

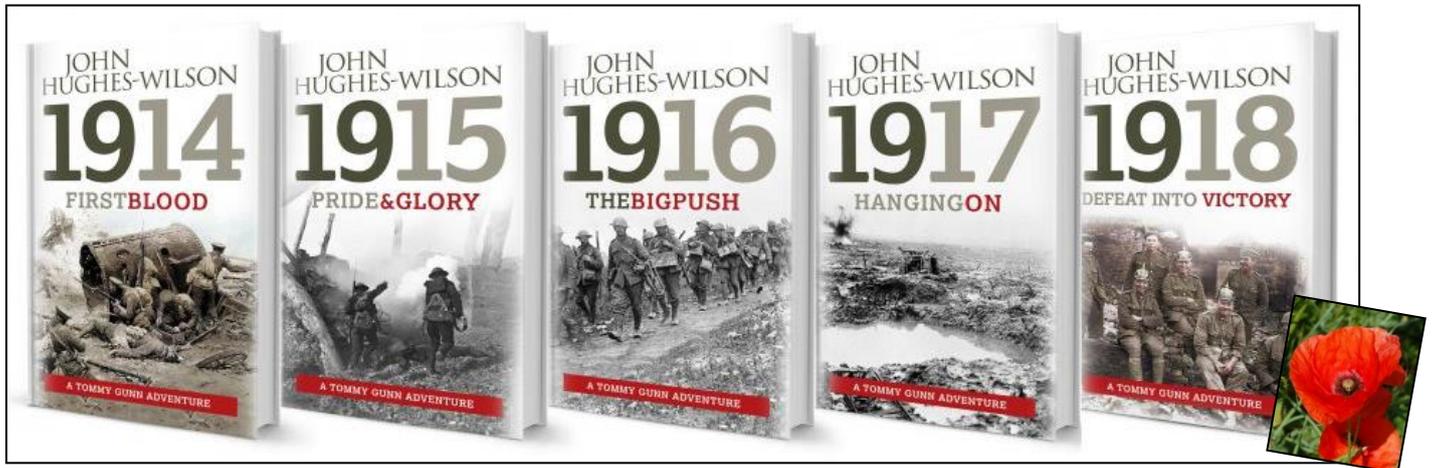
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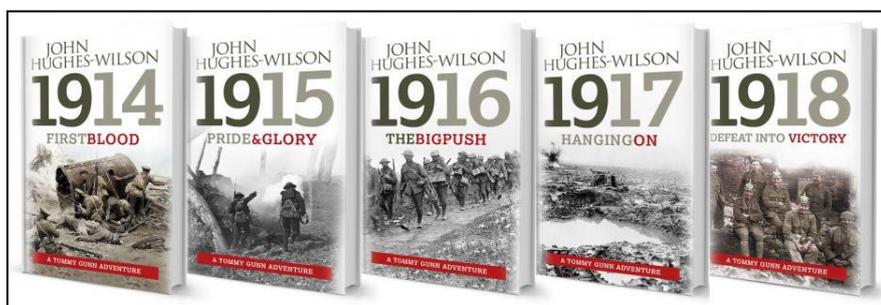
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He has been a frequent broadcaster for **BBC television and radio**, giving live commentary for the annual Remembrance service at the **Centotaph** for BBC television, (with David Dimbleby) as well as covering events such as the "**Falklands 25th Anniversary**" celebration (with Huw Edwards.) He has been the **presenter** of numerous television programmes for several film companies, including the award-nominated BBC's "**What If?**" television series and Fulcrum TV's "**1945**", as well as being a regular radio commentator for the BBC World Service. He is an Archives Bi-Fellow of **Churchill College Cambridge** and a member of the Editorial Board of the **Royal United Services Institute** in Whitehall.

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After service as an **infantry officer** with the Sherwood Foresters, during his twenty-five years in the **Intelligence Corps** and as a **Special Forces Operations Officer** he saw active service in the **Falkland Islands, Cyprus, Arabia, and Northern Ireland** as well as the dangerous jungles of Whitehall and NATO. He retired as an Intelligence advisor to NATO's Political Staff. John Hughes-Wilson now lives in the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus.

Local UK interest: Nottinghamshire: Tommy Gunn, the central character in this series of novels, comes from Nottinghamshire and serves with the **Sherwood Foresters**. (The author himself also served in the Sherwood Foresters early in his career.)



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