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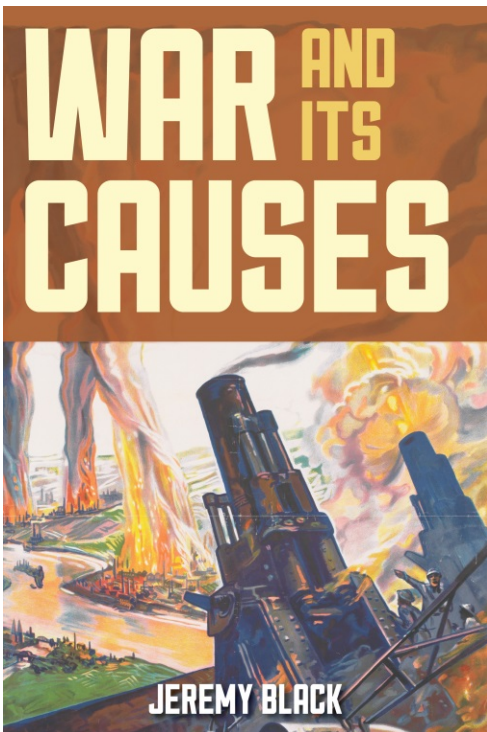
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About the Editor

Jeremy Black is professor of history at Exeter University and a 2018 Templeton Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute. His many books on modern war include *The Age of Total War*, *A Century of Conflict: War, 1914–2014*, and *War and the World, 1450–2000*.

Features

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