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E. Phillips Oppenheim : The Kingdom of the Blind before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Kingdom of the Blind:

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The Deceptive Side of War.By M. DeKalb`Some of our worst enemies are at home... and we shall never get on with the war till we've weeded them out. `This phrase epitomizes best the subject of the work. Written by British literaturist EP Oppenheim in 1916, it's quite feasible that when this was published it was genre pop-fiction, much akin to today's works by `James Axler' and `Clive Cussler', but with a bit more culture. Oppenheim is believed to have published over 150 works, many under a nom de plume. However, because of its genre-fiction standing I find it hard to find the desire to further read anymore of his work.The work offers plenty of twists and turns, war, a love triangle, lies, an entrapment, deceit and feathery expressive writing to keep the readers interest. The plot twists and turns fairly well and coheres nicely, with all the notions falling into place. Thereby, the work is quite well written, and it is to a degree interesting, but it doesn't add much new or substantial to the body of WWI fictional literature.In a tale of espionage set during World War I (WWI) Britain, we encounter a variety of characters. Surgeon-Major General Hugh Thomson, the works apparent antagonist, who is endeavoring to clear the British troops of spies. From an encounter with Captain Ronald Granet at Granet's aunt's luncheon, Thomson begins to feel suspicion toward him. But is this only due to Granet's interest in Thomson's girl, Geraldine Conyers? The prime players spend much of the novel thinking this is so.Possible Spoilers:In cahoots with his uncle, financial mogul and entrepreneur, Alfred Anselman, Granet is making all the effort he can under the `blind' (a disguise or ruse; a betting position where the odds are highly uncertain) of an English soldier to get Germany a victory - erroneous information, clandestine meetings, attempting to arrange the surrender of France, zeppelin guiding.Through the chain of evidence, not necessarily circumstantial, Thomson finds that Granet, while of English blood holds a loyalty to the other, more nostalgically pronounced side of his blood - Germany. Knowing that the worst threats to British success are those threats from within, Thomson makes it his solemn duty to expose Granet.As the war continues Thomson's persistence pays off; a note is decoded and an attack on England is committed true to the note. Through a series of exposes and a war-torn finale, Thomson finally becomes the protagonist the author had intended.`It's English air I breathe, but it's a German heart I still carry with me.' - Captain Granet (2409).0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Kindle CustomerWhat great writing and i hope to read them all6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Espionage and Counter-Espionage. World War OneBy DharmaSurgeon-Major Hugh Thomson is engaged to the beautiful Geraldine Conyers. Ostensibly responsible for military hospitals on the front in France, in reality he is in charge of military counter-intelligence. He is on the trail of a German master spy who seems to be able to travel across the lines and back and forth between Germany and England.Captain Granet is a wounded war hero recently awarded the DSO and recovering after having been captured twice and escaping twice from the Germans. He

meets and falls in love with Geraldine Conyers. This novel was written and published in 1916, during the early years of World War I. It relates with remarkable clarity the thoughts and feelings of the upper class in London during the early, romantic, phase of the war. Although there are intimations of the brutality of Ypres and other battles, there is still the remarkable fluidity between the battlefields in France, and society in London. Much is made of the ignorance and cowardice of politicians and businessmen, and the courage of military men in confronting the enemy. The plot evolves around the development and implementation of secret war weapons aimed at German Submarines. Airplanes are still a novelty, and there is a nighttime Zeppelin raid on a secret weapons laboratory. Oppenheim served as a press liaison with the British military in France. He was one of the authors who notably tried to warn Britain about German intentions before the war, and then cursed the inadequate British conduct of the war. Writing clearly from the viewpoint of the upper class, this novel is an interesting window into the thoughts and feelings of the participants.

Kingdom of the Blind is presented here in a high quality paperback edition. This popular classic work by E. Phillips (Edward Phillips) Oppenheim is in the English language, and may not include graphics or images from the original edition. If you enjoy the works of E. Phillips (Edward Phillips) Oppenheim then we highly recommend this publication for your book collection.

About the Author Edward Phillips Oppenheim (1866-1946), an English novelist, was a major and successful writer of genre fiction, particularly thrillers. Among his books are *The Betrayal*, *The Avenger*, *The Double Life of Mr. Alfred Burton*, *The Devil's Paw*, and *The Evil Shepherd*.

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