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This is the first book-length study of the impact of the Great War on women's everyday lives in Ireland, focussing on the years of the war and its immediate aftermath. Fionnuala Walsh demonstrates how Irish women threw themselves into the war effort, mobilising in various different forms, such as nursing wounded soldiers, preparing hospital supplies and parcels of comforts, undertaking auxiliary military roles in port areas or behind the lines, and producing weapons of war. However, the war's impact was also felt beyond direct mobilisation, affecting women's household management, family relations, standard of living, and work conditions and opportunities. Drawing on extensive research in archives in Ireland and Britain, Walsh brings women's wartime experience out of the historical shadow and examines welfare and domestic life, bereavement, social morality, employment, war service, politicisation and demobilisation to challenge ideas of emancipation and reflect upon the significant impact of the Great War on Irish society.

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Abbreviations

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AOH	Ancient Order of Hibernians
BLPES	British Library of Political and Economic Science
BMH	Bureau of Military History
BRCA	British Red Cross Archives
BRCS	British Red Cross Society
CCCA	Cork City and County Archives
DATII	Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland
DCA	Dublin City Archives
DDA	Dublin Diocesan Archives
DMP	Dublin Metropolitan Police
ILHS	Irish Labour History Society
IPP	Irish Parliamentary Party
ITGWU	Irish Transport and General Workers Union
ITUC	Irish Trade Union Congress
IWFL	Irish Women’s Franchise League
IWHSD	Irish War Hospital Supply Depot
IWM	Imperial War Museum
IWSF	Irishwomen’s Suffrage Federation
IWWU	Irish Women Workers’ Union
LGB	Local Government Board
LHL	Linen Hall Library
MMMA	Medical Missionaries of Mary Archive
MTI	Municipal Technical Institute, Belfast
NAI	National Archives of Ireland
NFWW	National Federation of Women Workers
NLI	National Library of Ireland
NRF	National Relief Fund
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
NUWW	National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland
OMARC	OPW-Maynooth Archive and Research Centre

## List of Abbreviations

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PRONI	Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast
QAIMNS	Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service
QMNG	Queen Mary Needlework Guild
RCBL	Representative Church Body Library
RCPI	Royal College of Physicians Ireland
RDFA	Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association
RFS	Register of Friendly Societies
RIC	Royal Irish Constabulary
SJAA	St John Ambulance Association
SSFA	Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association
TCD	Trinity College Dublin
TFNS	Territorial Force Nursing Service
TNA	The National Archives, Kew
UCDA	University College Dublin Archives
UUC	Ulster Unionist Council
UVF	Ulster Volunteer Force
UWUC	Ulster Women's Unionist Council
VAD	Voluntary Aid Detachment
WAAC	Women's Army Auxiliary Corps
WNHA	Women's National Health Association
WO	War Office
WRAF	Women's Royal Air Force
WRNS	Women's Royal Naval Service
WSPU	Women's Social and Political Union
WWS	Women, War and Society collection
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association