The Tragic Tale of Claire Ferchaud and the Great War


*The Tragic Tale of Claire Ferchaud and the Great War* explores the boundary between sanctity and hysteria. Although 1914 brought national integration across Europe – regionalism was effaced, workers became patriots, cold civil wars were set aside in the name of national unity – there were emphatic exceptions. The story of Claire Ferchaud follows a modern Joan of Arc as she moves from a culture that sustains her visions of apocalyptic victory to one that condemns them as symptoms of pathology. The book also functions as a brief history of the Home Front in France during WWI.

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