"Because the Spanish Civil War was, in effect, the opening battle of the Second World War, because it was the first time the world experienced saturation bombing of civilian targets, because the 40,000 volunteers from fifty-two countries who joined the International Brigades did so in selfless dedication to the common good: for all these and other reasons it holds a special place in modern history."

--Cary Nelson

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"Spain's Civil War, as a war of cultures, remains a parable for our times. The parable remains, even though the forms of our inhumanity to one another are each time differently configured."

--Helen Graham