

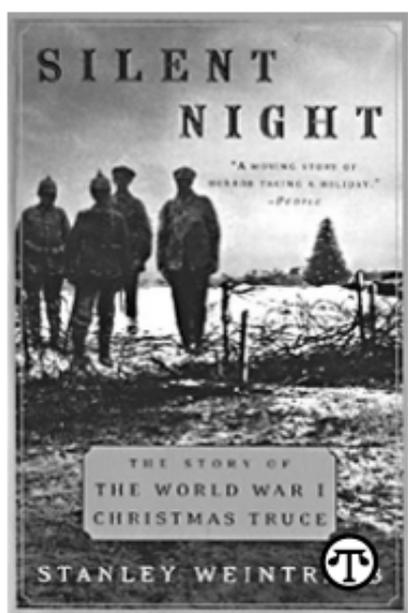


Books Worth Reading

Silent Night

(NAPSA)—One of the most remarkable events of World War I occurred on Christmas Eve when enemy soldiers laid down their arms in the middle of the war to celebrate Christmas.

In an unprecedented display of the holiday spirit, Germans placed candlelit trees on trenches and



soldiers on both sides, ignoring orders to continue shooting, climbed up out of the trenches to meet in “No Man’s Land,” a deadly place only hours before. Sharing food and

drinks together, they sang familiar carols, and for a brief moment in time, forgot the horrors of war.

Author Stanley Weintraub recounts this inspirational true story in *Silent Night* (Plume, \$14), a book described by *The Baltimore Sun* as “beautiful, brutal and deeply moving.”

In his narrative, Weintraub uses the recollections of the men who were there, as well as their letters and diaries, to illuminate the fragile truce and bring to life this extraordinary event.

Silent Night would make an ideal gift for family or friends or the serviceperson far from home during the holidays. Soldiers working to make the dream of “peace on Earth” a reality in the midst of a tragic war is a most compelling Christmas story.

Silent Night is available where paperbacks are sold.