

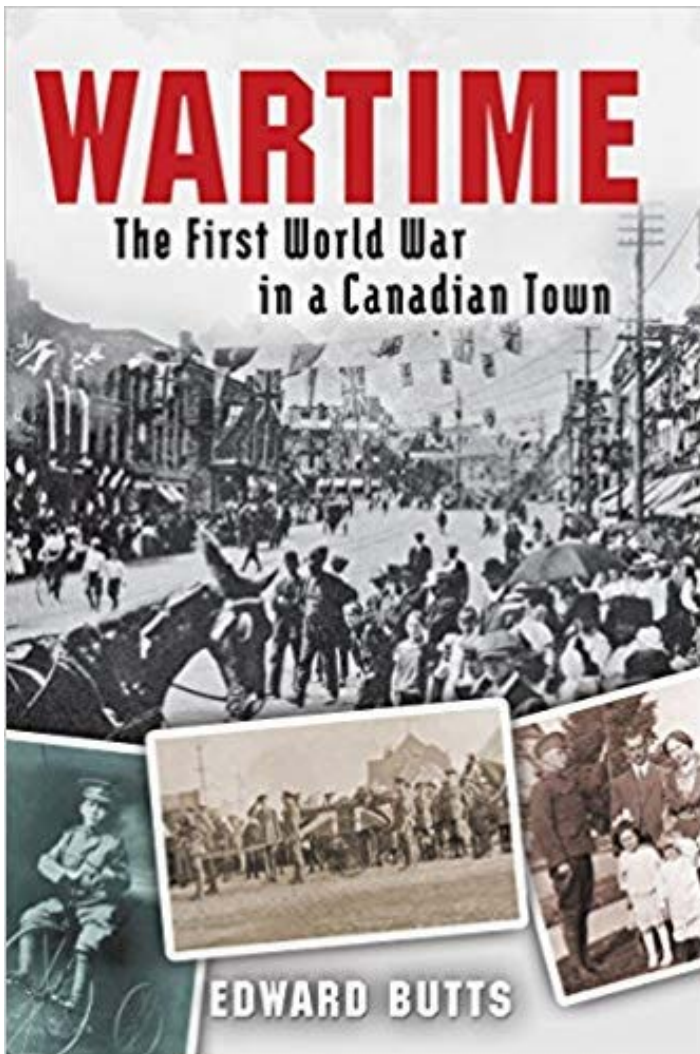


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## Edward Butts Recognized with OHS J.J. Talman Award for *Wartime*

OHS J.J. Talman Award presented June 15, 2019 at  
Tyndale University College and Seminary, Toronto

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2018 J.J. Talman Award to Edward Butts for his book *Wartime: The First World War in a Canadian Town*, published by Lorimer. The Talman Award recognizes the best book in Ontario's social, political, economic, or cultural history published in the last three years.



The First World War is referred to as the “Great War” because of its scale, but also because of its political and social implications. In *Wartime*, Edward Butts eloquently tells the story of how the people of one Ontario community (Guelph) experienced the war. Remarkably comprehensive, it introduces readers to some of the men who enlisted and some who stayed behind, the anxious mothers, wives, and children of soldiers overseas, and the many patriotic people who contributed to war-support work. It follows the story of the war from the heady days of its outbreak and early enlistments, through the endless months of grim casualty reports, to the homecoming of the brave and the broken men who made it back. Immersion in the back issues of the *Guelph Mercury* enabled the author to recover incidents of war's impact on local families, long-forgotten wartime conflicts and challenges experienced by the people of Guelph, and their reflections on the city's very identity. These insights into the local community's response to the Great War are accompanied by frequent allusions to its impact on other communities throughout Ontario and Canada.

The Honours and Awards Committee proudly presents the J.J. Talman Award to Edward Butts.

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