Vera Brittain

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Vera Brittain, Author of Testament of Youth - Goodreads In 1913, her brother, Edward Brittain, introduced Vera to Roland Leighton, one of his friends from Uppingham School. Leighton, who had just won a place at Trinity College, Cambridge, was to become her fiancé. She was then only 16 years old. In 1914, Vera married George Catlin in a civil ceremony at the Registrar-General's office in London. Vera, who had been brought up as a Quaker, became a Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse at a hospital in the West End of London. She later joined the British Red Cross Society and served as a nurse at the Western Front. Her experiences of the war were the basis of her famous memoir, Testament of Youth, which was published in 1933 and has been reprinted many times since then. It is a moving account of the war and its impact on the people who lived through it. Vera Brittain was an influential writer and pacifist, and her work has been studied and discussed in many countries around the world. Her legacy lives on through the many people who have been inspired by her words and her actions.