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<td>Part Inferno and part Paradise Lost, Song for Night is the story of a West African boy soldier's lyrical, terrifying, yet beautiful journey through the nightmare landscape of a brutal war in search of his lost platoon. The reader is led by the voiceless protagonist who, as part of a landmine-clearing platoon, had his vocal chords cut - a move to keep these children from screaming when blown up, and thereby distracting the other minesweepers. Each chapter is headed by a line of the unique sign language these children have invented.</td>
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<td>The limits of fifteen-year-old Kambili's world are defined by the high walls of her family estate and the dictates of her repressive and fanatically religious father. When Nigeria begins to fall apart during a military coup, Kambili's father, involved mysteriously in the political crisis, sends Kambili and her brother away to live with their aunt. In this house, full of energy and laughter, she discovers life and love - and a terrible, bruising secret deep within her family.</td>
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<td>These stories centre on African conflicts as seen through the eyes of children and describe their resilience and endurance in heartbreaking detail. From child trafficking to inter-religious conflicts, Uwem Akpan reveals in beautiful prose the resilience and endurance of children faced with the harsh consequences of deprivation and terror.</td>
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<td>The true story of how ten people managed to save the lives of many thousands of Jews who were doomed to die in Hitler's concentration camps. Describes Ruth Kluger's desperate and exciting adventures.</td>
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<td>A spoiled Emirati rich girl, an Iranian asylum seeker in Amsterdam, a Liberian refugee seeking aid from a charity, a Ukrainian prostitute, a Danish sex trafficker, a Chinese gamer. Alizadeh's characters live on the edge of what is considered civilised society, often caught between East and West, in the web of global politics. Fresh and adventurous, this absorbing story cycle melds themes of love, exploration, globalisation, war and poverty, offering a provocative and panoramic view of contemporary life.</td>
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<td>The crew of the tiny Costa Rican fishing boat began drifting helplessly after a violent storm in January, 1988. Five months later, their battered craft was within hours of sinking when the five men were plucked to safety 600 miles south of Honolulu. The story of an epic battle with nature and a lasting testament to human courage.</td>
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<td>Halina returns to Poland as part of a war crimes investigation team. She is forced to confront the worst of evils, but also the truth about her own past. She discovers that the human spirit is a far bolder and more courageous thing than she could ever have imagined …</td>
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The Human Spirit
The day-to-day diary of a soldier who spent almost all of World War II as a prisoner of the Japanese in SE Asia. Stan Arneil lived through the defence and capitulation of Singapore, Changi prison camp, working in the Burma-Thailand railway after to which he was returned to Changi and survived to return home to Australia after liberation.

Attwood, Alan Burke's Soldier F ATT:A
The young Irishman had already endured the horrors of the Indian Mutiny when he signed on with the erratic Burke to explore a land he knew little about. King was with Wills as he penned his final letter, and at Burke's side when he died. Then he was alone, the sole survivor, though barely alive when rescued by Alfred Howitt.

Baillie, Allan Little Brother F BAI:A
Set in war-torn Kampuchea, this is the powerful story of Vithy's search for his brother, lost when they were forced to flee from the Khmer Rouge.

Baillie, Allan Krakatoa Lighthouse F BAI:A
Suddenly there was a trench across the beach, about ten meters away from the fishermen, where before there had been nothing but flat sand. The fishermen moved quickly away as the trench heaved grey ash across the sand. A powerful story of survival and loss based on the real-life events of the Krakatoa volcano eruption.

Baker, Mark The Fiftieth Gate 920 BAK
Moving from Poland and Germany to Jerusalem and Melbourne, the author travels across the silence of 50 years, through the gates of Auschwitz, and into a dark bunker where a little girl hides in fear. This is the story of a journey from despair and death towards hope and life.

Balchin, Nigel The Small Back Room F BAL:N
A classic 20th-century novel. Sammy Rice, a weapons scientist and one of the "backroom boys" of World War Two, suffers from a crippling disability that has left him cynical, disillusioned, and riddled with self-doubt. But, when the enemy begins dropping a new form of booby bomb, causing terrible casualties, Sammy alone has the know-how to defuse it. Face to face with real danger, he must confront his inadequacies — if he is to succeed.

Baskin, Nora Raleigh Anything But Typical F BAS:N
Jason is autistic. He doesn't really have any friends at school, and his relationship with his parents is strained. He feels most at home when he is writing: Online, people read his stories and comment on them without ever knowing that he is autistic. But then he starts corresponding with a girl he meets through online writing boards - he knows her only by her screen name, Phoenixbird.

Bennett, Lerone, Jr. What Manner of Man : Martin Luther King, Jr. 323.092 KIN:B
An outstanding biographical study that won the Patron Saints Award of the Society of Midland Authors in 1965. After Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968, Lerone Bennett amended the text and added a chapter which recorded the events of the last fateful weeks of Martin Luther King's life.

Bickel, Lennard This Accursed Land 998.9 BIC
**The Human Spirit**
Tells the story of how Mawson declined to join Captain Scott's ill-fated British expedition in order to lead the Australasian party and the three-man team -- Mawson, Ninnis and Mertz -- who set out with husky teams to explore the far eastern coastline of the Antarctic continent. The hazardous trek turned into a nightmare.

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<td><em>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</em></td>
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<td>A story of innocence existing within the evil of life in Nazi Germany. This is the fictional tale of two young boys caught up in an event beyond their control whose life and circumstances are very different from each other.</td>
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<td><em>The Great Escape</em></td>
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<td>The true story of Douglas Bader, Britain's most courageous war-flier - hero of the Battle of Britain. The real fight for Bader was not in the deadly dog-fights in the 1940 skies, but in the battle fought in a hospital ward learning to cope with two artificial legs.</td>
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<td><em>My Left Foot</em></td>
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<td>This is Christy Brown’s story of being born a victim of cerebral palsy. He recounts his childhood struggle to learn to read, write, paint and finally type, with the toe of his left foot.</td>
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<td><em>The Greatest Escape Stories Ever</em></td>
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<td>Vivid accounts of what happened to the people of Hiroshima, before, and after the bomb was dropped on the city in August, 1945.</td>
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<td><em>Firestorm!</em></td>
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<td>For Ben, his family, and many other people, the bushfires that broke loose on Ash Wednesday could never be forgotten. Neither could the emotions that erupted in the township afterwards.</td>
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<td>Chang, Jung</td>
<td><em>Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China</em></td>
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<td>Jung Chang describes the life of her grandmother, a warlord's concubine; her mother's struggles as an idealistic Communist; her parents' experience as members of the Communist elite and their ordeal during the Cultural Revolution.</td>
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Orphaned in the brutal Balkans conflict, thirteen-year-old Josef is forced to flee dramatically through the forest to the border. Frightened, angry and deeply traumatised, he then suffers the uncertainty and boredom of a refugee camp before finally being plucked to safety in Australia by an uncle he never knew existed.

Chotjewitz, David  
Daniel Half Human  
Daniel and Armin admire Hitler as an underdog and revolutionary hero. The boys talk about joining the Hitler Youth - until Daniel learns to his horror that his mother is Jewish.

Clendinnen, Inga  
Reading the Holocaust  
Explores the experience of the Holocaust from both the victims' and the perpetrators' point of view. Includes survivor testimonies, 'resistance' in the camps and the motivations of the Nazi leadership. She also considers how the Holocaust has been portrayed in poetry, fiction, and film.

Corder, E.M.  
The Deer Hunter  
He was a young steelworker from Pennsylvania, drafted into the armed forces and sent to fight in Vietnam. Despite all the skills he had acquired in his years as a hunter in the mountains, nothing had prepared him for war in the jungles of Asia ...

Cross, Gillian  
After Tomorrow  
What if you woke up tomorrow and everything had changed? Money is worthless. Your friends are gone. Armed robbers roam the streets. No one is safe. For Matt and his little brother, Taco, that nightmare is a reality. Their only hope of survival is to escape through the Channel Tunnel. But danger waits on the other side.

Dechian, Sonja  
Dark Dreams: Australian Refugee Stories by Young Writers Aged 11-20 Years  
An anthology of essays, interviews and short stories written by children and young adults aged 11-20 years who recreate the story of someone who came to Australia as a refugee. Some focus on survival, some on horrors, some on the experiences and alienation of a new world, including refugees still living in detention centres in Australia.

Dembo, Margot  
The Girl in the Red Coat: Surviving Survival  
Roma was one of the "hidden children" to survive the Holocaust. But memories of childhood trauma were deep-seated and, despite her successful life, the resonating effects of her past gradually took their toll. In this book she writes honestly about rising above the sorrow.

DePaul, Kim & Pran, Dith (eds.)  
Children of Cambodia's Killing Fields: Memoirs of Survivors  
Each witness was a child at the time of Cambodia's holocaust, and each tells of families torn apart, loss of innocence, a ceaseless struggle to survive against all odds, and ultimately the triumph of the human spirit.

Dinsdale, Robert  
Little Exiles  
Little Exiles tells the story of the forced child migration between Britain and Australia that took place after World War II and how this flight from home shaped the identity of a generation of children.

Dogar, Sharon  
Annexed  

Everyone knows about Anne Frank and her life hidden in the secret annex - but what about the boy who was also trapped there with her? Sharon Dogar explores what this might have been like from Peter's point of view. What was it like to be forced into hiding with Anne Frank, first to hate her and then to find himself falling in love with her?

**Dowd, Siobhan**  
**Bog Child**  
Digging for peat in the mountain with his Uncle Tally, Fergus finds the body of a child, and it looks like she's been murdered. As Fergus tries to make sense of the mad world around him - his brother on hunger-strike in prison, his growing feelings for Cora, his parents arguing over the Troubles, and him in it up to the neck, blackmailed into acting as courier to God knows what, a little voice comes to him in his dreams, and the mystery of the bog child unfurls.

**Downham, Jenny**  
**Before I Die**  
Tessa has just a few months to live. Fighting back against hospital visits, endless tests, drugs with excruciating side-effects, Tessa compiles a list. It's her 'To Do Before I Die' list. And number one is sex. Released from the constraints of 'normal' life, Tessa tastes new experiences to make her feel alive while her failing body struggles to keep up. Tessa's feelings, her relationships with her father and brother, her estranged mother, her best friend, her new boyfriend, all are painfully crystallized in the precious weeks before Tessa's time finally runs out.

**Duff, Alan**  
**Once Were Warriors**  
This hard hitting story is a frank and uncompromising portrayal of a Maori family in New Zealand society. It is a raw and powerful story in which everyone is a victim until the strength and vision of one woman transcends brutality and leads the way to a new life. The themes in the book have universal resonance that transcends class and culture.

**Ebury, Sue**  
**Weary : the Life of Sir Edward Dunlop**  
Weary turned his back on a brilliant surgical career and volunteered in 1939. He served in Palestine, Greece, Crete, Tobruk and Egypt before sailing to Java in 1942. Captured by the Japanese, his care of his fellow prisoners and his defiance of his captors in the face of brutality, starvation and death made him a legend in his lifetime.

**Ellis, Deborah**  
**No Safe Place**  
This story of courage and friendship is based on the true experiences of children, caught up in the refugee jungle of Calais and striving to find a place for themselves in the world.

**Facey, A.B.**  
**A Fortunate Life**  
Bert Facey's childhood ended when he was 8 years old when he was sent away to work for his keep. He grew up tough in the vast, wild outback of Western Australia. In spite of its difficulties and sufferings, he always believed he had had 'a fortunate life'.

**Faulks, Sebastian**  
**Birdsong**  
A story of WWI; the nightmare of Flanders mud and the grim horrors of trench warfare and the murderous first day on the Somme. In sharp contrast with the horrors of war is a poignant love story which makes this a deeply moving and powerful book.

**Finlay, Iain**  
**Savage Jungle : an Epic Struggle for Survival**
This is a story of one man's grim determination to survive against all odds. It is told from Arthur Shephard's diaries and from recordings made with him before his death in 1984.

Fitzsimons, Peter     Nancy Wake: a Biography of Our Greatest War Heroine
"Nancy Wake’ was a young woman enjoying a bohemian life in Paris. By the end of the WWII she was the Gestapo's most wanted person. As a journalist, Nancy Wake witnessed a horrific scene of Nazi violence in a Viennese street. From that moment onwards she wanted to do everything in her power to rid Europe of the Nazi presence.

Frank, Anne     The Diary of Anne Frank
The famous story of a Jewish girl during the WWII in the Netherlands. She and her family went into hiding in the sealed-off rooms of an Amsterdam building in 1942. For two years they remained safe. In August 1944 they were betrayed. Anne died of cholera in Belsen concentration camp. Only her father survived.

Frazier, Charles     Cold Mountain
Inman was a confederate soldier wounded in the Civil War. One day he turns his back on the carnage of the battlefield and begins the treacherous journey home to Cold Mountain, and to Ada, the woman he loved before the war began. Neither knows if the other is still alive.

French, Jackie     The Donkey Who Carried the Wounded
This is the story of a small unassuming donkey. It's also the story of Gallipoli, of Jack Simpson, and New Zealand stretcher-bearer Richard Henderson, who literally took up the reins after Simpson's death.

French, Jackie     Refuge
Refuge centres around a 14-year-old Afghan boy who spent much of his life in Pakistani refugee camps before making the voyage from Indonesia to Australia. As the boat crashes against the rocks of Christmas Island he loses consciousness and awakes to find himself in the life he has always dreamed of in Australia, but with no memory of how he got there: not unusual, says his doctor father.

Galloway, Steven     The Cellist of Sarajevo
In a city under siege, four people whose lives have been upended are ultimately reminded of what it is to be human. From his window, a musician sees twenty-two of his friends and neighbours waiting in a breadline. Then, in a flash, they are killed by a mortar attack. In an act of defiance, the man picks up his cello and decides to play at the site of the shelling for twenty-two days, honouring their memory.

Gardner, Sally     Maggot Moon
Set in an alternative 1950s Britain, where Standish Treadwell and Gramps live with the rest of the undesirables in Zone 7, and all stand terrified under the brutal regime of the Motherland. But severely dyslexic Standish sees the world through different eyes to most, and through his vision and courage he has to track down his best friend Hector, who has disappeared completely, and ultimately find a way to bring down the oppressive forces of the Motherland. How can one boy stand against an all-powerful army?

Geda, Fabio     In the Sea There are Crocodiles : The Story of Enalatollah Akbari
A beautiful, heartbreaking novel based on the true story of an Afghan boy’s journey in search of a home. His ordeal takes him through Iran, Turkey and Greece, working on building sites in order to pay people-traffickers, and enduring the physical misery of dangerous border crossings squeezed into the false bottoms of lorries or trekking across inhospitable mountains.

Mark’s like any other thirteen-year-old. He loves his dog, taking photos and hiking, but he also has cancer. When his illness returns, Mark decides he's had enough of hospital. With his small dog Beau, he sets out to climb a mountain - and he's not going to give up until he's done it.

In 1924, Mallory and his companion disappeared during a valiant bid to reach Everest's summit. This is a powerful and compelling portrait of a complex, inspirational figure.

Mahtab and her family are forced to leave their home in Afghanistan and journey secretly through the rocky mountains to Pakistan and from there to faraway Australia. Months go by, months of waiting, months of dread. Will they ever be reunited with their father, will they ever find a home? Based on the true story of one girl's voyage to Australia with her family.

For 3 years Felix lived in a convent orphanage high in the mountains in Poland. Felix was convinced his parents were still alive and that they would one day come back and get him. Instead, the orphanage is visited by a group of Nazi soldiers who burn the nun's books. Felix decides to escape from the orphanage and make his way home.

Sequel to 'Once' - the second story of Felix and Zelda. They escaped from the Nazis but how long can they now survive when there are so many people ready to hand them over for a reward? Thanks to the courage of a kind, brave woman they are able to hide for a time in the open, but Felix knows he has a distinguishing feature that identifies him as a Jew.

Set in the current day, this is the final book in the series that began with Once, continued with Then and is…Now. Felix is a grandfather. He has achieved much in his life and is widely admired. He has mostly buried the painful memories of his childhood, but they resurface when his granddaughter Zelda comes to stay with him. Together they face a cataclysmic event armed only with their gusto and love - an event that helps them achieve salvation from the past, but also brings the possibility of destruction.
The Human Spirit
In the fourth part of Felix's story, continuing his adventures in World War Two, he faces perhaps his greatest challenge - to find hope when he's lost almost everything, including his parents. He's helped by a new friend, but if he should lose her as well...

Gleitzman, Morris Soon
'Afther the Nazis took my parents I was scared. After they killed my best friend I was angry. After I joined the partisans and helped defeat the Nazis I was hopeful. Soon, I said, we'll be safe. I was wrong.' Soon continues the story of Felix, a Jewish boy still struggling to survive in the wake of the liberation of Poland after the end of World War Two.

Gold, Alan Berlin Song
Sarah Kaplan has grown up burdened by the knowledge of her grandparents' suffering and brutalisation at the hands of the Nazis... A mysterious letter arrives from South America. Could her grandfather have been one of the architects of the Holocaust? Sarah embarks on a search which takes her back through the darkest moments of this century.

Golden, Arthur Memoirs of a Geisha
Tells the extraordinary tale of a geisha - summoning up a quarter century, from 1929 to the post-war years, of Japan's dramatic history, and opening a window onto a half-hidden world of eroticism and enchantment, exploitation and degradation.

Grant, Michael Gone
In the blink of an eye. Everyone disappears. Gone. Except for the young. Teens. Middle schoolers. Toddlers. But not one single adult. No teachers, no cops, no doctors, no parents. Just as suddenly, there are no phones, no internet, no television, and no way to figure out what's happened. Hunger threatens. Bullies rule.

Grant, Neil & Williams, David (eds) From Kinglake to Kabul
Kinglake had one day of disaster with far-reaching effects; Kabul has endured 30 years of war. In this remarkable collection of young people's writing, students from schools in Kinglake and Kabul share their stories of resilience, courage and hope.

Green, John The Fault in Our Stars
Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

Groom, Michael Sheer Will
The author takes us into fierce landscapes only a few people have ever seen and to understand the physical agony and the intense camaraderie of walking on top of the world.

Hardy, Thomas Tess of the d’Urbervilles
Hardy's account of a pure woman betrayed by love is his most powerful and moving novel. Set in the bleak but magical Wessex landscape, Hardy works up a domestic drama to heights of tragic intensity.

Heffernan, John Naveed
Naveed is sick of war - of the foreign powers and the Taliban, the warlords and the drug barons that together have torn Afghanistan apart. He's had to grow up quickly to take care of his widowed mother and little sister, making what little money he can, doing odd jobs and selling at the markets. When he adopts Nasera, a street dog with extraordinary abilities, he has a chance to help rebuild his country.

Mike Klingenberg isn't exactly one of the cool kids at his school. Andre Tschichatschow, aka Tschick is new in school, and unpopular as well. But one day, Tschick shows up at Mike's house and together, they are heading out on a road trip across Germany. No parents, no map, no destination.

A poem cycle that reads as a novel, "Out of the Dust" tells the story of Billie Jo, a girl who struggles to help her family survive the dustbowl years of the Depression.

Tells the enthralling story of crossing the Pacific on a balsa-wood raft.

Bill Young was a boy of 15 when he joined the AIF in 1941. He was an orphan - hungry, broke, with nowhere to sleep - and the army offered him a feed, a blanket and five shillings a day in his pocket. The trouble was, the army sent him off to Malaya where he became a POW when Singapore fell to the Japanese.

When Charles Kingshaw and his mother come to live with Hooper and his father in the ugly, isolated Victorian house, Hooper sees Kingshaw as an intruder, a boy to be subtly persecuted. Kingshaw realises that Hooper will never let him be. And the worst is still to come…

David has known no other life but that of a concentration camp. Then he escapes. Silent, watchful, he wanders through Europe, fearful that the Nazis will catch him. David's journey is long and dangerous and he only gradually finds hope and loses his fear and mistrust of the kindness of strangers.

Ever since Tin can remember, he's wanted to be an elephant trainer. At twelve years old, he's the youngest - and in his eyes the best - elephant handler in his village. But Tin's peaceful, idyllic life is changed dramatically when the Viet Cong attack his village and he finds himself held hostage by the terrifying soldiers who don't care if he lives or dies. Can Tin find the courage to escape from his captors and save not only his own life, but his precious elephant's too?

Brian Keenan became headline news in 1985 when he was kidnapped by fundamentalist Shi’ite militiamen and held in the suburbs of Beirut for the next four and a half years. For much of that time he was shut off from all news and contact with anyone other than his jailers and, later, his fellow hostages, amongst them John McCarthy.
The Human Spirit

In the shadow of Auschwitz, a flamboyant German industrialist grew into a living legend to the Jews of Krakow. This is the story of Oskar Schindler who risked his life to protect the beleaguered Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland, who continually defied the SS and who was transformed by the war into a man with a mission.

Khan, Rukhsana Jameela

Jameela lives with her family in a war-torn village in Afghanistan. Life is hard, but when her mother dies, Jameela has to face a greater horror. To survive, she draws on the strong sense of self that her mother gave her.

Klemperer, Victor Klemperer Diaries To the Bitter End 1942-45

Covers the period from the beginning of the deportations to the camps of Jews in Germany to the end of the war, telling the story of Klemperer's increasing isolation, his near miraculous survival, and his growing awareness of the Holocaust as his friends and associates disappeared.

Lake, Nick In Darkness

Shorty is a Haitian boy trapped in the rubble of a hospital when an earthquake shatters the world around him. Yet as Shorty waits for a rescue that may never come, he becomes aware of another presence. It is a man named Toussaint l'Ouverture, the Haitian slave turned revolutionary leader. As Shorty slips in and out of consciousness, scenes from his life and Toussaint's play back and entwine.

Landau, David Caged : a Story of Jewish Resistance

David Landau was among a small number of Jewish fighters who staged an uprising in the Warsaw ghetto. For the first three heroic days they forced the SS and the German Army to run from the Jews of Warsaw. Even after the Germans' overwhelming retaliation and brutal suppression, resistance lasted for months.

Laseron, Charles Antarctic Eyewitness

Two 19th century expeditions to Antarctica stand out in terms of raw, sustained survival and the triumph of the human spirit against seemingly impossible odds. One is Mawson's 1911-14 Australasian Antarctic expedition and the other is Shackleton's unsuccessful attempt to cross the Antarctic continent 1914-16. Here are both accounts.

Lawson, Sue You Don't Even Know

Alex Hudson is a good guy. He plays water polo. He has a part-time job. He's doing okay at school. Then the thing that anchors Alex is ripped away and his life seems pointless. How can he make anyone else understand how he feels, when he doesn't even know?

Lengyel, Olga Five Chimneys

Olga Lengyel tells, frankly and without compromise, one of the most horrifying stories of all time. The true, documented chronicle is the record of a beautiful woman who survived Auschwitz and Birchenau. An explicit account that provides comprehensive and intimate detail of the initiation processes and life in the death camp itself.

Lerangis, Peter Antarctica : Journey To the Pole

The voyage south was not an easy one. Conditions were harsh. Tensions escalated. And when the bottom of the world was reached, things became even worse. In their race for the Pole, Winslow and his party faced the ultimate test of endurance, loyalty and survival.

Lerangis, Peter Antarctica : Escape From Disaster
In the darkest hours of 1910, mutiny, doubt and disaster threatened to destroy Jack Winslow's secret American expedition to discover the South Pole. When the explorers' ship, the Mystery was frozen in the Antarctic ice, Winslow and his sons were forced to make a daring and dangerous rescue attempt...

Levi, Primo  
The Drowned and the Saved  
Primo Levi draws extensively on his own experiences to delve into the minds and motives of oppressors and oppressed alike. Describing the difficulty and shame of remembering, the limited forms of collaboration between inmates and SS gaolers, the exploitation of "useless violence" and the plight of the intellectual.

Levi, Primo  
If This is a Man ; The Truce  
"With the moral stamina and intellectual prose of a twentieth - century Titan, this slightly built, dutiful, unassuming chemist set out systematically to remember the German hell on earth, steadfastly to think it through and then to render it comprehensible in lucid, unpretentious prose." [Philip Roth]

Levi, Primo  
If Not Now, When?  
Based on a true story, this novel chronicles the adventures, crises and moral struggles of a group of Russian and Polish refugees trying to return home, but stranded by the German Army in retreat in the final phases of WWII.

Levine, Karen  
Hana’s Suitcase: a True Story  
When Hana's suitcase arrives from Germany at the small Holocaust Education Centre in Japan, all the children want to know what happened to Hana. Fumiko decides to find out. She embarks on a journey across Europe and America, and seventy years of history. What Fumiko finds in Hana's suitcase is a story of terrible sadness and great joy.

Li, Cunxin  
Mao’s Last Dancer  
A young peasant boy from a small, desperately poor village in China is chosen by Madame Mao's cultural delegates to be moulded into a faithful guard of Chairman Mao's great vision for China. A true story of how the course of a small boy's life changed in ways beyond description.

Lindsay, Martin  
The Epic of Captain Scott  
The unforgettable story of Captain Robert Scott’s ill-fated attempt to be the first Antarctic Expedition to reach the South Pole.

Mah, Adeline Yeh  
Chinese Cinderella – the Story of an Unwanted Daughter  
When Adeline Yen Mah's mother died giving birth to her, the family considered Adeline bad luck and she was made to feel unwanted all her life. This is the story of her struggle for acceptance and how she overcame the odds to prove her worth.

Malouf, David  
The Great World  
Every city, town and village has its memorial to war. Nowhere are these monuments more eloquent than in Australia, where generations of young men have enlisted to fight other people's battles - from Gallipoli and the Somme to Malaya and Vietnam.

Mandela, Nelson  
Long Walk to Freedom  
A true story of how the course of a small boy's life changed in ways beyond description.
The Human Spirit
The memoirs of one of the greatest political leaders of our time recreates the drama of the experiences that helped shape Nelson Mandela's destiny. Emotive, compelling and uplifting, it is the story of an epic life, a story of hardship, resilience and ultimate triumph told with the clarity and eloquence of a born leader.

Mankell, Henning The Fury in the Fire F MAN:H
The unforgettable story of Sofia, a courageous young woman struggling to take care of her poverty-stricken family in Mozambique. This is the third novel about Sofia, which began with a terrible landmine accident in 'Secrets in the Fire', and continued into her teenage years in 'Playing with Fire'.

Marino, Andy American Pimpernel 940.548173 MAR
The incredible story of Varian Fry, the American who saved more lives than Schindler - great literary, scientific and artistic figures who represented the political and cultural elite of Europe. It is a tale full of surreal and heart-stopping episodes as Fry tried to keep ahead of the Nazis.

Martin, J. ; Gannon, E. Lionheart : a Journey of the Human Spirit 910.41 MAR
On 31 October 1999, Jesse Martin, in his yacht "Lionheart", completed the last great adventure of the twentieth century, becoming the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around the world. He was 18 years old and didn't know the meaning of impossible.

Mason, Prue Zafir F MAS:P
Zafir has a comfortable life in Homs, Syria, until his father, a doctor, is arrested for helping a protester who was campaigning for revolution. While his mother heads to Damascus to try to find out where his father is being held, Zafir stays with his grandmother - until her house is bombed.

Masson, Sophie 1914 F MAS:S
In June 1914, Louis and his brother Thomas are enjoying the European summer in a small town near Sarajevo. In the shadow of the assassination of the heir to the Austrian throne, the world erupts into war and Louis' life changes forever. Old Europe is torn apart and Louis finds himself in the midst of his own battle - as fighting for the truth in war means that sometimes even your own side is against you.

Masson, Sophie Emilio F MAS:S
For high-school student Emilio Garcia Lopez, it's an ordinary school day. But that evening the knock on the door announcing the arrival of his police-officer cousin Juanita, flanked by a tall man in the uniform of the Federal Police, will turn his ordinary day into the beginning of a long nightmare.

McCarty, Cormac All the Pretty Horses F MCC:C
Young John Grady Cole, the last of a long line of Texas ranchers, almost the last American cowboy, sets off with two companions, on an idyllic, sometimes comic adventure, to Mexico, beautiful and desolate, rugged and cruelly civilised, where dreams are paid for in blood. A classic adventure from the lost heart of the American Wild West.

McCormick, Patricia Never Fall Down F MCC:P
Eleven-year-old Arn is walking through the countryside in Cambodia. His whole town is walking with him. They're walking into one of the most tragic moments of history: the Killing Fields.
McCourt, Frank  
*Angela’s Ashes*  
F MCC:F

The author’s bittersweet memoirs of growing up in New York in the ‘30s and Ireland in the ‘40s. It is a story of courage and survival against apparently overwhelming odds of having not only a miserable Irish childhood, but a miserable Irish Catholic childhood!

McKay, Sharon E.  
*War Brothers*  
F MCK:S

Jacob is a 14-year-old Ugandan who is sent away to a boys' school. Once there, he assures his friend Tony that they need not be afraid -- they will be safe. But not long after, in the shadow of the night, the boys are abducted by rebel soldiers. Ordered to kill or be killed, the boys are thrust into a terrifying struggle to endure and survive.

McPhedran, Colin  
*White Butterflies*  
940.53092 MCP

Colin McPhedran arrived in Australia alone half a century ago, aged 20, with nothing. This is an inspiring and candid account of a young boy's wartime struggle for survival, his journey to manhood and the characters and dark secrets he encountered during his quest for a place in the world.

McVeity, Jen  
*Where are the Billabongs*  
F MCV:J

A group of city kids with few survival skills and an inability to trust or understand anyone who is different are stranded in the Australian Alps. With no food or shelter, they must struggle to learn enough about the land and each other to endure and survive.

Millard, Glenda  
*A Small Free Kiss in the Dark*  
F MIL:G

Skip's an outsider, a quiet observer. He draws pictures to make sense of the world. He's never fitted in. So he takes to the streets. Life there may be hard, but it's better than the one he's left, especially when he teams up with old Billy.

Mitchell, Jane  
*Chalkline*  
F MIT:J

It's an ordinary morning at nine-year-old Rafiq's school in rural Kashmir when the silence of dawn prayers is ripped apart by gunfire. Soldiers of the Kashmir Freedom Fighters have raided the village in search of new recruits - they scrawl a line in chalk across the schoolroom wall, and any boy whose height reaches the line will be taken to fight.

Moon, Chris  
*One Step Beyond*  
920 MOO

Chris Moon was captured by the Khmer Rouge when he joined the UN mine-clearance team in Cambodia. He went on to supervise mine clearance in Mozambique where he lost his lower right leg and right arm. Less than a year later he ran the London Marathon, raising money for charity.

Morgan, Michelle  
*Racing the Moon*  
F MOR:M

Joe Riley has to be a little creative to make pocket money in his rough and tumble neighbourhood of Glebe. He has watched his dad keep ahead of the law and he's sure that he can too, gambling on billycart races and selling farm-fresh eggs from his uncle's chook farm. But when his parents send him off to St Bartholomew's - a Catholic boarding school, his carefree existence is a thing of the past. Homesick and lonely, he meets the darker side of human nature and finds himself at odds with the school, especially Brother Felix.

Morpurgo, Michael  
*Shadow*  
F MOR:M
When Hero, a bomb-scaping spaniel, goes missing in the middle of war-torn Afghanistan, his soldier-owner is devastated. Meanwhile, Hero makes friends with a local Afghan boy, and sees a whole other side of the war. As Christmas draws ever closer, the question is -- will Hero and his trainer ever be reunited?

Moses, Phillip A. The Last Man Standing: a Novel
This true story of a young man's army cadet career included bastardisation, drugs, lying, cheating, rape, dealing with the contradictory demands imposed on him by the academic and military staff and his own inadequacies. All these experiences needed to be overcome for Cadet Sneyk to achieve the ultimate prize of graduation.

Murrell, Belinda The Forgotten Pearl
When Chloe visits her grandmother, she learns how close the Second World War came to destroying her family. Could the experiences of another time help Chloe to face her own problems? In 1941, Poppy lives in Darwin, a peaceful paradise far from the war. But when Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, then Australia, everything Poppy holds dear is threatened - her family, her neighbours, her friends and her beloved pets. Her brother Edward is taken prisoner-of-war. Her home town becomes a war zone, as the Japanese raid over and over again.

Naidoo, Beverley Chain of Fire
When the villagers of Bophelong discover that they are to be forcibly evicted from their houses by the Apartheid government of South Africa, they decide to resist. Naledi and her younger brother, Tiro, join a school demonstration and discover that the government is ready to treat even children who protest with brutality.

Naidoo, Beverley No Turning Back
Escaping from his violent stepfather, twelve-year-old Sipho heads for Johannesburg, where he has heard that gangs of children live on the streets. Surviving hunger and the bitter-cold winter nights is hard enough, but Sipho also has to learn, in the 'new' South Africa, who to trust.

Naidoo, Beverley (ed.) Making it Home: Real-Life Stories From Children Forced to Flee
In this inspiring collection, children living all over the world speak about being forced to flee from their homes and becoming refugees.

Nasar, Sylvia A Beautiful Mind
At 31, John Nash, mathematical genius, suffered a devastating breakdown and was diagnosed with schizophrenia. After decades of leading a ghost-like existence, he re-emerged to win a Nobel Prize and world acclaim. A drama about the mystery of the human mind, triumph over incredible adversity, and the healing power of love.

Orwin, Joanna Sacrifice
The Sacrifice is a futuristic novel set in the top of the North Island of New Zealand and the Pacific. Decades earlier, eruptions around the Pacific 'ring of fire', and consequent devastating tsunami, have annihilated Western civilization and technology, along with most of the population. Those who survive revert to hunter-gatherer mode. In the harsh new climate, and with ever-diminishing resources, youth are selected as The Chosen to travel into the unknown and save their people.

Park, Linda Sue A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story
Southern Sudan, 2008: Nya is going to the pond to fetch water for her family, there and back, twice a day. Southern Sudan, 1985: Salva is walking away from his ruined village to find safety, if there is any safety in his war-torn homeland. His journey across Africa to Ethiopia and then to Kenya and beyond will take many years. Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way.

Paton, Alan  
*Cry, the Beloved Country* 
Reverend Kumalo, a black South African preacher, is called to Johannesburg to rescue his sister. There he learns that his son Absalom has been accused of murdering a young white attorney. Despite this, the attorney's father comes to the aid of the minister to help the people in a struggle to survive a severe drought gripping the minister's community.

Pausewang, Gudrun  
*The Final Journey* 
"The sliding-door of the railway truck closed with a deafening clang." So begins Alice's journey. But where is she going? The men who come to her house to take Alice and her grandparents away in the middle of the night will only say that they are being taken 'to the east'.

Perera, Anna  
*Guantanamo Boy* 
this is the story of one boy's experience of the war against terror - behind the barbed wire. Khalid is a normal fifteen-year-old. He likes seeing his friends and playing football at the park. He isn't too excited about visiting his family in Karachi, but his Mum and Dad shame him into going with them - for the family's sake. So he goes, and one day opens the door to an unthinkable nightmare.

Perham, Mike  
*Sailing the Dream* 
920 PER
At the age of just 17, Mike Perham became the youngest person to have sailed solo around the world. Sailing the Dream tells the story of that amazing voyage, a nine-month odyssey full of technical and navigational challenges that would stump sailors twice Mike's age. His yacht TotallyMoney.com was knocked over, battered by the oceans and repeatedly damaged, but Mike battled on, at times surfing down 50-foot waves in 50-knot winds at speeds of up to 28 knots.

Pfetzer, Mark; Galvin, Jack  
*Within Reach : My Everest Story*  
796.522 PFE
16-year-old Mark Pfetzer's first-person account of his Everest experience. It is a dazzling saga of willpower and achievement and a celebration of the strength that guides men and women through impossibly daring dreams.

Potok, Chaim  
*I am the Clay* 
F POT:C
At the end of the Korean war an old peasant couple rescue a young boy. They struggle to escape from the hostilities, battling starvation and disease. The novel is a powerful evocation of what war does to individuals, ordinary people, and the added difficulties of coping with everyday human emotions, weaknesses and tensions in extreme situations.

Powers, J.L.  
*Amina* 
F POW:J
Amina lives on the edges of Mogadishu. Her family's house has been damaged in Somalia's long civil war, but they continue to live there, reluctant to leave their home. Amina's world is shattered when government forces come to arrest her father because his art has been officially censored, deemed too political. Then rebel forces kidnap Amina's brother, forcing him to become a soldier in Somalia's brutal ongoing war.

Proulx, Annie  
*The Shipping News* 
F PRO:A
Quoyle is a hopeless hack New York journalist. When his no-good wife is killed in a spectacular road
The Human Spirit

accident, he heads for the remotest corner of far flung Newfoundland. With the aunt and his delinquent
daughter - Bunny and Sunshine - in tow, Quoyle finds himself a part of an unfolding, exhilarating
Atlantic drama.

Read, Paul Piers   Alive : the Story of the Andes Survivors
920  REA
In 1972, an aircraft carrying a party of Uruguayan rugby players took off from Argentina to fly over the
Andes to Chile. In the middle of those jagged mountains, the aircraft crashed. Some passengers were
killed on impact, others seriously injured. This is the tale of how they survived.

Reid, P.R.   Colditz : The Colditz Story and the Latter Days at
Colditz
940.5472  REI
Oflag IVC was the most dreaded of all the German POW camps - with the reputation of being totally
escape-proof. This is the story of those men who refused to concede defeat who, against all odds,
managed to escape and make their way to freedom. By ingenuity, cunning and sheer dare devil bravado,
they achieved the impossible.

Remarque, E. M.   All Quiet on the Western Front
F  REM:E
Four German youths are abruptly pulled out of school to serve at the front as soldiers in WWI. One of
the most famous and celebrated novels of WWI, the themes in this story are universal to all soldiers, in
all armies, in all wars in its delineation of the devastating experiences of the common soldier.

Robinson, Derek   Goshawk Squadron
F  ROB:D
For Stanley Woolley, commanding officers of Goshawk Squadron, the romance of chivalry in the clouds
is just a myth. So, he drums into his men a simple and savage code: shoot the enemy in the back before
he knows you're there. Even so, he believes the entire squadron will be dead within three months.

Roth, Arthur   The Iceberg Hermit
F  ROT:A
When Allan's ship is totally destroyed, he is stranded alone on a giant iceberg. Without food or any
warmth, how can he survive? A marvellous story based on fact.

Ryan, Peter A.   Fear Drive My Feet
940.548  RYAN
This is the story of one of the Australians who patrolled isolated regions of New Guinea during World
War II. It tells an impressive story of endurance and quiet courage. It also paints an unforgettable picture
of the savage beauty of New Guinea and the charm and nobility of its people.

Schwarz, Zoltan   The Army-Cap Boy
940.5092  SCH
The chilling true story of Zoltan Schwarz's survival during WWII, after having lived in a peaceful
Hungarian village until he was 15. This story describes how Zoltan survives Belsen concentration camp
and he experiences adjusting to life after the war in Australia.

Scott, James   Lost in the Himalayas
796.522  SCO
The story of James Scott's survival in the Himalayas after becoming stranded because of an accident.
Describes how he focused his mind to sustain hope and exercised his body to keep himself alive.

Scutt, Craig   Mary Bryant : the Impossible Escape
364.15  BRY
At 20 years old, Mary Bryant was sentenced to death for highway robbery, and left to rot in prison. Eventually she was transported to the wilderness of New South Wales. When the first Fleet arrived at Sydney Cove in 1788, a life of misery and servitude awaited her. Three years later Mary escaped.

Lina is a fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl, until one night in 1941, when Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Separated from her father, forced onto a crowded train car, Lina, her mother, and her young brother are taken slowly north to a Siberian work camp, where they are forced to dig for beets and fight for their lives under the harshest of conditions.

In June 1985, Joe Simpson and Simon Yates, two young but experienced climbers, set out to ascend an unclimbed mountain in the Peruvian Andes. They managed to achieve the summit before disaster struck, leaving Simon Yates with an agonising decision to make - to cut the rope holding Joe or to surely die with him.

Johnny worries when his grandfather doesn't return home from checking his trap line. The elderly Indian has stayed out far too long in the plummeting temperatures of the Alaskan winter. He has caught his leg in his own trap and uses every technique he knows to stay alive - from creating a rabbit snare from a shoelace to fending off wolves with a newly made cedar spear, this suspenseful page-turner shows that the old man's survival is a race against time.

This brilliant novel describes a single prisoner's day in a remote Siberian labour camp. The depravation and hardship is hard to comprehend.

Vladek Spiegelman is a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe and his son is a cartoonist trying to come to terms with his father, his father's terrifying story, and History itself. Ties together two powerful stories: Vladek's harrowing tale of survival against all odds, and the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father.

The incredible memoir of Misha, an orphan living on the streets of Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of World War II. Told through the eyes of a child who has no past and no identity, we witness the horrors of the invasion and its ramifications for the Jewish people Misha befriends in the ghettos.
The Human Spirit
Stingo meets Nathan, a charismatic Jewish intellectual and Sophie, a beautiful and fragile Polish Catholic. Stingo is drawn into the heart of their passionate and destructive relationship. He uncovers the dark core of Sophie's past: her memories of pre-war Poland, the concentration camp and the essence of her terrible secret - her choice.

Sweeney, Diana The Minnow F SWE:D
Tom survived a devastating flood that claimed the lives of her sister and parents. Now she lives with Bill in his old shed by the lake. But it's time to move out

Szymanik, Melinda A Winter's Day in 1939 : Sometimes Your Only Weapon is the Will to Survive F SZY:M
Taken from their home, forced to leave their country, put to work in labour camps, frozen and starved, Adam and his family doubt that they will ever make it out alive.

Tolstoy, Leo Anna Karenina F TOL:T
Acclaimed by many as the world's greatest novels, Anna Karenina provides a vast panorama of contemporary life in Russia and of humanity in general. Tolstoy uses his intense imaginative insight to create some of the most memorable characters in literature.

Urš, Leon Mila 18 F URI:L
It was a time of crisis, a time of tragedy and a time of transcendent courage and determination. This novel is set in the midst of the ghetto uprising that defied Nazi tyranny, as the Jews of Warsaw boldly met Wehrmacht tanks with homemade weapons and bare fists. It is a compelling story of one of the most heroic struggles of modern times.

Vassileva, Tatiana A Hostage to War F VAS:T
Tania is only thirteen years old when Russia is invaded by Nazi troops. After enduring months of starvation, she is taken from her family and transported to a labour camp in Germany. She is kept going by the thought that her mother and sister might still be alive. A story which pays tribute to the resilience of the human spirit.

Vaught, Susan Freaks Like Us F VAU:S
Jason is an alphabet. That’s the word he and his friends Sunshine and Drip call themselves, because they attend special classes at their school for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed. Drip has ADHD, Jason is SCZI (schizophrenic) and Sunshine is SM (selectively mute). Sunshine is the only person who makes Jason feel safe from the voices in his head, so when she disappears one afternoon Jason needs to find her.

Vondra, Josef No-Name Bird F VON:J
East Timor, 1975. Jose Rodrigus was fourteen years old when the Indonesians came. The country erupted into violence. In the middle of the turmoil, Uncle Adolfo bought a bird to train for the local cockfights. The bird became Jose's symbol of courage and strength. It is the thing that Jose clungs to as his world was torn apart.

Walker, Alice The Color Purple F WAL:A
Set in the harsh, segregated world of the Deep South between the wars, this is the story of Celia, abused and violated by the man she calls father. She was forced into an ugly marriage. Her two children were taken away. In letters she writes to God, she reveals the brutality of her life. Written with humour, fortitude and love for her family.

Watson, James No Surrender : a Story of Angola F WAT:J
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The Human Spirit
Set in Angola at the time of free elections in Namibia: Malenga Nakale, the idealistic, poetry writing daughter of a local political figure, and Hamish, a white South African deserter are both captured by a band of guerrillas. This is the story of their sufferings and the constant threat of death as they are passed from group to group.

Webster, Allayne Paper Planes F WEB:A
Niko and his family are trapped in Sarajevo during the Bosnian War. The siege lasts for three years and Niko's family struggle to find enough food and avoid the snipers whose targets are civilians in the streets. Niko and his friend Nadim take refuge from the bombing in the stairwell of their apartment building and together they find hope in the midst of a war they did not start but must try to survive.

Weil, Jiri Life With a Star F WEI:J
The experience of living in hiding during the Nazi occupation of Prague furnished Jiri Weil with the inspiration for this remarkable and intensely moving novel. It is the story of Josef Roubicek, an unemployed bank clerk, who has been reduced to a meagre existence by the arbitrary regulations of a nightmarish, Kafkaesque world.

West, Morris Eminence F WES:M
Rossini suffered torture and personal degradation as a young priest in Argentina before being exiled to Rome, where he eventually achieved high office and the distinction of papal candidacy. This novel explores the nature of belief, love and commitment and how these came to be tested during a time of crisis and change.

Whelan, Gloria Goodbye, Vietnam F WHE:G
When Mia's family learns that her grandmother is about to be arrested, they decide to flee for their lives. Leaving Vietnam behind, they sail for Hong Kong in a rickety boat full of refugees. The captives can't navigate the boat continually breaks down. Mia's hope of reaching Hong Kong and freedom start to dwindle.

Williams, Eric The Tunnel F WIL:E
Peter Howard was shot down and captured by the Germans. He was sent to a high-security prison camp in Poland where the only hope was escaping through the tunnel.

Wilson, Leslie Last Train From Kummersdorf F WIL:L
Set in German in 1945. Hanno is on the run, having just seen his twin brother killed. Effi has learned the hard way that she must be vigilant and she's not keen to trust Hanno. They join forces to protect each other from the far more dangerous people on the road, Russian soldiers, German deserters - and Major Otto, who likes to kill - randomly.

Zephaniah, Benjamin Refugee Boy F ZEP:B
Life is not safe for Alem. His father is Ethiopian and his mother Eritrean - and with both countries at war, he is welcome in neither place. So his father does an astonishing thing, which at first appears callous, but is in fact the ultimate gift of love from a parent to their child.

Zusak, Marcus The Book Thief F ZUS:M
Death has never been busier. Liesel's father has been arrested, her mother is in grave danger and her brother is dead. Liesel is taken to live with strangers. Liesel will have many encounters with fear, death, and despair. Books and reading become both an escape and stealing them an obsession.