

THE LAST OF THE DOUGHBOYS

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In 2003 Richard Rubin set out to interview every last living American veteran of World War I. Eventually he found dozens, aged 101 to 113, and interviewed them. All are gone now.

A decade-long odyssey to recover the story of a forgotten generation and their war led Rubin across the United States and France, through archives, private collections, battlefields, literature, and music. But at the center of it all were the last of the last, the men and women he met. They were the final survivors of the millions who made up the American Expeditionary Forces, nineteenth-century men and women living in the twenty-first century. Self-reliant, humble, and stoic, they kept their stories to themselves for a lifetime then shared them at the last possible moment so that they, and the war they won, might at last be remembered. You will never forget them. *The Last of the Doughboys* is more than simply a war story; it is a moving meditation on character, grace, aging, and memory.

“Richard Rubin has performed an extraordinary feat of World War I sleuthing... His book is addictively readable.”

—Joseph E. Persico, *New York Times* bestselling author of *My American Journey*

“Richard Rubin has written the most riveting and astonishing book about World War I that I have read in a decade. No matter what you think about that terrible conflict, this book will lift up your heart, not only about the war but about being an American. It’s unique!”

—Thomas Fleming, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Illusion of Victory*

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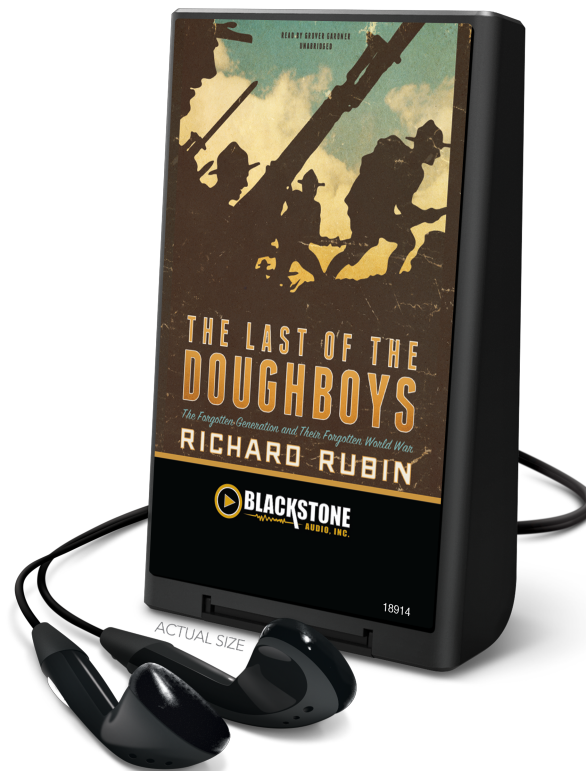
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