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In this groundbreaking new study, Heather Jones provides the first in-depth and comparative examination of violence against First World War prisoners. She shows how the war radicalised captivity treatment in Britain, France and Germany, dramatically undermined international law protecting prisoners of war and led to new forms of forced prisoner labour and reprisals, which fuelled wartime propaganda that was often based on accurate prisoner testimony. This book reveals how, during the conflict, increasing numbers of captives were not sent to home front camps but retained in western front working units to labour directly for the British, French and German armies – in the German case, by 1918, prisoners working for the German army endured widespread malnutrition and constant beatings. Dr Jones examines the significance of these new, violent trends and their later legacy, arguing that the Great War marked a key turning-point in the twentieth-century evolution of the prison camp.

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AN	Archives Nationales, Paris
ASV	Achivio Segreto Vaticano (Vatican Archives)
BA	Bundesarchiv, Berlin-Lichterfelde
BA-MA	Bundesarchiv-Militärarchiv, Freiburg
BDIC-MHC Les Invalides	Bibliothèque de Documentation Internationale Contemporaine-Musée d'Histoire Contemporaine, Les Invalides
BDIC-MHC Nanterre	Bibliothèque de Documentation Internationale Contemporaine-Musée d'Histoire Contemporaine, Nanterre
BHStA IV	Bayerisches Hauptstaatsarchiv, Abteilung IV Kriegsarchiv, Munich
DA	Direction de l'Arrière
GQG	Grand Quartier Général (French Military Headquarters)
GstA PK	Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin-Dahlem
HLRO	House of Lords Record Office
HStA STUTT	Württembergisches Hauptstaatsarchiv, Stuttgart
IbAK	First Bavarian Army Corps
IWM	Imperial War Museum, Department of Documents, London
MAE	Archives du Ministère des Affaires Étrangères (French Foreign Ministry Archives)
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer

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OHL	Oberste Heeresleitung (German Army Supreme High Command)
PG	Prisonnier de Guerre
RAMC	Royal Army Medical Corps (British)
SHAT	Service Historique de l'Armée de Terre, Vincennes
TCD	Trinity College, University of Dublin
TNA	The National Archives, London (formerly the Public Record Office)