

# The Splendid Little War: A Novel by Derek Robinson



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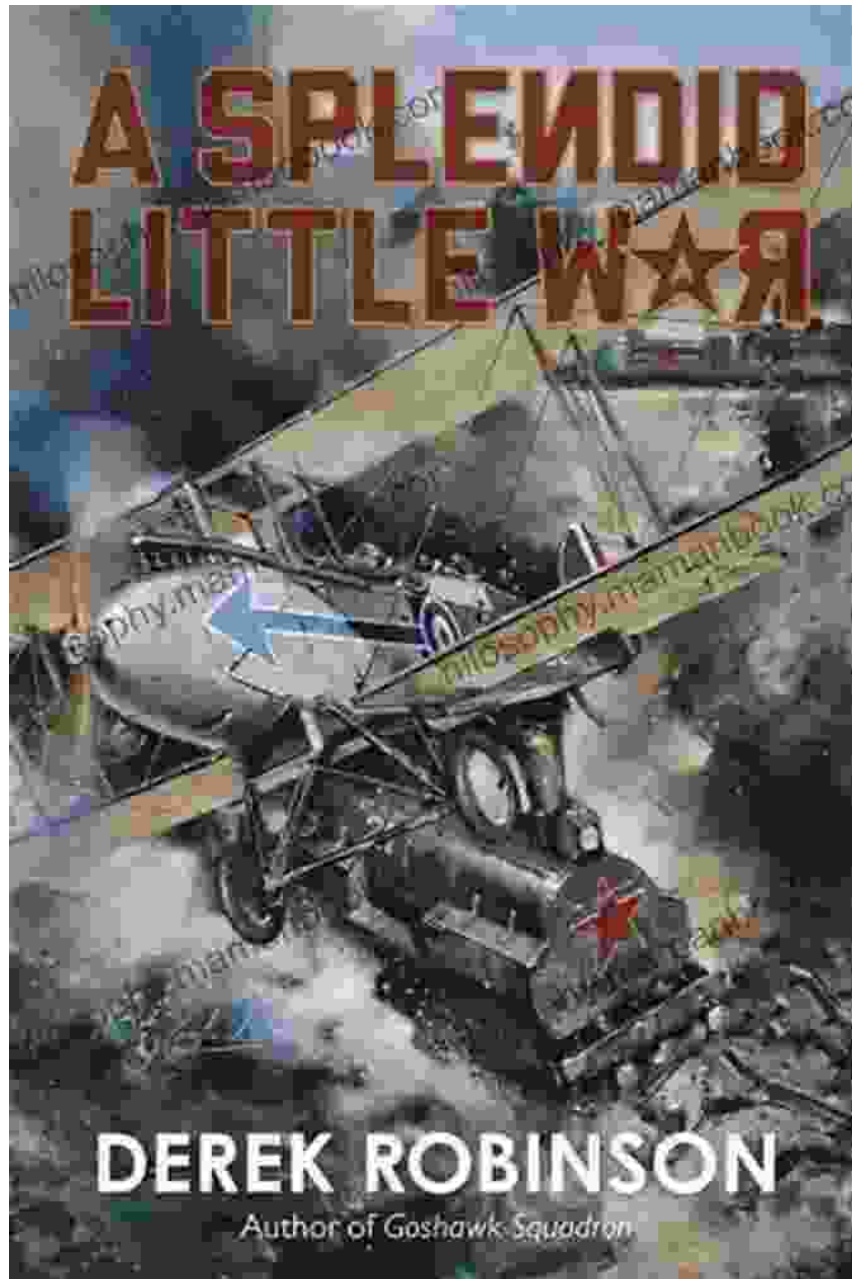
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The Splendid Little War is a 1965 novel by Derek Robinson. It is a science fiction novel that tells the story of a group of British soldiers who are sent to fight in a war on a distant planet. The novel is a classic of science fiction and has been praised for its realism, its humor, and its insights into the nature of war.

The novel is set in the year 2065. The world has been ravaged by a nuclear war, and the survivors are living in a state of anarchy. A group of British soldiers is sent to a distant planet to fight in a war against an alien race. The soldiers are led by Captain Johnathon Ash, a young and idealistic officer. Ash believes that the war is a just one, and he is determined to win it. However, as the war progresses, Ash begins to question his beliefs. He sees the horrors of war firsthand, and he begins to realize that there is no such thing as a just war.

The Splendid Little War is a powerful and moving novel about the futility of war. Robinson does not shy away from the horrors of war, and he paints a vivid picture of the suffering that it causes. However, the novel is also a funny and heartwarming story about the bonds of friendship and camaraderie that can be forged in the midst of war.

The Splendid Little War is a must-read for fans of science fiction and war literature. It is a classic novel that deserves to be read and reread for generations to come.

## **Characters**

- Captain Johnathon Ash: The young and idealistic officer who leads the British soldiers into war.
- Sergeant John Ross: A veteran soldier who is Ash's right-hand man.
- Corporal Tom Jenkins: A young and eager soldier who is new to the war.
- Private William Davies: A cynical and world-weary soldier who has seen the horrors of war firsthand.

- Private James Wilson: A Scottish soldier who is known for his sense of humor.

## Themes

- The futility of war
- The horrors of war
- The bonds of friendship and camaraderie
- The nature of good and evil

## Reception

The Splendid Little War was met with critical acclaim upon its release. The novel was praised for its realism, its humor, and its insights into the nature of war. It has been compared to other classic war novels such as All Quiet on the Western Front and The Red Badge of Courage.

The Splendid Little War has been translated into more than 20 languages and has sold more than 1 million copies worldwide. It is considered to be one of the most important science fiction novels of the 20th century.



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