



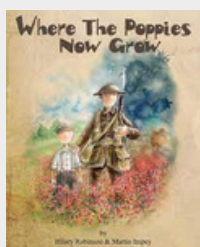
REMEMBRANCE

Since the end of the First World War in 1919, most countries have observed Remembrance Day on the 11th November to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. There are many books available to share with children which explore different aspects of the experience of war and those suggested here are sure to encourage reflection and discussion.

Some of the stories included here are based on personal experiences, making them all the more poignant.



Where the Poppies Now Grow
Hilary Robinson, illustrated by Martin Impey

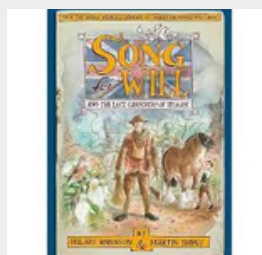


Told in rhyming text, 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' introduces the reader to best friends, Ben and Ray, in both peace and war. It is the first of four books in the series, each sensitively dealing with a different aspect of the First World War. The others are: The Christmas Truce (ISBN: 978-0957124578), Flo of the Somme (ISBN: 978-0957124561) and Peace Lily (ISBN: 978-0957124554)

Strauss House Productions
ISBN: 978-0957124585



A Song for Will and the Lost Gardeners of Heligan
Hilary Robinson, illustrated by Martin Impey



Inspired by real people, 'A Song for Will' is told through an exchange of letters between Alfie, an errand boy at Heligan, too young to enlist, and stone mason, Fred Paynter, who is in the army. Deeply poignant, this is a very special book.

Strauss House Publishing
ISBN: 978-0957124530



Archie's War
Marcia Williams

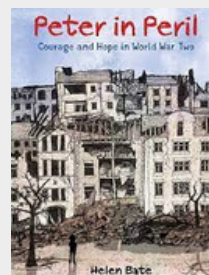


Given a scrapbook for his birthday in April 1914, Archie Albright fills it with details of everyday life, but when war breaks out, his life changes for ever and the contents of his book give a unique insight into life during the war. 'My Secret War Diary by Flossie Albright' (ISBN: 978-1406331998) is set during WWII.

Walker Books
ISBN: 978-1406352689



Peter in Peril: Courage and Hope in WWII
Helen Bate

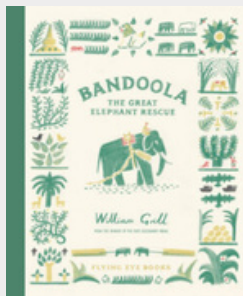


This moving, true story of the Second World War, set in Budapest, Hungary, vividly portrays, through words and pictures, the experiences of Peter and his family as they struggle to survive in a city torn apart by war.

Otter-Barry
ISBN: 978-1910959572



Bandoola: The Great Elephant Race
William Grill

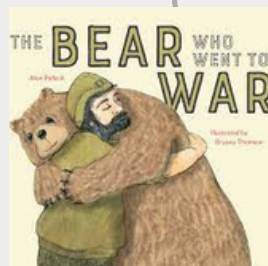


Flying Eye Books
ISBN: 978-1838740238

Based on the true story of Bandoola, his keeper Po Toke and war veteran James Howard Williams (Aka Elephant Bill), 'Bandoola' is an incredible story of courage as World War Two comes to Myanmar.



The Bear Who Went to War
Alan Pocock, illustrated by Bryony Thomson

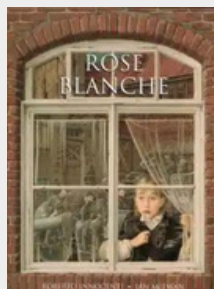


Old Barn Books
ISBN: 978-1910646526

This lovely book is based on the true story of 'Wotjek' the bear cub, who travelled, fought and ultimately emigrated with Polish soldiers during World War II, before ending his days in Edinburgh Zoo.



Rose Blanche
Ian McEwan, illustrated by Roberto Innocentini



Red Fox
ISBN: 978-0099439509

Deeply poignant, 'Rose Blanche' offers a layered story which works on different levels with different readers. 'Erika's Story' by Vander Zee (ISBN: 978-0898128918) is also illustrated by Roberto Innocentini.



Valentine Joe
Rebecca Stevens

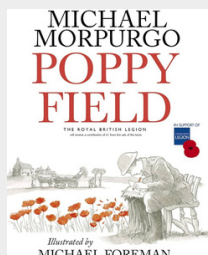


Chicken House
ISBN: 978-1909489608

14 year old Rose and her grandfather are travelling to Ypres to visit the graves of those who died in the Great War. Rose notices the grave of a 15 year old boy called 'Valentine Joe'. That night, she sees a troop of soldiers from her window... Based on the true story of 15-year-old Valentine Joe Strudwick, this is a powerful time-slip novel.



Poppy Field
Michael Morpurgo



Scholastic
ISBN: 978-0702319044

Written with the Royal British Legion, Michael Morpurgo and Michael Foreman's have created a story celebrating the history of the poppy.



I, Spy
Rhian Tracey

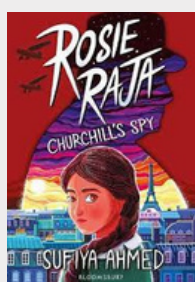


Piccadilly Press
ISBN: 978-1800784406

Robyn has grown up in Bletchley Park, where her father works as a driver and there's nothing she likes more than helping her dad in the garages. Then the war begins and everything at Bletchley changes. Based on true events, this is a thrilling adventure.



Rosie Raja: Churchill's Spy
Sufiya Ahmed



Bloomsbury
ISBN: 978-1801990059

Rosie has always lived in India, so when her mother passes away and she moves to England, she is miserable, but her life changes dramatically when she discovers that her army captain father is actually a spy for the British government. She can't bear to be left behind so she stows away in his plane and finds herself in occupied France. Rosie's adventures continue in Mission to Cairo (ISBN: 978-1801990103).



Letters from the Lighthouse
Emma Carroll



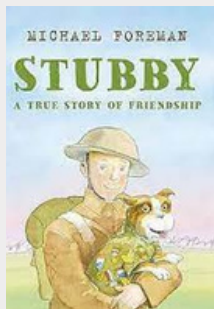
Faber and Faber
ISBN: 978-0571327584

After an air raid in which their sister, Sukie, is feared dead, Olive and her brother, Clive, are evacuated to the Devon coast. Finding a strange coded note which seems to link her sister to where they are staying, Olive is determined to uncover the truth.





Stubby: A True Story of Friendship Michael Foreman

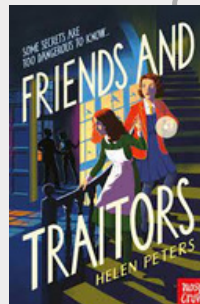


From an army training camp to the trenches in France, this is the incredible true story of Sergeant Stubby, a dog who served bravely in the First World War. Another true story about an animal during WWI captured by Michael Foreman is 'The Amazing Tale of Ali Pasha'.

Andersen Press
ISBN: 978-1783447657



Friends and Traitors Helen Peters

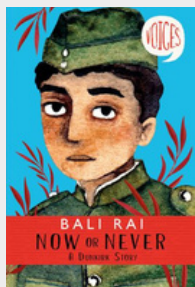


When Sidney's school is evacuated, she thinks it's going to be terribly boring. However, she meets Nancy, a clever girl working as a maid. Soon, the girls become suspicious of the Earl and things take a sinister turn...

Nosy Crow
ISBN: 978-1788004640



Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story Bali Rai



Fifteen-year-old Fazal runs away from his family in northern India, lying about his age to join up. Arriving in France in the winter of 1939, he experiences the harsh realities of war and the beaches of Dunkirk where events lead Fazal to question why he signed up.

Scholastic
ISBN: 978-1407191362



Code Name Kingfisher Liz Kessler

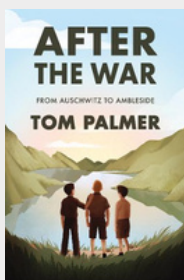


Finding a secret box from her grandmother's childhood, Liv uncovers an amazing war-time tale of bravery, betrayal and resistance. Another powerful story from Liz Kessler is 'When the World Was Ours' (ISBN: 978-1471196812)

Simon and Schuster
ISBN: 978-1398512498



After the War Tom Palmer, illustrated by Violet Tobacco



Inspired by the incredible true story of the Windermere Boys, Tom Palmer tells the story of Yossi, Leo and Mordecai who, among three hundred children, arrive in the English Lake District, having survived the horrors of concentration camps. Other stories by Tom Palmer include 'Arctic Star' (ISBN: 978-1781129715) and 'Resist' (ISBN: 978-1800901063)

Barrington Stoke
ISBN: 978-1781129487



Mohinder's War Bali Rai

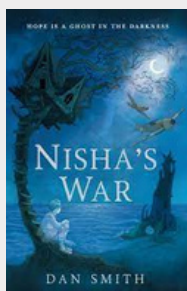


Thirteen-year-old Joelle Breton stumbles across Indian-born RAF pilot, Mohinder Singh. His plane has crashed in occupied France and it's up to her and her parents, members of the French Resistance, to hide him from the Nazis. But betrayal and tragedy mean they have to act fast to escape the enemy.

Bloomsbury
ISBN: 978-1472958372



Nisha's War Dan Smith



When Nisha's home in Malaya is destroyed by war she and her mother, Amma, flee to her father's family home on the cold Northern coast of England. But her mother falls ill and Nisha is left to face Grandmother's endless rules alone so when she sees a ghost child at the foot of the old weeping tree who promises her Amma's life in return for three lost treasures, Nisha is determined to do anything she can to save her mother. Dan is also the author of 'The Wall Between Us' (ISBN: 978-1912626762) set in 1961 Berlin as the wall is built, separating two cousins.

Chicken House
ISBN: 978-1912626755



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When the Sky Falls

Phil Earle



Inspired by a true story, 'When the Sky Falls' is set in 1941. Joseph is sent to live with Mrs F whose care is focused on her rundown zoo and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. Readers who enjoy this will also love 'Until the Road Ends' (ISBN: 978-1839133169) and 'While the Storm Rages' (ISBN: 978-1839132056)

Andersen
ISBN: 978-1783449651



Never Forget You

Jamila Gavin



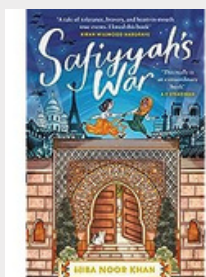
Gwen, Noor, Dodo and Vera are four very different teenage girls who become friends whilst at boarding school. Then war arrives and the girls find themselves separated, facing great danger and hoping their friendship survives.

Farshore
ISBN: 978-0755503346



Safiyyah's War

Hiba Noor Khan



Safiyyah's life changes for ever when war comes to Paris. When her father is arrested by the Nazis for his Resistance work, Safiyyah starts to run dangerous errands around the city, helping Jews seek sanctuary at the mosque before leaving the city through the catacombs beneath the city.

Andersen Press
ISBN: 978-1839133138



Zinc

Sue Klauber



Based on the extraordinary real-life stories of family members, 'Zinc' follows the story of brothers George and John and their sister Eva are each fighting the war in their own way, offering very different perspectives.

Troika
ISBN: 978-1912745043



The Valley of Lost Secrets

Lesley Parr



Evacuated to a small village in Wales with his little brother, Ronnie, Jimmy feels completely out of place. But then he finds a skull hidden in a tree and sets out to uncover the valley's secrets. 'When the War Came Home' (ISBN: 978-1526621009), also by Lesley Parr, is set in the aftermath of WWI.

Bloomsbury
ISBN: 978-1526620521



Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan

Sufiya Ahmed



After fleeing from Paris, Noor vows to do everything she can to end the power of the Nazis who have invaded her home. Having joined the war effort, she eventually becomes a spy. Based on the life of the real war hero, Noor Inayat Khan.

Scholastic
ISBN: 978-0702300059



Please Write Soon

Michael Rosen and Michael Foreman



Inspired by a true family story, Solly exchanges letters with his teenaged cousin, Bernie, in Poland. While Solly tries to adapt to life as an evacuee, he worries about his cousin, who has been arrested and sent off to a forced labour camp in Russia.

Scholastic
ISBN: 978-0702303180



Flight

Vanessa Harbour



After losing his family, Jakob helps Herr Engel hide the precious Lipizzaner stallions they know Hitler wants to steal. When their discovery is threatened, they -with Kizzy, a Roma girl- must guide the horses across the perilous Austrian mountains. Their adventure continues in 'Safe' (ISBN: 978-1913102937)

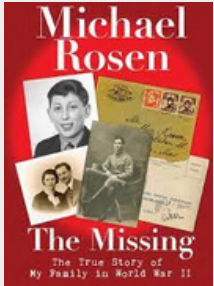
Firefly Press
ISBN: 978-1910080764



NON-FICTION



The Missing: The True Story of My Family in World War II
Michael Rosen



A very personal and poignant account, this is the story of Michael Rosen's search for members of his family who 'went missing' during the Holocaust.

Walker
ISBN: 978-1406386752



We Will remember Them: The Story of Remembrance

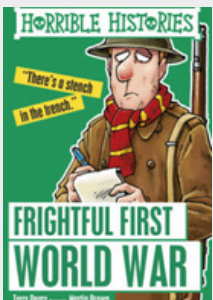


Produced in partnership with the Royal British Legion, this sensitively written book explains the history behind poppies, why silences are held and what happens in commemorative parades around the world.

Franklin Watts
ISBN: 978-1445172781



Horrible Histories: Frightful First World War
Terry Deary and Martin Brown



Part of the ever popular 'Horrible Histories' series, 'Frightful First World War' is full of foul facts, making history accessible to young readers. The 'Woeful Second World War' (ISBN: 978-0702307348) is also available.

Scholastic
ISBN: 978-1407138916



Fritz and Kurt
Jeremy Dronfield, illustrated by David Ziggy Greene

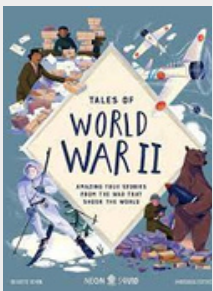


This re-telling of 'The Boy Who Followed his Father into Auschwitz' is the extraordinary true story, Fritz and Kurt, two Jewish brothers and their experiences after the Nazis come to Vienna in 1939.

Puffin
ISBN: 978-0241565742



Tales of World War II
Dr Hattie Hearn, illustrated by Margarida Esteves



Featuring stories from all over the world, 'Tales of World War II' reveals some of the most incredible true tales from the war, interspersed with pages explaining the key events.

Neon Squid
ISBN: 978-1838992859

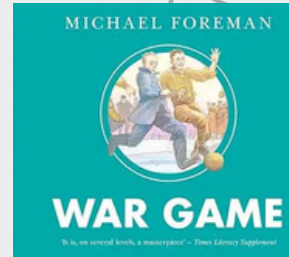


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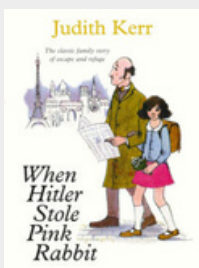
War Game
Michael Foreman



With the main characters named after and based on Michael Foreman's uncles who were killed in the war, 'War Game' focuses on the remarkable events of Christmas Day, 1914.

Farshore
ISBN: 978-0008612733

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Judith Kerr



Semi-autobiographical, 'When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit' tells the story of a Jewish family escaping Germany in the days before the Second World War. The story continues in 'Bombs on Aunt Dainty' (ISBN: 978-0007137619) and 'A Small Person Far Away' (ISBN: 978-0007137626)

Harper Collins
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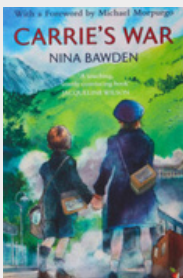
Goodnight Mr Tom
Michelle Magorian



When eight-year-old Willie Beech is evacuated from his home in London, he ends up living with Tom Oakley. Gradually, Willie flourishes and a deep bond forms between the two in this very poignant, unforgettable story.

Puffin
ISBN: 978-0141354804

Carrie's War
Nina Bawden



Carrie and her little brother, Nick, have been evacuated from their London home to Wales where they find themselves living with Mr Evans, a bullying shopkeeper, and Auntie Lou, his gentle sister. When they visit Albert, another evacuee, they meet Hepzibah Green and start to settle into their new home. But when their loyalties are tested, which side will they choose?

Virago
ISBN: 978-0349009162

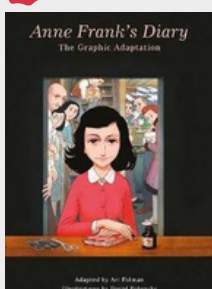
War Horse
Michael Morpurgo



One of many war fiction novels by Michael Morpurgo, 'War Horse' tells the story of Joey, a farm horse who ends up as a war horse in World War I.

Farshore
ISBN: 978-0008640712

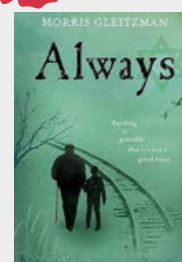
Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation
Anne Frank, adapted by Ari Folman, illustrated by David Polonsky



In the summer of 1942, Anne and her family were forced into hiding in the secret annexe where Anne kept a diary about her feelings and experiences. This is the first graphic edition of her diary.

Penguin
ISBN: 978-0241978641

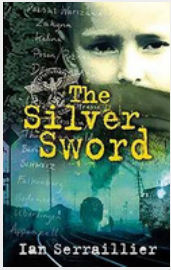
Always
Morris Gleitzman



This is the seventh and final part of Felix's story which started with 'Once' (ISBN: 978-0141320632), an outstanding series of books.

Puffin
ISBN: 978-0241380482





The Silver Sword Ian Serraillier

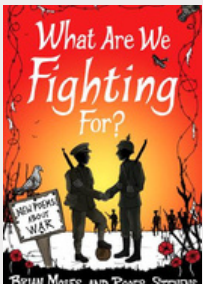
This classic tells the story of Jan and his friends, siblings Ruth, Edek and Bronia, as they begin a long and dangerous journey south, from Poland to Switzerland, where they hope to find their parents again.

Red Fox
ISBN: 978-0099439493

POETRY



What Are We Fighting For? Brian Moses and Roger Stevens, illustrated by Nicola L Robinson

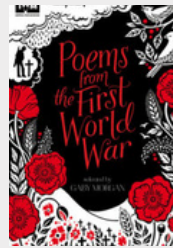


A fabulous collection of poems exploring the concept of war, 'What Are We Fighting For?' contains a wide range of poems, plus historical facts.

Macmillan
ISBN: 978-1447248613



Poems from the First World War selected by Gaby Morgan



A poignant collection of work, 'Poems of the First World War' includes contributions from soldiers, nurses, mothers, sweethearts and family and friends, each offering a differing perspective and experience.

Macmillan
ISBN: 978-1447248644



Wilfred Owen Dulce et Decorum Est illustrated by Martin Impey



Created to mark the centenary of both Wilfred Owen's death and the Armistice, the poem has been vividly illustrated by Martin Impey. The book also includes Owen's four original drafts of the work.

Strauss House Publishing
ISBN: 978-1527218253



For the Fallen Various poets and illustrators

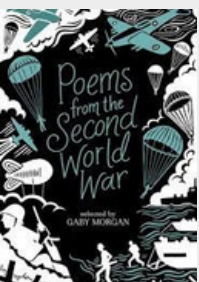


Part of the Project X series, this collection presents each poem in both graphic and text only form and includes information about the conflicts the poems relate to.

OUP
ISBN: 978-0198367871



Poems from the Second World War selected by Gaby Morgan



Partner to 'Poems from the First World War' this collection of poems shares the voices of the many different people who were affected by conflict during World War II.

Macmillan
ISBN: 978-1509838882



Digging for Victory Cathy Faulkner



Fed up with tending the vegetable patch, Bonnie wants to help the war effort like her brother. When mysterious Mr Fisher is billeted on their home, she finds him very suspicious and is determined to uncover his secrets. The story is told in verse.

Firefly Press
ISBN: 978-1915444110

