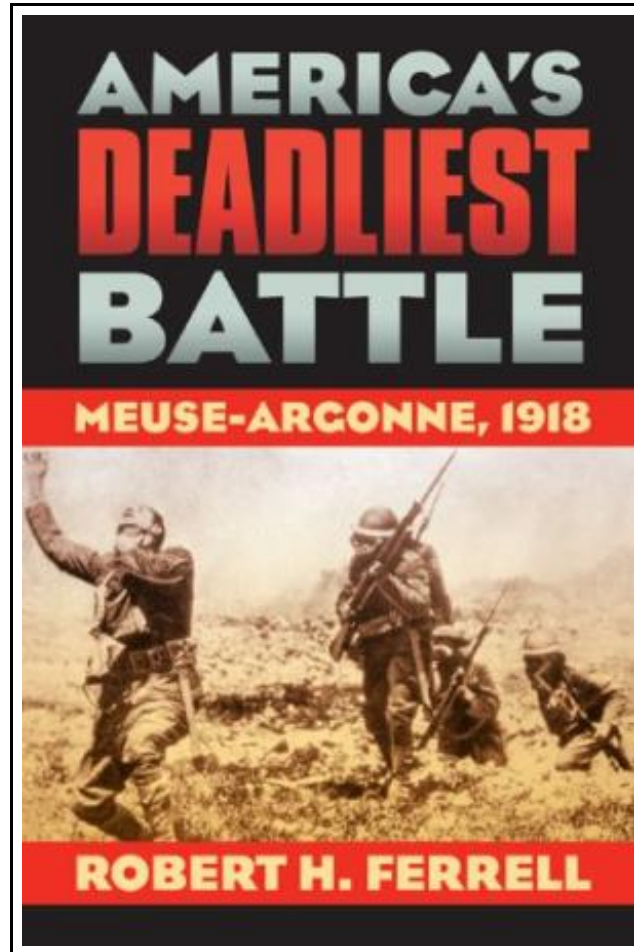# America's Deadliest Battle: Meuse-Argonne, 1918



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