

# Searching For The Good A Young Mans Journey To War And Back

Unveiling the Magic of Words: A Review of "**Searching For The Good A Young Mans Journey To War And Back**"

In a world defined by information and interconnectivity, the enchanting power of words has acquired unparalleled significance. Their power to kindle emotions, provoke contemplation, and ignite transformative change is really awe-inspiring. Enter the realm of "**Searching For The Good A Young Mans Journey To War And Back**," a mesmerizing literary masterpiece penned with a distinguished author, guiding readers on a profound journey to unravel the secrets and potential hidden within every word. In this critique, we shall delve to the book is central themes, examine its distinctive writing style, and assess its profound impact on the souls of its readers.

The War That Saved My Life Kimberly Brubaker Bradley 2016-05-31

\*Newbery Honor book \*Winner of the Schneider Family Book Award This #1 New York Times bestseller is an exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War II, from the acclaimed author of *Fighting Words*, and for fans of *Fish in a Tree* and *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother? "Achingly lovely...Nuanced and emotionally acute."—*The Wall Street Journal*

"Unforgettable...unflinching."—*Common Sense Media* □ "Brisk and honest...Cause for celebration."—*Kirkus*, starred review □

"Poignant."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review □ "Powerful."—*The Horn Book*, starred review "Affecting."—*Booklist* "Emotionally satisfying...[A] page-turner."—*BCCB* "Exquisitely written...Heart-lifting."—*SLJ*

"Astounding...This book is remarkable."—*Karen Cushman*, author *The Midwife's Apprentice* "Beautifully told."—*Patricia MacLachlan*, author of *Sarah, Plain and Tall* "I read this novel in two big gulps."—*Gary D. Schmidt*, author of *Okay for Now* "I love Ada's bold heart...Her story's riveting."—*Sheila Turnage*, author of *Three Times Lucky*

**The Light from Darkness** John W Bebout 2021-01-09 'The Light from Darkness' is the story of a young man's epic journey home in search of love and redemption. There are tears, tragedy and a final reckoning which will forever change the course of his life. The young man, Teddy, travels from the tip of Florida back to his beloved Shenandoah Valley during the last months of the American Civil War. Along the way, he encounters heroes and villains alike that test both his courage and his moral character.

*A Significant Casualty* Peter J. Pilkington 2010-06 In a perfect world a story such as I am about to relate could never have happened and would never have needed to be told, but this is not a perfect world and life does not always treat us in the manner to which we feel we deserve. We have become accustomed to accepting mediocrity and bureaucratic incompetence. Indifference and ambivalence are becoming the accepted norm. We live in a democratic society where less than half the eligible members actually participate and as a result the officials we elect owe more allegiance to the special interests that fund and support them than to the constituents they purport to represent. As a result we have enabled a system to exist where the interests of business overshadow the rights of the individual a system where we permit industry to write the regulations intended to control their activities. We live in a society where human life is measured and analyzed compared and evaluated against the cost of doing business, where litigators feed on the misery of others while doing little to prevent the carnage on which they feed and depend. While a "kinder and gentler" government stands idly by protecting the special interests that feed the political system while hiding behind "cost to benefit" studies to justify their inaction. Under current United States Coast Guard policy a "Significant Casualty" is one that may involve multiple deaths, the loss of a ship of five hundred gross tons or larger or one that if properly investigated could lead to the implementation of changes in current standards of safety. And it is only these "Significant Casualties" that by regulation merit proper investigation. The following is a story of a young man who went off to work one morning never to return. But mostly it is the story of a man who like all men should never be allowed to be remembered as only another statistic. This is the story of one such Significant Casualty. The five-year quest receives a final

punctuation when the father is granted "Party in Interest" status and has his son's case properly reviewed at a formal United States Coast Guard Investigation. An Investigation that not only looks to the fatality but at the regulatory atmosphere that allowed the conditions to exist. The story is timely as it highlights not only a father's quest to clear his son but also the illegal and improper inspection of oil drilling facilities in the US Gulf of Mexico. According to *World Oil* (Feb 2010 issue) at the end of 2009 there were 2,237 oil wells in the Federal waters of the Gulf and 242 more in the state waters of Louisiana. All working under regulations written by the industry. An industry more interested in profits than safety. In April of 2010, President Barack Obama, while addressing the issues surrounding mine safety following the deaths in West Virginia, was quoted as saying, "A failure first and foremost of management, a failure of oversight and a failure of laws so riddled with loopholes that companies repeatedly can violate safety regulations without penalty." Those same comments ring true for the oil drilling companies of this country. As horrific as the mine disaster was in West Virginia, more workers die in the underwater workplace each year than do in all the nation's mines.

Don't Look Back Achut Deng 2022-10-11 In this propulsive memoir from Achut Deng and Keely Hutton, inspired by a harrowing New York Times article, *Don't Look Back* tells a powerful story showing both the ugliness and the beauty of humanity, and the power of not giving up. I want life. After a deadly attack in South Sudan left six-year-old Achut Deng without a family, she lived in refugee camps for ten years, until a refugee relocation program gave her the opportunity to move to the United States. When asked why she should be given a chance to leave the camp, Achut simply told the interviewer: I want life. But the chance at starting a new life in a new country came with a different set of challenges. Some of them equally deadly. Taught by the strong women in her life not to look back, Achut kept moving forward, overcoming one obstacle after another, facing each day with hope and faith in her future. Yet, just as Achut began to think of the US as her home, a tie to her old life resurfaced, and for the first time, she had no choice but to remember her past.

*Searching for an Unforgotten Homeland* Kevin Dale Coffee 1997

Finding Granddad's War Jeffrey A. Badger 2008 To discover the grandfather he never knew, Badger began tracking down dozens of World War II veterans from his grandfather's unit. Through their stories and recollections, Badger began to reconstruct a very personal vision of his grandfather and the war. Illustrations throughout.

*ONE MAN'S JOURNEY* Rodney Sorkin 2017-10-26 This story traces the life of Jason McCarthy as he leads a life full of romance and adventure. As a young man, Jason marries his high school sweetheart. He serves successfully as a policeman in Columbus, Ohio. Pearl Harbor is attacked, and Jason enrolls in the US Army First Infantry Division, the Big Red One, in its battles in North Africa, Sicily, D-Day, Cherbourg, throughout France, the relief of Bastogne, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. Returning home, Jason gets to meet his daughter for the first time as he returns to post-war America and pursues a variety of careers. Overcoming his grief at the loss of his wife by cancer, Jason devotes his life to the care of his young daughter. When he meets Linda, Jason discovers that he, once again, has the capacity to love. His life is interrupted again by the Korean War, where Jason battles at Inchon and the liberation of Seoul. Jason is taken prisoner and abused by his capturers. Desperate to return home, he manages a miraculous escape from captivity and is reunited finally with his family. Readers who enjoy a good yarn with romance, interest in World War II, the Korean War, and in action will not be disappointed with this novella.

When Breath Becomes Air Paul Kalanithi 2016-01-12 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST • This inspiring, exquisitely observed memoir finds hope and beauty in the face of insurmountable odds as an idealistic young neurosurgeon attempts to

answer the question What makes a life worth living? NAMED ONE OF PASTE'S BEST MEMOIRS OF THE DECADE • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • People • NPR • The Washington Post • Slate • Harper's Bazaar • Time Out New York • Publishers Weekly • BookPage Finalist for the PEN Center USA Literary Award in Creative Nonfiction and the Books for a Better Life Award in Inspirational Memoir At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. And just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated. When *Breath Becomes Air* chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a naïve medical student "possessed," as he wrote, "by the question of what, given that all organisms die, makes a virtuous and meaningful life" into a neurosurgeon at Stanford working in the brain, the most critical place for human identity, and finally into a patient and new father confronting his own mortality. What makes life worth living in the face of death? What do you do when the future, no longer a ladder toward your goals in life, flattens out into a perpetual present? What does it mean to have a child, to nurture a new life as another fades away? These are some of the questions Kalanithi wrestles with in this profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir. Paul Kalanithi died in March 2015, while working on this book, yet his words live on as a guide and a gift to us all. "I began to realize that coming face to face with my own mortality, in a sense, had changed nothing and everything," he wrote. "Seven words from Samuel Beckett began to repeat in my head: 'I can't go on. I'll go on.'" When *Breath Becomes Air* is an unforgettable, life-affirming reflection on the challenge of facing death and on the relationship between doctor and patient, from a brilliant writer who became both.

*1788 Morristown Ghost Hoax, The: The Search for Lost Revolutionary War Treasure* Peter Zablocki 2022-07 A Fabulous Fable of the Supernatural Kind The saga of the Morristown ghost has been told around campfires and dinner tables in Morris County for generations. Local legend claimed British Loyalists secretly buried stolen Patriot treasure on Schooley Mountain as they fled the oncoming forces of George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Years later in 1788, a former school teacher from Connecticut, Ransford Rodgers, convinced local prominent Morristown families that a ghost was protecting the true location of the treasure and he alone could exercise it. Little did the victims know, Rodgers was perpetuating an elaborate hoax and eventually extorted large sums of money from the embarrassed local elite. The tale has been recounted in various sensational pamphlets and publications ever since, leaving behind a mystery of what is true or myth. Author Peter Zablocki separates fact from fiction in the story of the great Morristown ghost hoax.

*Medal of Honor* Roy P. Benavidez 2005-03-31 The powerful story of one man's fight against bigotry, paralysis, and his war enemy that led to the Medal of Honor

*Jack Toffey's War* John J. Toffey 2008 "I see this book as the story my father never got to tell," John Toffey writes. And what a remarkable story it is that Lt. Col. Jack Toffey never got to tell. In this moving account of a young man's journey to know a father who went to war in 1942 and never came back, John Toffey weaves memory, history, and his father's vivid letters home into a fascinating tale of a family, a war, and the threads that connect them. John Toffey was nine when his father's National Guard outfit was mobilized. For two years Toffey, his mother, and his sister moved from post to post before his dad shipped out--to North Africa, fighting the Vichy French in Morocco, then the Germans in Tunisia, where he was wounded. In July 1943 he went back to war, leading an infantry battalion in the invasions of Sicily and southern Italy. In January 1944 he landed his battalion at Anzio and was wounded again. After a long, bitter stalemate, Toffey's regiment led Mark Clark's push on Rome. On June 3, 1944, Jack Toffey was killed in the hill town of Palestrina, one day before the Allies marched into Rome. In a brutal campaign, Jack Toffey had commanded a combat battalion longer than any other officer in the Mediterranean theater. Only in 1996, when his father's letters were discovered, did John Toffey begin to piece together what happened to his father. And he tells this contested story of Allied success and failure with drama, steely reserve, and balance, adding an invaluable perspective to the portrait of Jack Toffey created by Rick Atkinson in his bestselling *Day of Battle*. This book is also a lovingly crafted portrait of home front Ohio, and how a young boy, his sister, and his mother waited out their war, scanning newspapers and magazines for news of Dad and devouring letters full of easy humor and expressions of

love for and pride in his family and dreams of a good life after the war. **It Happened on the Way to War** Rye Barcott 2012-08-02 This is a book about two forms of service that may appear contradictory: war-fighting and peacemaking, military service and social entrepreneurship. In 2001, Marine officer-in-training Rye Barcott cofounded a nongovernmental organization with two Kenyans in the Kibera slum of Nairobi. Their organization-Carolina for Kibera-grew to become a model of a global movement called participatory development, and Barcott continued volunteering with CFK while leading Marines in dangerous places. *It Happened on the Way to War* is a true story of heartbreak, courage, and the impact that small groups of committed citizens can make in the world.

**Scribner's Monthly** 1909

**Searching for the Good** Thomas A. Brewer 2000 Searching for the Good is a harrowing & very human examination of the myths & realities of war. Told through the author's personal journey, it also relates the story of that multitude of soldiers who served with honor in Vietnam, came home & went on with their lives in spite of much pain & torment. It's about youth & patriotism, pride & guilt & the horrors of ground combat. It's about returning, adjusting & never forgetting. It evokes the daily experience of life in the field & the rush of adrenaline in combat. It tracks the personal repercussions, positive & negative, on the lives of the survivors. For better or worse, war has shaped our country & its citizens. It is an essential part of our outlook on life, our institutions & our policies & almost certainly our future. In this book the author--while capturing the universal experiences & feelings of the sixties generation--speaks out on behalf of the men & women who served in what some have said is "the only war America has ever lost." Many readers of this book have been both inspired & moved to tears by this "courageous account of a personal odyssey."

*Wolfhounds Vietnam Alumni: A Young Man's Trip to War and the Journey Back* Gary L. Huber 2021-10-26 Life is sometimes reduced to a few choices. This autobiography is about a young American who decides to serve his country and ends up going to war. Being drafted or joining the military offered one a good chance to see Vietnam up close and personal, but becoming an officer offered an even better chance. The years of 1965, 1966, 1967, were dangerous years for young American men between the ages of 18 and 24. In 1966, the draft was expanded in some of the areas of the country to intakes twice a month. The policy was used mainly in the larger metropolitan areas of the country. Since I was already in the Army by then, it didn't affect me. By 1968 our involvement in Vietnam would reach 520,000 soldiers. I was 18 in 1966, single, not going to college and healthy. I was grist for the military mill. I was one of thousands of young men in the work force right after high school in the mid 1960's. The war in Viet Nam ended up causing over 400,000 casualties (dead and wounded). There were nearly 3 million men and women who served in Viet Nam, and 7 million total in the military during the era. I served as what was affectionately called a ground pounder, aka an infantryman, military occupational specialty (MOS) 11B. After graduating from OCS my MOS became a 1542 Small Infantry Unit Commander, later changed to 11A. That MOS put me in line to become a casualty. This book gives you a look at my life growing up in Michigan, and what my life was like after being wounded and returning home from Vietnam.

**Making Sense of Normandy** E. Carver McGriff 2022-09-22 We should have begun to face the sobering probability that we were heading for the hell of battle, but we were kids. We'd heard of war in far-off places, places like Italy and Africa, and the faraway Pacific, but we were in England. We thought life would go on like this with excitement, new places to see, friends we'd never otherwise have met, a sense of manhood new to most of us . . . how little we knew. Barely more than children, soon to suffer the death of innocence. Carver McGriff was 19 years old when he left Indiana and his innocence behind to join in the battle for freedom on one of the most important and bloodiest battlefields of World War II. In *Making Sense of Normandy: A Young Man's Journey of War and Faith*, McGriff gives a rare veteran first-hand account of the harsh realities of WWII combat - not only the struggle for physical survival but for emotional and spiritual survival as well. It is a timeless story for all generations, a rare treasure that will touch the hearts and minds of all the Greatest Generations - yesterday's, today's and tomorrow's.

*War Makes Men of Boys* Katherine I. Miller 2012-12-17 Hundreds of novels have been written about young men coming of age in war. And millions of young men have, in fact, come of age in combat. This is the story of one of them, as told by his daughter, based on the daily letters

he wrote to his family in 1944 and 1945. After ten months of stateside training, nineteen-year-old Joe Ted (Bud) Miller shipped out from New York harbor in November 1944 and served with the 63rd Infantry in France and Germany. Although he fought with his unit at the Colmar Pocket and earned a Bronze Star for his role in pushing through the Siegfried Line, his letters focus less on the details of battle than on the many aspects of his life in the military: food, PX, movies, biographies of friends and platoon-mates, training activities, travelogues, and the behavior (good and bad) of officers. Bud's journalistic skills show in his letters and fill his reports with a wealth of objective detail, as well as articulate reflections on his feelings about his experiences. Katherine I. Miller, a communication scholar, brings to her father's letters—which form the centerpiece of the book—her scholarly training in analyzing issues such as the development of masculinity in historical context, the formation of adult identity, and the psychological effects of war. Further insights gained from additional personal and family archives, interviews with surviving family members, official paperwork, the unit history of the 63rd Infantry Division (254th Regiment), unit newspapers, pictorial histories, maps, and accounts by other unit members aided her in crafting this “interpretive biography.” The book also serves as a window onto more general questions of how individuals navigate complicated turning points thrown at them by external events and internal struggles as they move from youth to adulthood.

*We Are Soldiers Still LP* Harold G. Moore 2008-09-30 In the mega-bestselling memoir *We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young*, authors Hal Moore and Joe Galloway brought to life one of the most pivotal and heartbreaking battles of the Vietnam War. In this powerful sequel, they return to the Vietnam battlefield they immortalized to explore how the war changed them, their men, their enemies, and both countries. Mixing gritty and vivid detail with reverence and respect for their comrades, *We Are Soldiers Still* recounts an unusual homecoming in which soldiers on both sides return to the Ia Drang Valley to look back—and forward.

*Finding My Father* Deborah Tannen 2020-09-15 A #1 New York Times bestselling author traces her father's life from turn-of-the-century Warsaw to New York City in an intimate memoir about family, memory, and the stories we tell. “An accomplished, clear-eyed, and affecting memoir about a man who is at once ordinary and extraordinary.”—Forward Long before she was the acclaimed author of a groundbreaking book about women and men, praised by Oliver Sacks for having “a novelist's ear for the way people speak,” Deborah Tannen was a girl who adored her father. Though he was often absent during her childhood, she was profoundly influenced by his gift for writing and storytelling. As she grew up and he grew older, she spent countless hours recording conversations with her father for the account of his life she had promised him she'd write. But when he hands Tannen journals he kept in his youth, and she discovers letters he saved from a woman he might have married instead of her mother, she is forced to rethink her assumptions about her father's life and her parents' marriage. In this memoir, Tannen embarks on the poignant, yet perilous, quest to piece together the puzzle of her father's life. Beginning with his astonishingly vivid memories of the Hasidic community in Warsaw, where he was born in 1908, she traces his journey: from arriving in New York City in 1920 to quitting high school at fourteen to support his mother and sister, through a vast array of jobs, including prison guard and gun-toting alcohol tax inspector, to eventually establishing the largest workers' compensation law practice in New York and running for Congress. As Tannen comes to better understand her father's—and her own—relationship to Judaism, she uncovers aspects of his life she would never have imagined. *Finding My Father* is a memoir of Eli Tannen's life and the ways in which it reflects the near century that he lived. Even more than that, it's an unflinching account of a daughter's struggle to see her father clearly, to know him more deeply, and to find a more truthful story about her family and herself.

*A Long Way Gone* Ishmael Beah 2007-02-13 My new friends have begun to suspect I haven't told them the full story of my life. “Why did you leave Sierra Leone?” “Because there is a war.” “You mean, you saw people running around with guns and shooting each other?” “Yes, all the time.” “Cool.” I smile a little. “You should tell us about it sometime.” “Yes, sometime.” This is how wars are fought now: by children, hopped-up on drugs and wielding AK-47s. Children have become soldiers of choice. In the more than fifty conflicts going on worldwide, it is estimated that there are some 300,000 child soldiers. Ishmael Beah used to be one of them. What is war like through the eyes of a child soldier? How does one become a killer? How does one stop? Child soldiers have been profiled by journalists, and novelists have struggled to imagine their lives. But until

now, there has not been a first-person account from someone who came through this hell and survived. In *A Long Way Gone*, Beah, now twenty-five years old, tells a riveting story: how at the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. By thirteen, he'd been picked up by the government army, and Beah, at heart a gentle boy, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts. This is a rare and mesmerizing account, told with real literary force and heartbreaking honesty.

*On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* Ocean Vuong 2021-06-01 The instant New York Times Bestseller • Nominated for the 2019 National Book Award for Fiction “A lyrical work of self-discovery that's shockingly intimate and insistently universal...Not so much briefly gorgeous as permanently stunning.” —Ron Charles, *The Washington Post* Ocean Vuong's debut novel is a shattering portrait of a family, a first love, and the redemptive power of storytelling *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* is a letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late twenties, the letter unearths a family's history that began before he was born — a history whose epicenter is rooted in Vietnam — and serves as a doorway into parts of his life his mother has never known, all of it leading to an unforgettable revelation. At once a witness to the fraught yet undeniable love between a single mother and her son, it is also a brutally honest exploration of race, class, and masculinity. Asking questions central to our American moment, immersed as we are in addiction, violence, and trauma, but undergirded by compassion and tenderness, *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* is as much about the power of telling one's own story as it is about the obliterating silence of not being heard. With stunning urgency and grace, Ocean Vuong writes of people caught between disparate worlds, and asks how we heal and rescue one another without forsaking who we are. The question of how to survive, and how to make of it a kind of joy, powers the most important debut novel of many years. Named a Best Book of the Year by: *GQ*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Booklist*, *Library Journal*, *TIME*, *Esquire*, *The Washington Post*, *Apple*, *Good Housekeeping*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Public Library*, *Elle.com*, *The Guardian*, *The A.V. Club*, *NPR*, *Lithub*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Vogue.com*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *Mother Jones*, *Vanity Fair*, *The Wall Street Journal Magazine* and more!

*Devastation Road* Jason Hewitt 2017 A deeply compelling and poignant story about the tragic lessons of war and the endurance of memory. In the last months of World War II, a man wakes in a field in a country he does not know. Injured and with only flashes of memory coming back to him, he pulls himself to his feet and starts to walk, setting out on an extraordinary journey in search of his home, his past, and himself. His name is Owen. A war he has only a vague recollection of joining is in its dying days, and as he tries to get back to England, he becomes caught up in the flood of rootless people pouring through Europe. Among them is a teenage boy, and together they form an unlikely alliance as they cross battle-worn Germany. When they meet a troubled young woman, tempers flare and scars are revealed as Owen gathers up the shattered pieces of his life. No one is as he remembers, not even himself. How can he truly return home when he hardly recalls what home is?

*The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine* 1909

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*Beneath a Scarlet Sky* Mark Sullivan 2018 A teenage boy in 1940s Italy becomes part of an underground railroad that helps Jews escape through the Alps, but when he is recruited to be the personal driver for a powerful Third Reich commander, he begins to spy for the Allies.

*A Soldier of the Great War* Mark Helprin 2005-06-01 An Italian septuagenarian recounts his life before and after World War I in this novel from the author of *Paris in the Present Tense*. For Alessandro Giuliani, the young son of a prosperous Roman lawyer, golden trees shimmer in the sun beneath a sky of perfect blue. At night, the moon is amber and the city of Rome seethes with light. He races horses across the country to the sea, and in the Alps, he practices the precise and sublime art of mountain climbing. At the ancient university in Bologna he is a student of painting and the science of beauty. And he falls in love. His is a world of adventure and dreams, of music, storm, and the spirit. Then the Great War intervenes. Half a century later, in August of 1964, Alessandro, a white-haired professor, still tall and proud, finds himself unexpectedly on the road with an illiterate young factory worker. As they walk toward Monte Prato, a village seventy kilometers distant, the old man tells the story of his life. How he became a soldier. A hero. A prisoner. A deserter. A wanderer in the hell that claimed Europe. And how he tragically lost one family and gained another. The boy is dazzled by the action and envious of the richness and color of the story, and

realizes that the old man's magnificent tale of love and war is more than a tale: it is the recapitulation of his life, his reckoning with mortality, and above all, a love song for his family. "[A] testimony to the indomitable human spirit. Highly recommended."—Library Journal

**Secret Soldiers** Keely Hutton 2019-06-11 A 2020 Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year A 2020 Children's Book Council Notable Social Studies Book for Young People Over a quarter million underage British boys fought on the Allied front lines of the Great War, but not all of them fought on the battlefield—some fought beneath it, as revealed in this middle-grade historical adventure about a deadly underground mission. *Secret Soldiers* follows the journey of Thomas, a thirteen-year-old coal miner, who lies about his age to join the Claykickers, a specialized crew of soldiers known as "tunnelers," in hopes of finding his missing older brother. Thomas works in the tunnels of the Western Front alongside three other soldier boys whose constant bickering and inexperience in mining may prove more lethal than the enemy digging toward them. But as they burrow deeper beneath the battlefield, the boys discover the men they hope to become and forge a bond of brotherhood. *Secret Soldiers* is another stunning story of strength, perseverance, and love from Keely Hutton. This title has common core connections.

OPEN/ Pierre's journey after war Margareth Stewart 2021-01-28 OPEN - Pierre's Journey after War is an intimate story of a man whose wife and children are killed during bombardments of France in WWII. Devastated and embittered, Pierre leaves everything behind and embarks on an odyssey to bury his past in the darkest recesses of his mind. The journey, which lasts more than forty years, involves a sequence of events and coincidences that ultimately provide him new direction and a sense of purpose. Pierre feels at home in moving from place to place. When his mission in a specific village or town is accomplished, he wanders once again, observing and savouring whatever life offers. His activities are circumstantial and unpredictable. Intuitively, he remains on the move to reconcile his past while his future stands still. He returns to France an old man. On a day on a walk past vineyards near his former home, Pierre is offered a lift by a couple whose absurd, whimsical presence vividly contrasts with whatever solemn tranquillity he'd found through his consequential journey and search for redemption. Pierre for the first time is inspired to speak of his past.

**The Last Lecture** Randy Pausch 2008-04-08 "We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand."---Randy Pausch A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy? When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living. In this book, Randy Pausch has combined the humor, inspiration and intelligence that made his lecture such a phenomenon and given it an indelible form. It is a book that will be shared for generations to come.

This Is How You Lose the Time War Amal El-Mohtar 2019-07-16 \* HUGO AWARD WINNER: BEST NOVELLA \* NEBULA AND LOCUS AWARDS WINNER: BEST NOVELLA \* "[An] exquisitely crafted tale...Part epistolary romance, part mind-blowing science fiction adventure, this dazzling story unfolds bit by bit, revealing layers of meaning as it plays with cause and effect, wildly imaginative technologies, and increasingly intricate wordplay...This short novel warrants multiple readings to fully unlock its complexities." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) From award-winning authors Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone comes an enthralling, romantic novel spanning time and space about two time-traveling rivals who fall in love and must change the past to ensure their future. Among the ashes of a dying world, an agent of the Commandment finds a letter. It reads: Burn before reading. Thus begins an unlikely correspondence between two rival agents hellbent on securing the best possible future for their warring factions. Now, what began as a taunt, a battlefield boast, becomes something more. Something epic. Something romantic. Something that could change the past and the future. Except the discovery of their bond would mean the death of each of them. There's still a war going on, after all. And someone has to win. That's

how war works, right? Cowritten by two beloved and award-winning sci-fi writers, *This Is How You Lose the Time War* is an epic love story spanning time and space.

**What It Is Like to Go to War** Karl Marlantes 2011-08-30 "A precisely crafted and bracingly honest" memoir of war and its aftershocks from the New York Times–bestselling author of *Matterhorn* (The Atlantic). In 1968, at the age of twenty-three, Karl Marlantes was dropped into the highland jungle of Vietnam, an inexperienced lieutenant in command of forty Marines who would live or die by his decisions. In his thirteen-month tour he saw intense combat, killing the enemy and watching friends die. Marlantes survived, but like many of his brothers in arms, he has spent the last forty years dealing with his experiences. In *What It Is Like to Go to War*, Marlantes takes a candid look at these experiences and critically examines how we might better prepare young soldiers for war. In the past, warriors were prepared for battle by ritual, religion, and literature—which also helped bring them home. While contemplating ancient works from Homer to the Mahabharata, Marlantes writes of the daily contradictions modern warriors are subject to, of being haunted by the face of a young North Vietnamese soldier he killed at close quarters, and of how he finally found a way to make peace with his past. Through it all, he demonstrates just how poorly prepared our nineteen-year-old warriors are for the psychological and spiritual aspects of the journey. In this memoir, the New York Times–bestselling author of *Matterhorn* offers "a well-crafted and forcefully argued work that contains fresh and important insights into what it's like to be in a war and what it does to the human psyche" (The Washington Post).

The Babylon Blog Glen Morris 2008 Book Sketch What's it like for a former elementary school principal and seminary student to suddenly end up on the mean streets of Haditha? Volunteering for reserve duty in Iraq, Glen Morris assured his wife that, as a colonel, he would be safe behind the walls of a large base and concerned only about the number of emails in his in-box. But soon he found himself outside the wire and getting a firsthand look at the insurgency in volatile al Anbar province. *The Babylon Blog* is the published form of the internet journal he wrote for his friends and family. Whether patrolling through back alleys with the Grunts, wandering the halls of Saddam's palace, or commenting on the chow at Camp Fallujah, he offers an intimate, thoughtful and often humorous look at what it's like for an Average Joe to go off to war. Read *The Babylon Blog* and get a glimpse of life in Iraq for those who serve there. No Endorsements Bio Sketch Glen Morris is more than just a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve. While serving as a principal in an inner-city elementary school in San Francisco, he followed the call to a seminary education in preparation for mission work in Asia. Days after graduating, that plan was sidetracked with back-to-back military deployments to Africa and Iraq. An avid traveler, runner and budding surfer, he loves to take photos of the world around him. Glen, his wife Irene, and two young children are now enjoying the suburbs of San Diego while eagerly awaiting God's next adventure for their lives.

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**A Young Man on the Front Line** Elaine I Makas, PH D 2020-12-07 A Young Man on the Front Line: Lessons of War is a true story of a young man on the front line of war. The story chronicles his experience of becoming a soldier, enduring his soldiering days, and reconciling his life in the aftermath of his war experiences. As a reader, you become a fellow traveler with Chris Makas on his journey of war, trauma, adaptation, and self-acceptance while contemplating "lessons of war" - all within the historic realities of World War II. This powerfully written memoir is a touching tribute from a daughter for her father. After growing up hearing his stories of war, survival, and appreciation of peacetime civilian and family life, Elaine I. Makas, Ph.D., penned this heartfelt and poignant account of her father's life through his eyes. She masterfully captures his voice and perspective through the excitement, then terrible disillusionment of going to World War II at age 18. This book is a beautiful tribute to daughters and fathers, veterans, world history, and family love.

The Road Cormac McCarthy 2007-03-20 WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE • NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A searing, post-apocalyptic novel about a father and son's fight to survive, this "tale of survival and the miracle of goodness only adds to McCarthy's stature as a living master. It's gripping, frightening and, ultimately, beautiful" (San Francisco Chronicle). • From the bestselling author of *The Passenger* A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything,

awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other. The Road is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation. Look for Cormac McCarthy's latest bestselling novels, *The Passenger* and *Stella Maris*.

**The Work** Wes Moore 2015-01-13 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The acclaimed author of *The Other Wes Moore* and governor-elect of Maryland continues his inspirational quest for a meaningful life and shares the powerful lessons—about self-discovery, service, and risk-taking—that led him to a new definition of success for our times. "This book is about how to make our journeys not just about surviving and succeeding, but about coming truly alive."—Arianna Huffington *The Work* is the story of how one young man traced a path through the world to find his life's purpose. Wes Moore graduated from a difficult childhood in the Bronx and Baltimore to an adult life that would find him at some of the most critical moments in our recent history: as a combat officer in Afghanistan; a White House fellow in a time of wars abroad and disasters at home; and a Wall Street banker during the financial crisis. In this insightful book, Moore shares the lessons he learned from people he met along the way—from the brave Afghan translator who taught him to find his fight, to the resilient young students in Katrina-ravaged Mississippi who showed him the true meaning of grit, to his late grandfather, who taught him to find grace in service. Moore also tells the stories of other twenty-first-century change-makers who've inspired him in his search, from Daniel Lubetzky, the founder of KIND, to Esther Benjamin, a Sri Lankan immigrant who rose to help lead the Peace Corps. What their lives—and his own misadventures and moments of illumination—reveal is that our truest work happens when we serve others, at the intersection between our gifts and our broken world. That's where we find the work that lasts. An intimate narrative about finding meaning in a volatile age, *The Work* will inspire readers to see how we can each find our own path to purpose and help create a better world.

**The Things They Carried** Tim O'Brien 2009-10-13 Look for O'Brien's new book, *American Fantastica*, on sale October 24th A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene, *The Things They Carried* is a groundbreaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling. *The Things They Carried* depicts the men of Alpha Company: Jimmy Cross, Henry Dobbins, Rat Kiley, Mitchell Sanders, Norman Bowker, Kiowa, and the character Tim O'Brien, who has survived his tour in Vietnam to become a father and writer at the age of forty-three. Taught everywhere—from high school classrooms to graduate seminars in creative writing—it has become required reading for any American and continues to challenge readers in their perceptions of fact and fiction, war and peace, courage and fear and longing. *The Things They Carried* won France's prestigious Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger and the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize; it was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

**Looking for the Good War** Elizabeth D. Samet 2021-11-30 "A remarkable book, from its title and subtitle to its last words . . . A stirring indictment of American sentimentality about war." —Robert G. Kaiser, *The Washington Post* In *Looking for the Good War*, Elizabeth D. Samet reexamines the literature, art, and culture that emerged after World War II, bringing her expertise as a professor of English at West Point to bear on the complexity of the postwar period in national life. She exposes the confusion about American identity that was expressed during and immediately after the war, and the deep national ambivalence toward war, violence, and veterans—all of which were suppressed in subsequent decades by a dangerously sentimental attitude toward the United States' "exceptional" history and destiny. Samet finds the war's ambivalent legacy in some of its most heavily mythologized figures: the war correspondent epitomized by Ernie Pyle, the character of the erstwhile G.I. turned either cop or criminal in the pulp fiction and feature films of the late 1940s, the disaffected Civil War veteran who looms so large on the screen in the Cold War Western, and the resurgent military hero of the post-Vietnam period. Taken together, these figures reveal key elements of postwar attitudes toward violence, liberty, and nation—attitudes that have shaped domestic and foreign policy and that respond in various ways to various assumptions about national identity

and purpose established or affirmed by World War II. As the United States reassesses its roles in Afghanistan and the Middle East, the time has come to rethink our national mythology: the way that World War II shaped our sense of national destiny, our beliefs about the use of American military force throughout the world, and our inability to accept the realities of the twenty-first century's decades of devastating conflict.

**Can't Hurt Me** David Goggins 2021-03-03 New York Times Bestseller Over 2.5 million copies sold For David Goggins, childhood was a nightmare -- poverty, prejudice, and physical abuse colored his days and haunted his nights. But through self-discipline, mental toughness, and hard work, Goggins transformed himself from a depressed, overweight young man with no future into a U.S. Armed Forces icon and one of the world's top endurance athletes. The only man in history to complete elite training as a Navy SEAL, Army Ranger, and Air Force Tactical Air Controller, he went on to set records in numerous endurance events, inspiring *Outside* magazine to name him "The Fittest (Real) Man in America." In *Can't Hurt Me*, he shares his astonishing life story and reveals that most of us tap into only 40% of our capabilities. Goggins calls this The 40% Rule, and his story illuminates a path that anyone can follow to push past pain, demolish fear, and reach their full potential.

**Left for Dead** Peter Nelson 2003-11-11 For fans of sea battles, adventures, and war stories like *Unbroken*, this is the incredible true story of a boy who helps to bring closure to the survivors of the tragic sinking of the USS *Indianapolis*, and helps exonerate the ship's captain fifty years later. Hunter Scott first learned about the sinking of the USS *Indianapolis* by watching the movie *Jaws* when he was just eleven-years-old. This was fifty years after the ship had sunk, throwing more than 1,000 men into shark-infested waters—a long fifty years in which justice still had not been served. It was just after midnight on July 30, 1945 when the USS *Indianapolis* was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Those who survived the fiery sinking—some injured, many without life jackets—struggled to stay afloat as they waited for rescue. But the United States Navy did not even know they were missing. As time went on, the Navy needed a scapegoat for this disaster. So it court-martialed the captain for "hazarding" his ship. The survivors of the *Indianapolis* knew that their captain was not to blame. For fifty years they worked to clear his name, even after his untimely death. But the navy would not budge—not until Hunter entered the picture. His history fair project on the *Indianapolis* soon became a crusade to restore the captain's good name and the honor of the men who served under him. Praise for *Left for Dead*: Christopher Award Winner An ALA-YALSA Best Nonfiction for Young Adults Book "Compelling, dreadful, and amazing."—VOYA "This exciting, life-affirming book about war heroics and justice . . . proves without question the impact one student can have on history."—Booklist "Well written and well documented ... this excellent presentation fills a void in most World War II collections"—School Library Journal "Young readers . . . will no doubt be inspired by the youth's tenacity—and by the valor of those who served on the *Indianapolis*."—The Horn Book

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