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However, if you already have a sound understanding of the war and want to learn how the various forces and personalities worked with and against one, and had a major impact on the world we live in today, this is an excellent selection. The 3 stars are therefore an average. Probably a "2" for a first read, but a "5" for the more knowledgeable reader. The First World War is often perceived as a war of attrition, a conflict in which each side tried to wear the other down by killing as many of its men as possible. The First World War was too big to be grasped by its participants. In the retelling of their war in the competing memories of leaders and commanders, and the anguished fiction of its combatants, any sense of order and purpose, effort and achievement, was missing. Attrition: Fighting the First World War by William Philpott. 416pp, Little Brown, Telegraph offer price: £21.50 (PLUS £1.95 p&p) (RRP £25, ebook £10.04).