

The Eastern Front, circa 1942. The Germans were winning the war elsewhere, but not here. Not in the dead of winter, not in Russia. Not on the Eastern Front. Sajer thought that being in the army was noble, courageous, brave, and deserving of recognition. The prideful arrogance was intoxicating. "I am a soldier in the world's strongest army"; except he was getting defeated, along with his brothers in arms. How did a Frenchman get involved in this anyway? When he first joined the army at 16, he felt as if he belonged, and now he feels forgotten. His fellow troops are dying, and now the Fuhrer won't even send them the proper resources needed to survive.

In this novel, Sajer shows the perseverance of a young boy becoming a man, and reminds us all how trivial our own problems truly are. This humbling story shows the world how far one man can go. The most important lesson that Sajer strives to teach from this novel is that of humility and leadership. This novel gives the reader a chance to learn, to show how it feels to be forgotten, in an attempt to ensure that no one else is forgotten in the way Sajer was. If we walk the hundreds to thousands of miles in the boots Sajer walks in *The Forgotten Soldier*, we can learn how it feels, and take that information to better ourselves and our environment.

A Frenchman in a German army, a man sacrificing for something that he doesn't believe in, but standing fast by his friends, his brothers, in hopes of a better world. He doesn't know the horrors going on in concentration camps elsewhere, he only knows the pain and suffering he endures here. The Eastern Front is unforgiving, the Russian army is unrelenting, and the cold is unbearable. Sajer puts himself through misery, as do the thousands with him, only to not have a space in the history books. He did this all, only to be forgotten.



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