

FICTION

Abani, Cris **Song for Night** **F ABA:C**
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.

Arena, Felice **The Boy and the Spy** **F ARE:F**
Things have never been easy for Antonio, but now it seems like the war will never end. So when Antonio is caught up in the dangerous world of freedom fighters and spies, will it change his life or destroy him?

Baillie, Alan **Little Brother** **F BAI:A**
Set in war-torn Kampuchea, this is the powerful story of Vithy's search for his brother, lost in their flight from the Khmer Rouge.

Baillie, Alan **Treasure Hunters** **F BAI:A**
Pat has joined his father on an old boat off the coast of a troubled Indonesian island to search for treasure. But as they follow a trail of clues to the world's richest shipwreck the violence on the island coils around them.

Ballard, J.G. **Empire of the Sun** **F BAL:J**
Alone in Japanese-invaded Shanghai in 1941, 11-year-old Jim at first eluded capture, slips from one empty mansion to another in the British and French Concessions. Later he learnt the habits of life under internment and the Japanese soldiers became almost his only security.

Barker, Pat **Regeneration** **F BAR:P**
At the centre of this novel is a real-life encounter that occurred in 1917 between W.H.R. Rivers, an army psychologist, and Siegfried Sassoon. An exploration of all wars, challenging assumptions about the relationship between doctors and patients, between the classes, between men and women, and between men and men.

Bone, Ian **Tin Soldiers** **F BON:I**
17-year-old Michael has lost part of his memory as a result of a bashing. He needs to put himself together again, but who was the old Michael and what kind of man does he now want to be? The lessons of the past, especially his father's Vietnam War experiences, hold the key to the truth.

Boule, Pierre **The Bridge on the River Kwai** **F BOU:P**
The story of how three remarkable men survive their incarceration as prisoners of the Japanese in World War II. The building of a bridge by the POWs is their salvation as well as their biggest danger to survival.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Bragg, Melvyn **A Son of War** **F BRA:M**

Sam Richardson, haunted by memories of his wartime service in Burma, has decided to make a go of his old life. This story traces with painful clarity the personal cost of Sam's rebuilding of his family life, with Ellen his wife, and his beloved son Joe.

Brickhill, Paul **The Dam Busters** **F BRI:P**

One of the most exciting true stories of World War II, The Dam Busters tells how the famous 617 Squadron carried out a raid on three of the most important dams in Germany. Using a new type of bomb, and new highly dangerous method of attack, 617 Squadron led by Guy Gibson, caused immense damage to the German War effort.

Brickhill, Paul **Reach for the Sky: the Story of Douglas Bader** **F BRI:P**

The true story of Douglas Bader, Britain's most courageous 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 learning to cope with two artificial legs.

Brodrick, William **A Whispered Name** **F BRO:W**

The horrors of Passchendaele in 1917 run through this novel. Just how much can a man take before he must simply walk away? And what kind of strength enables one man to lay down his life for another? The story revolves around the field court martial of a young Irish volunteer, Joseph Flanagan, who has apparently deserted - a capital crime.

Carlyon, Patrick **The Gallipoli Story** **F CAR:P**

The men were huddled in lifeboats. Some prayed that their legs would work. Some smiled to show they weren't scared. They peered into the darkness ahead and saw nothing. Then, the dark shape of a man standing on a hill. A shout from the shore. A single shot rang out and a bullet hissed overhead. The Gallipoli campaign had begun.

Carter, Peter **The Hunted** **F CAR:P**

1943: Italy has surrendered to the Allies. The Italian troops in France are making for the mountain passes to get home. Many are taking with them as many refugees as they can, especially the Jews who are being hunted by the Gestapo and the French Secret Police. One Italian soldier, Salvani, is determined to save Judah, a Jewish boy, from the hands of his remorseless pursuers.

Catran, Ken **Monsters of Blood and Honour** **F CAT:K**

'Monsters of Blood and Honour' contains three stand-alone stories, each with a related theme. In each story a teenager of 17 or 18 interacts with an elderly person who was their age during World War II. Each of these now-elderly people has undergone a traumatic and violent experience, which the modern teen, in a different world and lifestyle, cannot relate to.

Challinor, Deborah **Vietnam** **F CHA:D**

It's 1969 and Davey lives to surf with his older brother Tom and listen to the latest hits. Davey's most cherished goal is to win the inaugural Newcastle Under-14 Surf Championship planned for May 1970 with his best friends Johnno and Pete. But then Tom is drafted into the army and sent to Vietnam and everything changes.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Chotjewitz, David **Daniel Half Human** **F CHO:D**

In 1933, best friends Daniel and Armin admire Hitler, but as anti-Semitism buoys Hitler to power, Daniel learns he is half Jewish, threatening the friendship even as life in their beloved Hamburg, Germany, is becoming nightmarish.

Clavell, James **King Rat** **F CLA:J**

During the Second World War, the key British base in Asia was Singapore. The book tells of its fall, the loss of the East Indies, the capture of 150 000 men, the notorious POW camps and the lucky men who survived.

Cleary, Simon **The War Artist** **F CLE:S**

When Brigadier John Phelan returns from Afghanistan with the body of a young soldier killed under his command, he is traumatised by the tragedy. An encounter with young Sydney tattoo artist Kira leaves him with a permanent tribute to the soldier, but it is a meeting that will change the course of his life.

Cooper, Susan **Dawn of Fear** **F COO:S**

As WWII rages around them, Derek and his friends adapt to a life interrupted by air raids and an environment defaced by bombs. For them war is just a grown-up version of one of their feuds until tragedy strikes and the war becomes real.

Cornwell, Bernard **Sharpe's Eagle: Richard Sharpe & the Talavera Campaign July 1809** **F COR:B**

Richard Sharpe, bold, professional and ruthless, goes to war. Once a private, he leads his men into action in the bloodiest battle of the war. Enemies on his own side are as dangerous as from those across the battlefield.

Cornwell, Bernard **The Pagan Lord** **F COR:B**

Alfred the Great is dead and Edward his son reigns as king. Wessex survives but peace cannot hold. The Danes in the north, led by Viking Cnut Longsword, stand ready to invade and will never rest until the emerald crown is theirs.

Cowley, Joy **The Bakehouse** **F COW:J**

Bert is eleven and wants nothing more than to fight in the war. But he soon learns that the secrets and danger of war don't always stay at the front line.

Crane, Stephen **Red Badge of Courage** **F CRA:S**

A young private in the Union army whose youthful enthusiasm about the glory of battle gives way to increasing doubt and worry that when he comes to be tested in his first encounter with the enemy, he will be found wanting of courage.

Crist-Evans, Craig **Amaryllis** **F CRI: C**

Amaryllis - the name of the ship that ran aground on Singer Island, Florida, during a hurricane in 1965. It became a battle cry for Jimmy Staples and his older brother, Frank, and a code word for going surfing together. But now that Frank was off battling the enemy, as well as his own demons, in Vietnam.

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De Berniere, Louis **Captain Corelli's Mandolin** **F DEB:L**

It is 1941 and Captain Corelli, a young Italian officer, is posted to a Greek island during WWII. At first he is ostracised by the locals, but as a conscientious but far from fanatical soldier, whose main aim is to have a peaceful war, he proves in time to be civilised, humorous and a consummate musician.

Demidenko, Helen **The Hand That Signed the Paper** **F DEM:H**

This book tells the story of Vitaly, a Ukrainian peasant, who endures the destruction of his village and family by Stalin's communism. He welcomes the Nazi invasion in 1941 and willingly enlists in the SS Death Squads to take a horrifying revenge against those he perceives to be his persecutors.

Denton, Kit **The Breaker** **F DEN:K**

There was a Breaker Morant - he was executed at Pietersburg on 27 February 1902. His crime? Wilful murder of civilians. Yet to this day his guilt remains in doubt. This novel recounts the facts and the mystery surrounding Morant's death sentence. It is set in three continents and covers the entire range of the Breaker's activities.

Dickinson, Peter **AK** **F DIC:P**

Paul's most precious possession is his gun, his AK. He is a child soldier, trained for a terrible war in the African bush. He doesn't remember his real parents. When peace comes he buries his gun and goes to school. But peace seldom lasts long in Africa.....

Disher, Garry **The Divine Wind** **F DIS:G**

In the pearling town of Broome, against the backdrop of World War II, a young man and a young woman fall in love. Hart is the son of a pearling master, Mitsy the daughter of a Japanese diver. Can their love survive as Japan enters the war and Mitsy encounters prejudice and hate?

Dutton, Geoffrey **Flying Low** **F DUT:G**

This novel follows the wartime exploits of RAAF pilot Andy, from his stint in gaol for low flying, to his unexpected encounter with danger on a Pacific island. But Andy's war is mostly with the authorities rather than the enemy.

Eldridge, J. **Daring World War Two Stories for Boys** **F ELD:J**

These thrilling wartime adventures transport the reader to the heat of battle. Riveting fictionalized accounts, packed with historical detail, give a new immediacy to the Second World War that will enthrall young readers.

Faulks, Sebastian **Birdsong** **F FAU:S**

A story of the First World War; 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.

Faulks, Sebastian **Charlotte Gray** **F FAU:S**

Charlotte is recruited by the Secret Service and sent to France during WWII. Assigned to a Communist Resistance group she encounters acts of bravery and betrayal and comes face to face with the brutal violence of war.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Faulks, Sebastian ; Hensgen, Jorg **The Vintage Book of War Stories** **F FAU:S**
Some of the finest fictional writing about war in the 20th century has been compiled in this anthology. From the trenches of the Western Front to the jungles of Vietnam, novelists have reported with sober clarity, yet their fiction found a way to transcend the facts of death and metal, tanks and blood.

Fesperman, Dan **The Small Boat of Great Sorrows** **F FES:D**
Vlado is asked to go to The Hague to track down one of the men who may have been responsible for the terrible massacre at Srebrenica. What Petric doesn't know is that he is also being used as bait for a murderer from the previous generation, a man whose activities in WWII make the current generation look like amateurs.

Forster, C.S. **The Ship** **F FOR:C**
The one vital convoy which can break the stranglehold on Malta is intercepted in the Mediterranean by enemy warships and five light cruisers have to beat back the armed might of the Italian battle fleet.

Frayn, Michael **Spies** **F FRA:M**
Keith discovers the Germans are infiltrating his family. When the secret underground world Keith and his friend Stephen have dreamed up emerges from the shadows they find themselves engulfed in mysteries far deeper and more painful than they had bargained for.

Frazier, Charles **Cold Mountain** **F FRA:C**
A soldier wounded in the Civil War, Inman 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.

French, Jackie **A War for Gentlemen** **F FRE:J**
Charles Fitzhenry wanted to be a hero and left his home in NSW to fight for freedom in the American Civil War - on the side of the South. Gentlemen like Charles fought for the ideals of their class, for honour and glory. But it was not a war of honour. It was simply endless battles, starvation and hardship in an increasingly bitter war.

French, Jackie **Pennies for Hitler** **F FRE:J**
It's 1939, and for Georg, son of an English academic living in Germany, life is full of cream cakes and loving parents. It is also a time when his teacher measures the pupils' heads to see which of them have the most 'Aryan'-shaped heads. But when a university graduation ceremony turns into a pro-Nazi demonstration, Georg is smuggled out of Germany to war-torn London and then across enemy seas to Australia. Hatred is contagious, but Georg finds that kindness can be, too.

Gardiner, Kelly **1917 : Australia's Great War** **F GAR:K**
The war in France rages in the skies, and support for the war in Australia turns cold. Alex flies high above the trenches of the Western Front, while a world away his sister Maggie finds herself in the midst of political upheaval. Somehow, both must find the courage to fight on.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Gifford, Clive

World War I : True Stories

F GIF:C

It is the First World War, and with so many people involved in conflicts across the world, there is much danger and fear, but also bravery. Doctors treating patients in the trenches, courageous fighter pilots, and ingenious prisoner of war escapees...Discover their real life experiences in this collection of nine true war stories.

Gifford, Clive

World War II : True Stories

F GIF:C

It is the Second World War, and, with battles raging across the world, the will of those involved is being tested to the limit. Brave fighter pilots at the Battle of Britain, sailors in peril on the sea, resistance workers with nerves of steel... Discover their real life experiences in this collection of nine true war stories.

Gleitzman, Morris

Boy Overboard

F GLE:M

Jamal and Bibi have a dream. To lead Australia to soccer glory in the next World Cup. But first they must face landmines, pirates, storms and assassins. Can Jamal and his family survive their incredible journey and get to Australia?

Gleitzman, Morris

Loyal Creatures

F GLE:M

Like many of his mates from the bush, Frank Ballantyne is keen to join the grand adventure and do his bit. Especially as a chest full of medals might impress the currently unimpressed parents of his childhood sweetheart. So Frank ups his age and volunteers with his horse Daisy.

Gold, Alan

Berlin Song

F GOL:A

Young New York lawyer Sarah Kaplan has grown up burdened by the knowledge of her grandparents' suffering and brutalisation at the hands of the Nazis. To her mother, they were martyrs to the greatest crime in history; to Sarah, they were shining examples to be followed.

Grant, Michael

Front Lines

F GRA:M

Set in an alternate World War II where young women are called up to fight alongside men, this is the story of Rio Richlin and her sisters-in-arm as they go onto battle against Hitler's forces. But not everyone believes that the girls should be on the front lines of war. Now Rio and her friends must fight not only to survive, but to prove their courage and ingenuity to a sceptical world.

Great Escape Stories

F GRE

A collection of escape stories of 12 different men and women who were involved in the Second World War. Not all the stories are about actual escapes, some describe measures taken to evade the enemy over a number of years.

Greene, Graham

The Quiet American

F GRE:G

Also available as an eBook.

Into the intrigue and violence of Indo-China comes Pyle, a young idealistic American sent to promote democracy through a mysterious 'Third Force'. As his naive optimism starts to cause bloodshed, his friend Fowler, a cynical foreign correspondent, finds it hard to stand aside and watch. But even as he intervenes he wonders why: for the sake of politics, or for love...?

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Greenwood, Kerry **Evan's Gallipoli : a Gripping Story of Unlikely Friendship and an Incredible Journey Behind Enemy Lines** **F GRE:K**
Evan has been accompanying his father on his country business trips since he was young. Mr Warrender is rich enough not to have to travel, but since his wife died, he prefers to escape their fine home, peddling both his natural remedies and his faith. When he reads about the unfolding events in Gallipoli, he hatches a desire to go there and assist, taking Evan with him. Caught behind enemy lines, Evan must disguise and shepherd his increasingly erratic father back to safety.

Grossman, Vasily **Life and Fate** **F GRO: V**
Interweaving a transfixing account of the battle of Stalingrad with the story of a single middle-class family, the Shaposhnikovs, scattered by fortune from Germany to Siberia, Vasily Grossman fashions an immense, intricately detailed tapestry depicting a time of almost unimaginable horror and even stranger hope.

Harris, Robert **Enigma** **F HAR:R**
1943 - The Germans have unaccountably changed their U-boat Enigma code, threatening a massive Allied defeat. Suspicion grows that there may be a spy among the code breakers. Jericho's girlfriend suddenly disappears...

Harrison, Charles Yale **Generals Die in Bed** **F HAR:C**
Drawing on his own experiences in the WWI, the author tells a stark and poignant story of a young man sent to fight on the Western Front. It is an unimaginably harrowing journey, especially for one not yet old enough to vote.

Hartnett, Sonya **The Children of the King** **F HAR:S**
Cecily and Jeremy have been sent to live with Uncle Peregrine in the country, safe from the war, along with a young refugee named May. But when Cecily and May find two mysterious boys hiding out in a nearby castle ruin, and Jeremy runs away to London to help in the war effort, several destinies come together to make an extraordinary adventure.

Hartnett, Sonya **The Midnight Zoo** **F HAR:S**
Two gypsy boys are fleeing through a war-ravaged countryside during the night carrying a secret bundle. When they take shelter in the zoo, they discover a menagerie of talking animals. Both the boys and the animals tell their tales and their desire for freedom.

Hasek, Jaroslav **The Good Soldier Svejk** **F HAS:J**
Intended as satire, the bitterness of the author's observations is sometimes overlooked in the laughter evoked by the behaviour of this intrepid non-hero, Josef Svejk. He had been a soldier but was discharged because he was described as feebleminded.

Hathorn, Libby **Eventual Poppy Day** **F HAT:L**
It is 1915 and eighteen-year-old Maurice Roche is serving in the Great War. A century later, Maurice's great-great nephew, eighteen-year-old Oliver, is fighting his own war - one against himself. When Oliver is given Maurice's war diary, he has little interest in its contents - except for Maurice's sketches throughout, which intrigue Oliver, a talented artist himself.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Heffernan, John **Harry's War** **F HEF:J**

Grandpa talks about his war adventures all the time. And Harry loves listening. His father was a soldier too, in a different war. But Harry never knew his dad, and his mother won't talk about him. In finding out why, Harry discovers a deeper truth, one that will change his life forever.

Heffernan, John **Naveed** **F HEF:J**

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.

Heller, Joseph **Catch 22** **F HEL:J**

Also available as an eBook.

Hilarious and tragic, at the heart of Catch-22 is a savage indictment of twentieth century madness and a desire of the ordinary man to survive it.

Hemingway, Ernest **A Farewell to Arms** **F HEM:E**

Frederic Henry, an American attached to the Italian army as an ambulance driver during World War I, is badly wounded. He meets and falls in love with Catherine Barkley, an English nurse. Just before he must return to the front, she tells him that she is pregnant.

Hemingway, Ernest **For Whom the Bell Tolls** **F HEM:E**

Robert is an American member of the International Brigade during the Spanish Civil War. Relates events that demonstrate the incredible brutality of civil war, in one case by the actions of a revolutionary mob and in another by those of governmental authorities.

Higgins, Jack **Eye of the Storm** **F HIG:J**

Sean Dillon has worked for the IRA, ETA and the PLO. His assassin's bullet is highly respected and highly priced. Now, in the middle of the Gulf War, the Iraqis need his services for a vicious terrorist strike against Britain. The ultimate plan is to wipe out key Western Government figures and gain a massive propaganda coup.

Higgins, Jack **Luciano's Luck** **F HIG:J**

In the summer of 1943, the Allies are poised to invade Sicily. Only the Mafia can command an uprising and Mafia supremo Antonio hates everything American. He needs someone persuasive, and they don't come more persuasive than Lucky Luciano.

Hill, Anthony **Soldier Boy** **F HIL:A**

Jim Martin was just fourteen years old when he sailed away to war on the troopship Berrima on 28 June 1915, bound for Gallipoli. The true story of how an inexperienced and enthusiastic schoolboy became Australia's youngest known Anzac.

Hill, Anthony **Young Digger** **F HIL:A**

A French orphan wanders into the Australian airmen's mess in Germany, on Christmas Day in 1918. This lost boy was smuggled back to Australia by air mechanic Tim Tovell, a man who cared for the boy that he was determined, however risky, to provide 'Young Digger' with a new family and a new life in a new country, far from the war.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Hill, David **Journey to Tangiwai** **F HIL:D**

When Peter begins his diary in 1953, he has no idea that major changes are taking place in New Zealand that will have a huge impact on his life. As he tells of his day-to-day life in Napier, the forces of nature are at work, culminating in an event so tragic it will shock a whole nation.

Hill, Susan **Strange Meeting** **F HIL:S**

John Hilliard, a subaltern returning to the Western Front after a period of sick leave back in an England blind to the horrors of the trenches, finds his battalion tragically altered. His commanding officer finds escape in alcohol, there is a new adjutant, and even Hilliard's batman has been killed.

Holland, James **Duty Calls : Dunkirk** **F HOL:J**

It's Friday 24th May, 1940. Private Johnny Hawke, aged sixteen, awakens to artillery fire. Young Private Hawke just wants to do his duty and serve his country. But as he - and his fellow soldiers - prepare to stop the German advance, there's only one question on everyone's lips. How will they survive?

Homer **The Iliad** **883.01 HOM:R**

Gods and heroes participated in the long and bloody Trojan War which is chronicled in Homer's Iliad.

Hough, Richard **Razor Eyes** **F HOU:R**

A vivid portrayal of the experiences of a young man going from school in 1940 into the RAF. Thrilling descriptions of action in the air, culminating in a thrilling solo sortie into France to photograph and destroy Germany's prototype jet fighter.

Howard, Elizabeth Jane **The Light Years** **F HOW:E**

Three generations of Cazalets spend summers in the family house. Sunlit days of games and picnics on the beach provide the background for the chronicle of an English family facing the growing threat of war in Europe.

Howard, Elizabeth Jane **Marking Time** **F HOW:E**

The games and family meals are over, as the shadows of war roll in to cloud the lives of the Cazalet family. The windows are blacked out and food is becoming scarce. A new generation of Cazalets takes up the story.

Howard, Elizabeth Jane **Confusion** **F HOW:E**

In the spring of 1942 Polly and Clary have left 'Home Place' for London; Louise has wed; Polly and Archie LeStrange fall in love. Sombre days are echoed in the struggles of the characters' lives.

Howard, Elizabeth Jane **Casting Off** **F HOW:E**

Follows Rupert's life from the end of the war until 1947 as he struggles with normality and the difficulty of finding his position back in the family.

Hungerford, T.A.G. **The Ridge and the River** **F HUN:T**

Based on the author's experiences as a commando engaged in a unique aspect of warfare- face-to-face jungle confrontation, on the island of Bougainville towards the end of the WWII. A penetrating insight into the psychology of soldiers in battle.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Hughes, Shirley **Hero on a Bicycle** **F HUG:S**

Florence, Italy, 1944: The city is under heavy Nazi occupation, but for thirteen-year-old Paolo, war is a long and boring wait. Too young to fight for the resistance, yet desperate for action and adventure, he sneaks out each night to ride his bicycle along the darkened city streets. For Paolo, the risk is thrilling. But when he is accosted by Partisans, things quickly become dangerous as Paolo and his family are thrust into a terrifying and impossible situation.

Hunter, Max D. **The Blue Max** **F HUN:J**

The action in this book takes place during World War II when the German aces and daredevils are locked in deadly combat in the skies with the English.

Jinks, Catherine **Pagan's crusade** **F JIN:C**

Twelfth century Jerusalem - the time of the Crusades. Sixteen-year-old Pagan is assigned to work for Lord Roland, a Templar knight. Set against a background of mounting tension as the infidels, led by Saladin, close in on the Holy City, Pagan's Crusade sympathetically traces the relationship between the knight and his squire as Roland emerges as both mentor and friend for the orphaned Pagan.

Jones, Portland **Seeing the Elephant** **F JON:P**

A poignant story of a remarkable relationship between Frank Stevens, an Australian soldier sent to the Vietnamese Highlands to recruit and train the local hill tribes during the Vietnam War, and his Vietnamese translator, Minh. Nearly fifty years later, Minh, now living in Australia and seriously ill, remembers the experiences that he shared with Frank, and discovers that even amongst his traumatic memories, there is consolation and joy.

Keneally, Thomas **Schindler's Ark** **F KEN:T**

The story of Oskar Schindler who risked his life to protect the beleaguered Jews in Nazi - occupied Poland. It is a deeply moving book written by one of the world's greatest living authors.

Kerr, Judith **When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit** **F KER:J**

When nine-year-old Anna and her family successfully escape from Nazi Germany, the hardships of refugee life begin.

Kessler, Leo **The Hawks of Death** **F KES:L**

Gripping tales of Stuka Squadron, the elite of the German Luftwaffe. In retribution for their disobedient attempt to blow up Buckingham Palace and King George, they have been banished to southern Greece. Their mission is to clear the British out of the eastern Mediterranean - an almost impossible task...

Klemm, Barry **Running Dogs** **F KLE:B**

A novel of Australians in the Vietnam War, in which we are plunged into the midst of an ambush. The attack is ruthlessly accomplished, but the jungle and pressure take their toll. Every incident is tense, and every man's worst enemy becomes himself.

Koch, C.J. **Highways to a War** **F KOC:C**

When Mike Langford, a war photographer with a reputation for unusual risk-taking, disappears inside Cambodia, he becomes a mythic figure in the minds of his friends. The search for him which is at the heart of this novel explores the personal highways that led him to war, and to his ultimate fate.

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Laird, J.T. (ed.) **On all fronts : Australian stories of World War II** **F ON**
A vivid story of the experiences of men and women during the highly charged years of World War II. Their memorable stories depict the home front as well as military life, covering the war in Europe and the Middle East, jungle fighting, and the oppressiveness of prison and camps

Lawson, Don **The French Resistance** **F LAW:D**
This novel is about men and women thrust straight into the frontline of a war against Hitler. The price of failure was vengeance against the Gestapo. The prize of victory would be the liberation of France.

Levi, Primo **The Drowned and the Saved** **F LEV:P**
Levi draws extensively on his own experiences to delve into the minds and motives of oppressors and oppressed alike. Describes the limited forms of collaboration between inmates and SS gaolers, the exploitation of "useless violence" and the plight of the intellectual in the human nightmare of Auschwitz.

Levi, Primo **If Not Now, When?** **F LEV:P**
Based on a true story, this novel chronicles the adventures, crises and moral struggles of a group of Russian and Polish refugees as, stranded in occupied territory, they offer what resistance they can to the German army.

Levi, Primo **If This is a Man: the Truce** **F LEV:P**
Levi tells readers that if they do not repeat his account of his time in Auschwitz to their children, then 'may illness impede you, may your children turn their faces from you'. Levi also echoes the word 'zakhar', which is used 169 times in the Torah – 'remember to remember'. This story must never be forgotten.

Levy, Marc **The Children of Freedom** **F LEV:M**
Early in 1943, two young brothers join a Resistance group. Their growing up, their falling in love, their sense of friendship and family are formed by their time with the group, between moments of extreme danger and fear. But tragedy follows when the brothers are arrested, and a number of the group members are killed and a traitor is suspected.

Lowry, Lois **Number the Stars** **F LOW:L**
When Ellen Rosen's family is threatened with 'relocation' in occupied Denmark during WWII, the Johansen family take her in, pretending she is one of their own children. Based on fact, this story captures the courage of the Danish people who smuggled nearly 7,000 Jews to safety in Sweden.

MacLean, Alistair **The Guns of Navarone** **F MAC:A**
Also available as an eBook.
World War II is being fought, and Germans control the island that guards the approaches to the eastern Mediterranean with big guns. After all other attempts have failed, a five-man British army team is chosen to silence the guns of Navarone.

MacLean, Alistair **Where Eagles Dare** **F MAC:A**
British agents invade an "impenetrable" Gestapo command post. Maclean delivers a thriller filled with action, suspense and interesting and surprising twists.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

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.

McRobbie, David **Vinnie's War** **F MCR:D**
When Vinnie is sent away from the bombs in London, he has no idea what awaits him. The evacuee children find themselves thrown together in the country town of Netterfold, which seems beautiful and peaceful - until they meet the locals.

Magorian, Michelle **Goodnight Mister Tom** **F MAG:M**
An abused and beaten young boy, Willie, is evacuated from London during WWII to the home of "Mister Tom", an old recluse. Willie's pathetic state softens the old man, who has cut himself off since the death of his wife. Mister Tom and the flamboyant Zach, another evacuee, gradually cure Willie, both physically and mentally.

Malouf, David **The Great World** **F MAL:D**
Every city, town and village has its memorial to war. Nowhere are these monuments more eloquent than in Australia, generations of whose young men have enlisted to fight other people's battles - from Gallipoli and the Somme to Malaya and Vietnam. David Malouf gives a voice to that experience.

Malouf, David **Fly Away Peter** **F MAL:D**
The atrocities of war are played out before the inviolable forces of nature. Jim Saddler is catapulted into frontline fighting in war torn France in 1915. Through his natural affinity for birds and his efforts to record their unfettered comings and goings as he used to do at home, he retains hope and some semblance of normality.

Mankell, Henning **Secrets in the Fire** **F MAN:H**
Based on the true story of an indomitable young girl living in war-torn Mozambique. It tells how Sofia transcends the brutality and horror that has shattered her childhood, and builds a new future out of the ruins of her life.

Manning, Olivia **The Balkan Trilogy** **F MAN:O**
Living and working in Rumania, Guy and Harriet Pringle are forced to evacuate to Greece before the steady advance of the German army. "The Balkan Trilogy" is the portrait of their marriage, an evocation of a vanished way of life and an ironic comedy of manners in a breaking world.

Mark, Jan **The Hillingdon Fox** **F MAR:J**
Contrasting the diaries of two brothers, eight years apart, both written at a time of crisis (The Falklands war, 1982, and the Gulf Crisis, 1990). Each is concerned not only with the political scene, but also with local events, gradually revealing a totally unexpected family secret as a time capsule turns into a time bomb.

Marsden, John **Tomorrow When the War Began** **F MAR:J**
Seven teenagers take a weekend trip to Hell, an isolated valley. Upon their return they find their families have disappeared and their small country community has been invaded by a foreign army. The teenagers take on new maturity and responsibility when they realise that they must not only survive but try to counteract this foreign invasion.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Morante, Elsa **The History: a Novel** **F MOR:E**

A soldier wandering through the streets of Rome resolves, rather drunkenly that he must find himself a woman. It is Ida Mancuso's fate, at precisely that moment, to turn the corner of the street. The soldier sees easy prey, but Ida confronts her nightmare vision. The year is 1941, the soldier is German and she is half-Jewish.

Morpurgo, Michael **A Medal For Leroy** **F MOR:M**

Michael doesn't remember his father, who died in a Spitfire over the English Channel. And his mother, heartbroken and passionate, doesn't like to talk about him. But then Michael's aunt gives him a medal and a photograph, which begin to reveal a hidden story. A story of love, loss and secrets. A story that will change everything - and reveal to Michael who he really is

Morpurgo, Michael **In the Mouth of the Wolf** **F MOR:M**

One soldier. One spy. A true story of two brothers in a terrible war.

Myers, Walter Dean **Fallen Angels** **F MYE:W**

There was no way 17-year old Richie Perry could afford college, and the streets were too hard. It seemed a good idea to join the army, but then he didn't expect to go to Vietnam. This is a testament to the thousands of young adults who fought and died in the Vietnam War.

Ninh, Bao **The Sorrow of War** **F NIN:B**

This is a semi-autobiographical account of a soldier's experiences. The hero of the story, Kien, is a captain. After 10 years of war and months as a MIA body-collector, Kien suffers a nervous breakdown in Hanoi as he tries to re-establish a relationship with his former sweetheart.

Nowra, Louis **Prince of Afghanistan** **F NOW:L**

Black parachutes fall from the sky: young soldiers - and a dog - on a rescue mission in a remote part of Afghanistan. But the mission ends in chaos, and Mark and Prince embark on a perilous journey through enemy territory. They depend on each other to survive. A dramatic and powerful story of war and the bond between a young soldier and a dog.

Ondaatje, Michael **The English Patient** **F OND:M**

Also available as an eBook.

A turbulent story of love and passion. The English patient is set in Florence, just as the Second World War is ending. 3 men and a woman are stranded in a damaged villa. Upstairs lies the English patient, badly burned and unable to move.

Orgel, Doris **The Devil in Vienna** **F ORG:D**

It is 1938 in Vienna and Hitler's terror has changed the lives of Inge and her best friend Lieselotte. Lieselotte has been forced in the Hitler Youth, and Inge is Jewish, and thus, their friendship is unwise. Despite this, the two girls struggle to keep their friendship alive.

Orlev, Uri **The Man From the Other Side** **F ORL:U**

Living on the outskirts of the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II, fourteen-year-old Marek and his grandparents shelter a Jewish man in the days before the Jewish uprising.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Paulsen, Gary **Soldier's Heart** **F PAU:G**

America is on the brink of civil war. No one wants to miss out on the excitement - least of all fifteen-year-old Charley, who longs for the chance to fight the Confederate rebels. The chance to be a man. But nothing could have prepared Charley for the unimaginable horror of what lies ahead.

Pressfield, Stephen **Gates of Fire** **F PRE:S**

In 480 BC, 300 Spartan warriors faced the massive army of King Xerxes of Persia. Their orders were to delay the enemy for as long as possible. For six days the Spartans held the invaders in a battle that would become synonymous with extraordinary courage, heroism and self-sacrifice. Its name was Thermopylae.

Prior, Allan **Fuhrer : the Novel** **F PRI:A**

This biographical novel is firmly based on the facts of Adolf Hitler's life but extends those facts to a fictional recreation of the personal life and psychological make-up of the Attila of modern times.

Remarque, E.R. **All Quiet on the Western Front** **F REM:E**

Four German schoolboys go to serve at the front as soldiers in World War I. Although the young men in this novel are German, the message is universal in its description of the feelings of the ordinary soldier.

Richter, Hans Peter **Friedrich** **F RIC:H**

Friedrich had a good home and enough money when many in the Germany of the 1930's did not, but when Hitler came to power all this changed because Freidrich was Jewish.

Richter, Hans Peter **Time of the Young Soldiers** **F RIC:H**

As Richter explains "When the war broke out, I was fourteen; when it ended I was twenty. I was a soldier for three years". This is an account of his experiences as a recruit and as a soldier in the German army. I thought that the things I saw and the things I did were justified because no one spoke out openly against them".

Rigby, Robert **The Eagle Trail: Who is the Traitor Among Us?** **F RIG:R**

WWII, German-occupied Antwerp, and life continues as usual for 16-year-old Paul Hansen - until his father is shot. Paul learns that his parents are part of a group of resistance fighters and he's whisked away by Jos Theys, his father's closest friend, to the home of an elderly couple. There Paul learns he must leave Antwerp as quickly as possible and travel south through France and across the Pyrenees into Spain, and from there to England, and freedom. It is a journey to save his life.

Riordan, James **Match of Death** **F RIO:J**

Vova just wants to play football, but when the Nazis invade there are other things to worry about - staying alive, and fighting against the enemy. Then Vova gets a chance to play football again - but this is no ordinary match. If Vova's team win, they will be shot.

Riordan, James **Sweet Clarinet** **F RIO:J**

Billy thinks growing up in wartime is fun - falling bombs, fiery skies. That is, until a bomb falls on him. From that moment on, Billy's life will never be the same again. Horribly burned, Billy longs for death, but the precious gift he receives might just give him something to live for ... and some hope for the future.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Vintage Book of War Stories Edited by Sebastian Faulks **F FAU:S**

Some of the finest fictional writing about war in the 20th century has been compiled in this anthology. From the trenches of the Western Front to the jungles of Vietnam, novelists have reported with sober clarity, yet their fiction found a way to transcend the facts of death and metal, tanks and blood.

Vondra, Josef **No-Name Bird** **F VON:J**

East Timor 1975. Jose Rodrigus was fourteen years old when the Indonesians came. This is his moving and extraordinary story. It is the story of his unusual relationship with Uncle Adolfo and the fighting bird they train.

Waugh, Evelyn **Sword of Honour** **F WAU:E**

Guy, a Catholic and a gentleman is commissioned into the Royal Corps of Halberdiers during the war years 1939-1945. High comedy, in the company of Brigadier Ritchie-Hook or the denizens of Bellamy's club, is only part of the shambles of Guy's war. When action comes in Crete and in Yugoslavia, he discovers not heroism but humanity.

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.

Westall, Robert **The Machine Gunners** **F WES:R**

Chas McGill had the second-best collection of war souvenirs in Garmouth, and he desperately wanted it to be the best. When he stumbles across the remains of a German bomber crashed in the woods. He grabs his chance. Soon he's masterminding his own war effort with dangerous and unexpected results.

Williams, Eric **The Tunnel** **F WIL:E**

Peter Howard was shot down and captured by the Germans on his 25th bombing operation. He is sent to a high-security prison camp in Poland where the only hope is through the tunnel. Based on Williams' wartime experiences, this novel recreates the tensions and frustrations of prison-camp life.

Williams, Eric **The Wooden Horse** **F WIL:E**

An adventure story of the World War II Eric Williams' own experience is the basis for this story of three British soldiers who successfully escape from the "escape proof" Stalag Luft III.

Wilson, Leslie **Last Train From Kummersdorf** **F WIL:L**

German 1945: Hanno is on the run, having just seen his twin brother killed. Effi is streetwise. She is not keen to trust Hanno when she finds out he is a policeman's son. But there are far more dangerous people on the road, Russian soldiers, German deserters - and Major Otto, who likes to play games with people before he kills them.

Wolfer, Dianne **Light Horse Boy** **F WOL:D**

In 1914 Jim and Charlie abandon the Australian outback for the excitement and adventure of the war to end all wars. But in the Light Horse they quickly discover the brutal realities of life on the frontline. And nothing will ever be the same again.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Wolfer, Dianne

Lighthouse Girl

F WOL:D

Fay lives alone on windswept Breaksea Island with only her journal to confide in. She continues the long-distance conversations with letters and postcards, following the fortunes of her soldiers from Egypt to Gallipoli. Then one day a single sad letter arrives and the war is brought brutally home.

Yep, Laurence

Hiroshima

F YEP:L

On the morning of August 6, 1945, an American bomber, the Enola Gay, roars down the runway of the Pacific island, Tinian. The target is Hiroshima, Japan. The cargo is an atom bomb. The rest is history. This story is told through the eyes of Sachi, a 12 year old Japanese girl who survived.

Zephaniah, Benjamin

Refugee Boy

F ZEP:B

As the family slept soldiers kicked down the door... 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 ...

Zorn, Claire

The Sky So Heavy

F ZOR:C

Fin is your typical teenage boy, growing up in the lower Blue Mountains, getting through school, mucking around with his friends, trying to impress the girl of his dreams. But one day nuclear bombs are detonated in the northern hemisphere, and not only are whole countries obliterated, but the climate changes literally overnight.

Zusak, Marcus

The Book Thief

F ZUS:M

Also available as an eBook.

Death has never been busier. In wartime Germany Liesel's father has been arrested, her mother is in grave danger and her brother is dead. Liesel is taken to live with strangers. Books become a vital escape and stealing them an obsession. When Liesel's foster family hide a Jewish man in their basement, Liesel's world opens up....

NON-FICTION

Brittain, Vera

Testament of Youth

920 BRI

A portrait of a young girl's life in pre-1914 England which aims to give a vivid and passionate personal record of the years 1900-1925 and convey the essence of the common experience of war. It is also intended as a memorial to a lost generation.

Burgess, Colin

**Freedom or Death: Australia's Greatest Escape Stories
From Two World Wars**

904.7 BUR

A collection of 7 escape stories about Australian prisoners of war. Includes accounts of escape attempts from Colditz Castle, and from the Japanese held islands of Ambon and Hainon.

Filipovic, Zlata

Zlata's Diary

949.742024 FIL

Zalta and her parents are trapped in Sarajevo during the siege. Zalta's world increasingly becomes restricted by the world of violence outside that keeps her trapped in her parent's cellar. The danger steadily invades her life as the war destroys the city, kills and injures the family, friends and pets she loved.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Frank, Anne **The Diary of a Young Girl** **940.53161 FRA**

The story of a Jewish girl - Anne Frank, during the Second World War in the Netherlands. She and her family went into hiding in the sealed-off back rooms of an Amsterdam office building in 1942. For two years they remained safe. In August 1944 they were betrayed.

Grant, Neil & Williams, David (eds) **From Kinglake to Kabul** **820.8 FRO**

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.

Greatest Escape Stories Ever Told edited by Darren Brown **904 GRE**

To reach freedom, the most famous escapers of all time have been willing to endure the most horrific conditions – and the direst consequences if caught. This collection of twenty-five unforgettable tales is gripping as only true life-and –death struggles can be.

Hersey, John **Hiroshima** **940.5425 HER**

When the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in August 1945, killing 100,000 men, women and children, a new era in human history opened.

Hilberg, Paul **The Politics of Memory: the Journey of a Holocaust Historian** **940.5318 HIL**

Hilberg begins this book by recounting his formative years growing up in Vienna and fleeing the Nazi regime with his family in 1939 when he was 13. He continues by relating his return to Europe with the U.S. Army, his education, the beginning of a teaching career, and his growing interest in researching and documenting the holocaust.

Hill, Anthony **Animal Heroes** **355.424 HIL**

Here are twenty-one fascinating stories about the forgotten heroes of war: animals who have served beside Australian forces.

Making it Home: Real-Life Stories From Children Forced to Flee **305.23086 MAK**

In this inspiring collection, children living all over the world speak about being forced to flee from their homes and becoming refugees.

McPhedran, Colin **White Butterflies** **940.53092 MCP**

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.

Milligan, Spike **Adolf Hitler: My Part in His Downfall** **827.914 MIL**

This book covers the time of Spike Milligan joining the Artillery until he landed at Algiers. All salient facts are true, some have been garnished in his own manner, but the basic facts are true. He uses the simple language of the barrack room and the normal quota of swearing. It wasn't all fun, but as Spike says, a lot of it was. The experience of being in the Army changed his whole life.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Only remembered **Edited by Michael Morpugo and Ian Beck** **809.93358 ONL**

2014 will mark one hundred years since the outbreak of the First World War. To mark the date, this beautiful anthology collects favourite words and images that deal with the subject from some of the UK's leading figures. Poems, short stories, personal letters, newspaper articles, scripts, photographs and paintings are just some of the elements of this unique and seminal collection - each introduced by the person who selected it.

Orwell, George **Homage to Catalonia** **823.912 ORW**

This is Orwell's famous account of his experience as a militiaman in the Spanish Civil War. In it he brings to bear all the force of his humanity, passion and clarity, describing with bitter intensity the bright hopes and cynical betrayals of that chaotic episode.

Schwarz, Z. & Schwarz, E. **The Army-Cap Boy : The Story of a Teenage Boy's Survival in Hitler's Europe** **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 the concentration camp known as Belsen and how he tries to make a new life after the war, in Australia.

Ung, Loung **First They Killed my Father : a Daughter of Cambodia Remembers** **959.6042 UNG**

"First they killed my father" is from a childhood survivor of Cambodia's brutal Pol Pot regime. An unforgettable narrative of war crimes and desperate actions, it tells of the unnerving strength of a small girl and her family, and their triumph of spirit.

GRAPHIC NOVELS & PICTURE BOOKS

Barroux **Line of Fire : Diary of an Unknown Soldier (August, September 1914)** **GRA BAR**

A graphic adaptation of a 100-year-old diary brings World War I history to life one winter morning, Barroux was walking down a street in Paris when he made an extraordinary find: the real diary of a soldier in World War I. Barroux rescued the diary from the trash and illustrated the soldier's words.

Briggs, Raymond **When the Wind Blows** **GRA BRI**

A picture book in the form of a strip cartoon relating the grim progression of a nuclear war.

Briggs, Raymond **The Tin-Pot Foreign General and the Old Iron Woman** **GRA BRI**

A deceptively simple narrative about the Falklands War becomes a powerful and provocative anti-war statement. His savage portrayal of the two protagonists, Margaret Thatcher and General Galtieri, has dubious racist and sexist overtones.

Crew, Gary **Memorial** **PB CRE**

When the soldiers return in 1918, a memorial tree is planted... 'Lest we forget'. But generations later, what do those who pause in the shadows of the tree's immense branches remember? A message we should never forget.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Dolan, Hugh **AE2 : The Silent ANZAC** **GRA DOL**
Australia's second Prime Minister, Alfred Deakin, had had a vision for a strong Australian naval force since Federation in 1901. Two submarines were built in England in 1913 for the Royal Australian Navy, called AE1 and AE2. 'A' stood for Australia. 'E' because it was an E-Class sub. This is the story of one of those submarines.

Dolan, Hugh **Reg Saunders : An Indigenous War Hero** **GRA DOL**
This is the little-known story of Reg Saunders, the first Indigenous Australian to become an officer in the Army. Reg Saunders MBE (1920–1990) not only survived the World War Two battlefields in the Middle East, North Africa, Greece, Crete and New Guinea, but excelled as a military leader. He was recommended for officer training and, in 1944, returned to New Guinea as a platoon commander – the first Aboriginal Australian to serve as a commissioned officer.

French, Jackie **The Beach They Called Gallipoli** **PB FRE**
With beautiful and painterly illustrations by Bruce Whatley this is a book that explores the beach where the battles took place. In focusing on the actual place of war, the book also examines many other aspects of WW1, from the soldiers and the conditions they fought in, to the civilians at home.

Greenwood, Kerry **Gallipoli** **PB GRE**
It is 1914 and Dusty and Bluey are headed for adventure. They are Anzacs, members of the Australian Light Horse, on their way to the Great War. The story of Bluey and Dusty is a story of family and friendship. It is the story of Gallipoli.

Greenwood, Mark **Midnight : the Story of a Light Horse** **PB GRE**
On October 31, 1917, the 4th and 12th Regiments of the Australian Light Horse took part in one of the last great cavalry charges in history. Among the first to leap the enemy trenches was Lieutenant Guy Haydon riding his beloved mare, Midnight. This is their story.

Greenwood, Mark;
McLean, Andrew **The happiness box : a wartime book of hope** **PB GRE**
In 1942, Sergeant 'Griff' Griffin was a prisoner of war. With Christmas approaching, he decided to make a book for the children cooped up in nearby Changi Prison. The book was said to contain the secrets to happiness. Open this book and learn the true and inspirational story of the making of the Happiness Box book.

Gruss, Karin **One Red Shoe** **PB GRU**
There's been an attack. Grabbing his camera, a newspaper photographer rushes to the nearest clinic. What he finds there will change the way he thinks forever. Inspired by real events in the Middle East, this picture book takes the reader to a place far from comfort and safety.

Jacobson, Sid **The 9/11 report : a graphic adaptation** **GRA JAC**
On December 5, 2005, the 9/11 Commission issued its final report card on the government's fulfilment of the recommendations issued in July 2004. Here is stunning evidence that Sid Jacobson and Ernie Coln, with more than sixty years of experience in the comic-book industry between them, were right: far, far too few Americans have read, grasped, and demanded action on the Commission's investigation into the events of that tragic day and the lessons America must learn.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Jorgensen, Norman **In Flanders Fields** **PB JOR**

Early on Christmas morning the guns stop firing. A deathly silence creeps over the pitted and ruined landscape. A young soldier peers through a periscope over the top of the trench. Way out in no-man's-land, he sees a small red shape moving on the barbed wire. A brightly coloured robin is trapped. One wing is flapping helplessly.

Metzenthén, David **One Minute's Silence** **PB MET**

On the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, David Metzenthén asks what is the true meaning of remembering? A powerful and moving picture book for older readers about the 'one minute's silence' we observe on Remembrance Day, and what Gallipoli means to us in this context.

Millard, Glenda & Lesnie, Phil **Once a Shepherd** **PB MIL**

A tale of young Tom Shepherd and his bride, whose idyllic world will not last. Tom must leave his pregnant wife and head off to fight in World War I.

Mizuki, Shigeru **Onwards towards our noble deaths** **GRA MIZ**

A semiautobiographical account of the desperate final weeks of a Japanese infantry unit at the end of World War II. The soldiers are told that they must go into battle and die for the honour of their country, with certain execution facing them if they return alive.

O'Hagan, Jack **Along the Road to Gundagai** **PB OHA**

Andrew McLean's illustrations bring to life the story of the men who went to the Great War, many of them never to return home.

Plant, Andrew **The Poppy** **PB PLA**

The Poppy is the true story of one of Australia's greatest victories, and of a promise kept for nearly a century. On Anzac Day, 1918, a desperate night counter-attack in the French village of Villers-Bretonneux became one of Australia's greatest victories. A bond was forged that night between France and Australia that has never been broken. Villers-Bretonneux is 'The town that never forgets'.

Saxby, Claire **Meet the ANZACs** **PB SAX**

Anzac stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. It is the name given to the Australian and New Zealand troops who landed at Gallipoli in World War I. The name is now a symbol of bravery and mateship.

Schumann, John **I Was Only Nineteen** **PB SCH**

Townsville lined the footpath as we marched down to the quay. This clipping from the paper shows us young and strong and clean. And there's me in my slouch hat, with my SLR and greens. God help me, I was only nineteen. John Schumann's unforgettable lyrics about the Vietnam War are etched in our memories and into our history books.

Spiegelman, Art **Maus: a Survivor's Tale** **GRA SPI**

Vladek Spiegelman is a Jewish survivor of the camps. His son documents, in comic book form, his father's harrowing tale of survival against all odds, delineating the paradox of daily life in the death camps, and the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father.

WAR STORIES READING LIST

Sacco, Joe **Palestine** **GRA SAC**

In late 1991 and early 1992, at the time of the first Intifada, Joe Sacco spent two months with the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, travelling and taking notes. Upon returning to the United States he started writing and drawing 'Palestine', which combined the techniques of eyewitness reportage with the medium of comic-book storytelling to explore this complex, emotionally weighty situation.

Tardi, Jacques **It Was The War of The Trenches** **GRA TAR**

Tardi is not interested in the national politics, the strategies, or the battles of World War I. Like Remarque, he focuses on the day to day life of the soldiers in the trenches, and, with icy, controlled fury and disgust, he brings that existence alive. Yet he also delves deeply into the underlying causes of the war, the madness, the cynical political exploitation of patriotism.

Tran, G.B **Vietnamerica : a family's journey** **GRA TRA**

A memoir in graphic novel format about the author's experiences as the son of Vietnamese immigrants who fled to America during the fall of Saigon. Describes how he learned his tragic ancestral history and the impact of the Vietnam War on his family while visiting their homeland years later.

Wilson, Mark **The Afghanistan Pup** **PB WIL**

A story about an abandoned pup in Afghanistan who touches the lives of two very different people - a girl struggling to get an education in the face of fierce opposition, and an Australian soldier.

Winch, Gordon **The Last ANZAC** **PB WIN**

Alec Campbell was a hero. The old man, the last living ANZAC, and all of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought at Gallipoli, were heroes. Alec, who died in May 2002 at the age of 103, enlisted in 1915 when he was just 16. He had put his age up to 18 in order to be accepted by the army and agreed to fight at the front, wherever he was needed.

DVDs

Back to 1942 (MA15+) **Director: Xiaogang Feng** **DVD BAC**

A deadly drought in 1942 takes its toll on central China's Henan province during the war against Japan.

Land of mine (MA15+) **Director: Zandvliet, Martin** **DVD LAN**

In post-World War II Denmark, a group of young German POWs are forced to clear a beach of thousands of land mines under the watch of a Danish Sergeant who slowly learns to appreciate their plight.

The Spy Who Came in From the Cold (PG) **Director: Martin Ritt** **DVD SPY**

British agent Alec Leamas refuses to come in from the cold war during the 1960s, choosing to face another mission, which may prove to be his final one.
