

TUNTEMATON SOTILAS / THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



Written by Väinö Linna

Published in 1954

- One of THE Finnish novels
- Tells about the experiences of a machine gun companion in the Continuation war between Finland and the Soviet Union (WW II)
- Told from the viewpoint of ordinary Finnish men who were sent to war as soldiers
- Fictional, based on Linna's own experiences in war
- Gritty, realistic, historical, local (dialects), national, universal
- The madness of war and the importance of peace



