

*A book review by Aleister Crowley from the September 1917 edition of The International.*

***Kelly of the Foreign Legion.*** Mitchell Kennerley, 1917. Most writers of war stories have been sophisticated persons who thought that they had better put in some fine writing and some profound philosophical thoughts. Among them, thank God, is not to be found Kelly of the Foreign Legion. I think we may take him as the average soldier. A perfectly simple-minded, decent good fellow. His highest thoughts about the war are to say that it is an asinine thing. We consequently get a very charming account of what soldiers really go through, without the slightest attempt at swank, and padding, and trying to make an impression. It is quite the best book on the war I have yet seen.