



The Great Explosion: Gunpowder, the Great War, and a Disaster on the Kent Marshes

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Penguin. 1 Cloth(s), 2015. hard. Book Condition: New. In April 1916, shortly before the Battle of the Somme began in France, a fire started in a munitions works located in the Kentish marshes of England; the resulting series of explosions killed 108 people and injured many others. The author of the Irish Book Award winner *In the Dark Room*, Brian Dillon re-creates the events of that terrible day and sheds a fresh light on the British home front in the Great War. He includes a chilling natural history of explosives and their effects on the earth, on buildings, and on human and animal bodies, and evokes with vivid clarity one of Britain's strangest and most remarkable landscapes, where he has for many years been a habitual explorer. "What a fascinating, unclassifiable, brilliant book, confirming Brian Dillon's reputation as one of our most innovative and elegant non-fictioners. No one else could have written it." Robert Macfarlane "Exhilarating and moving and lyrical. It is a quiet evisceration of a landscape through the discovery of a lost history of destructiveness, a meditation on Englishness, an autobiography, a mapping of absences. I loved it." Edmund de Waal 274.



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