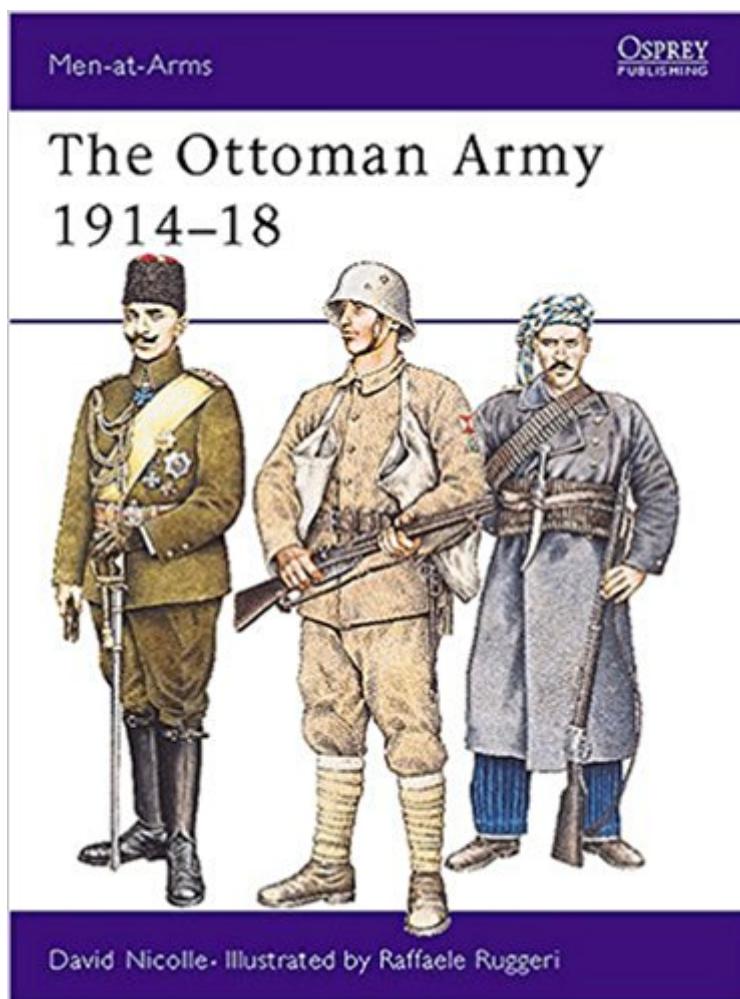


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# The Ottoman Army 1914–18 (Men-at-Arms)



## **Synopsis**

The Ottoman Turkish Empire was one of the leading protagonists of World War I, and the stolid courage of the individual Ottoman soldier was recognised by all. Yet the army in which he served is, like the Ottoman empire itself, generally little understood. Over the four years of the Great War, the Ottoman Army, Navy and two tiny air services fought on five major fronts, as well as seeing troops serve in many other war zones. This title takes a close look at the organisation, uniforms and equipment of the Ottoman Army during this period, and dispels the numerous myths that have surrounded the examinations of its forces at this time. Navy, Air, auxiliary and allied forces are also covered.

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Packed with specially commissioned artwork, maps and diagrams, the Men-at-Arms series is an unrivalled illustrated reference on the history, organisation, uniforms and equipment of the world's military forces, past and present.

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Usually I love Osprey books. They contain a lot of useful knowledge about military history in a concise package. This book does a pretty good job describing the Ottoman armed forces overall, but doesn't describe the uniforms and equipment as well as some of the other titles in the Men-at-Arms series, such as those on the German, French or even Balkan armies. Considering the size and scope of the Ottoman Empire in WWI, I expected a little bit more.

The Ottoman Empire was the weak sister of the Central Powers coalition of the First World War. This book adds much detailed information about the Ottoman Army in the First World War and that information is not limited to the uniforms of the military forces.

Very good.

THIS A GOOD BOOK FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TURKISH ARMY IN WW1 HAS SOME EXCELLENT PICTURES AND GREAT ARTWORK ABOUT A LITTLE KNOWN PART OF THE WW1 ARMIES

For modelers, this book is a great source on all details about the not-much-written-about turkish army. As usual, it has plenty of black and white photos as well as eight center color plates, with complete explanations at the end. For a little bit more of history on the Turkish army, I'd suggest adding another Osprey book: GALLIPOLI 1915.

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