that Gavrilo Princip fired the shot that started the Great War, but the path that led him to his assassination of the Archduke is often left out of history textbooks. It can be confusing, with all the terrorist cells, the grievances against their Austrian overlords, and the failures and

disappointments of a system that left millions in poverty. Henrik Rehr's graphic novel will explain Gavrillo Princip's path in a clear way with great illustration that make his story understandable. Even more, it resonates today with our own challenges of terrorism. It was thrilling for a reader to understand how this all came about, thanks to this graphic novel format. Better yet, the illustrator uses iconic photographs from World War I and turns them into art interspersed with Princip's story. Princip was not executed because of his youth, but weighed 88 pounds at his death, while a monument to his deed was placed on the spot where he did the assassination. This is a graphic history book at its best, compelling illustrations and accurate history with a myriad of characters and their viewpoints.

A graphic novel that tells the story of Gavrilo Princip, whose assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria would lead to World War I. The story is told in beautiful stark black and white drawings that capture the state of Princip's young, zealous mind and eagerness for Yugoslav nationalism. The book, through Princip, wonders whether the aftermath was inevitable and if indeed one man did make a difference. An important historical story well-told.

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