**World War I Booklist**

*BooKs about “The Great War” for children and teens*

**Picture Books**

**The Letter Home** by Tim Decker  
A medic sent to the front lines in the trenches of World War I writes a letter home to his young son. (Age 7-12)

**War Game** by Michael Foreman  
During World War I, four English friends and their comrades find temporary relief from the brutal and seemingly endless struggle in the trenches when, on an extraordinary Christmas Day, they celebrate the holiday with their German enemies. (Age 8-12)

**Shooting at the Stars** by John Hendrix  
In 1914 France, a British soldier writes to his mother about the strange events of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, when German and Allied soldiers met on neutral ground to share songs, food, and fun. (Age 8-12)

**Knit Your Bit** by Deborah Hopkinson  
When his father leaves to fight in World War I, Mikey joins the Central Park Knitting Bee to help knit clothing for soldiers overseas. (Age 6-10)

**And the Soldiers Sang** by J. Patrick Lewis  
A young Welsh soldier fights along the Western Front during World War I, experiencing the horrors of trench warfare before participating in the famed Christmas Truce of 1914. (Age 8+)

**Bunny the Brave War Horse** by Elizabeth MacLeod  
A long-eared horse named Bunny proves himself invaluable as a war horse during World War I, especially to his two riders, brother soldiers Bud and Thomas Dundas. (Age 6-10)

**Finding Winnie** by Lindsay Mattick  
A woman tells her young son the true story of how his great-great-grandfather, Captain Harry Colebourn, rescued and learned to love a bear cub in 1914 as he was on his way to take care of soldiers' horses during World War I, and the bear became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh. (Age 6-8)

**Christmas in the Trenches** by John McCutcheon  
A World War I veteran tells his grandson of his experiences in 1914, when British and German soldiers declared a truce from fighting to celebrate Christmas together. (Age 6-10)

**Casey Over There** by Staton Rabin  
After his older brother Casey goes off to fight in World War I, Aubrey and his family are so worried that Aubrey writes a letter to Uncle Sam asking him to send Casey home. (Age 5-8)

**The Language of Doves** by Rosemary Wells  
On her sixth birthday, Julietta's grandfather gives her one of his beautiful homing pigeons and tells her a story of his experience raising and training doves in Italy during the Great War. (Ages 5-8).

**Novels**

**Soldier Dog** by Sam Angus  
After his dad disappears, thirteen-year-old Stanley joins the army during World War I and is assigned to the War Dog School, where he is partnered with a messenger dog named Bones and the two of them are sent to France. (Middle School)

**Stay Where You Are & Then Leave** by John Boyne  
Four years after Allie Summerfield's father left London to become a soldier in World War I he has not returned but Allie, now nine, is shining shoes at King's Cross Station when he happens to learn that his father is at a nearby hospital being treated for shell shock. (Middle School)

**Remembrance** by Theresa Breslin  
The destinies of two Scottish families, one of shopkeepers and one of wealth and power, become entwined through their involvement in World War I, social causes, and love. (Teen)

**The Great War** edited by Jim Kay  
Combines evocative photographs and illustrations in a treasury of stories by eleven international writers that were inspired by artifacts connected to World War I. (Teen)

**Without Warning** by Dennis Haseley  
An English working-class girl comes of age during World War I, as she witnesses the horrors of war and decides to become a nurse on the front lines. (Teen)

**Poppy** by Mary Hooper  
In 1914-15 England, fifteen-year-old Poppy works as a parlormaid until she is transformed by forbidden love and a war that sends her to the front line as a nurse. (Teen)

**The Night the Bells Rang** by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock  
The last year of World War I is an eventful one for Vermont farm boy Mason as he helps with the chores, tries to get along with his little brother, and see an older bully go off to the war. (Middle School)
Anastasia: the Last Grand Duchess by Carolyn Meyer
A novel in diary form in which the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas II describes the privileged life her family led up until the time of World War I and the tragic events that befell them. (Middle School)

Charlie Wilcox by Sharon E. McKay
In 1915 in Newfoundland, fourteen-year-old Charlie, anxious to prove his parents’ belief that his club foot makes him unfit for fishing and seal hunting, stows away on a sealing vessel only to find himself on a troop ship headed for the war in Europe. (Middle School)

My Brother’s Shadow by Monika Schroder
In 1918 Berlin, Germany, sixteen-year-old Moritz struggles to do what is right on his newspaper job, in his relationship with his mother and sister who are outspoken socialists, and with his brother, who returns from the war physically and emotionally scarred. (Teen)

Megiddo’s Shadow by Arthur Slade
After the death of his beloved older brother Hector in World War I, sixteen-year-old Edward leaves the family farm in Canada to enlist in Hector’s battalion, where he attempts to come to terms with what has happened. (Teen)

Kipling’s Choice by Geert Spillebeen
In 1915, mortally wounded in Loos, France, eighteen-year-old John Kipling, son of writer Rudyard Kipling, remembers his boyhood and the events leading to what is to be his first and last World War I battle. (Teen)

Archie’s War by Marcia Williams
When Archie is given a scrapbook for his tenth birthday in 1914, he chronicles the next four years of his life using documents, artifacts, and comic strips. (Elementary/Middle School)

Nonfiction

Stubby the War Dog by Ann Bausum
American soldier J. Robert Conroy befriended a stray dog with a stumpy tail while training to fight overseas in WWI. They bonded so closely that Conroy smuggled him to Europe, where Stubby accompanied Conroy’s regiment on the Western Front, lending both his superior olfactory senses and amiable temperament to the war effort. (Grade 4-7)

Unraveling Freedom by Ann Bausum
Analyzes the United States’ involvement in World War I, examining the 1915 sinking of the Lusitania and drawing parallels between the administrations of Presidents Woodrow Wilson and George W. Bush. (Teen)

The War to End All Wars by Russell Freedman
An introduction to World War I explains its relevance as a conflict that involved many nations and casualties while introducing modern weaponry and military strategies that have shaped all subsequent wars. (Grade 7+)

Where Poppies Grow by Linda Granfield
An anecdotal overview of World War I illustrating how ordinary lives were changed by global-scale conflict and humanizing the sacrifice made by so many. (Grade 4-10)

The Donkey of Gallipoli by Mark Greenwood
The true tale of a young English boy who, due to his love and understanding of donkeys, enlisted in World War I as a stretcher bearer and courageously carried more than three hundred wounded Allied soldiers off the battlefield as bullets and bombs blew up all around him.

Midnight by Mark Greenwood
A foal is born at midnight, on the homestead side of the river. Coal black. Star ablaze. Moonlight in her eyes. 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. (Grade K-4)

Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood by Nathan Hale
A history of World War One in graphic format. (Middle School)

In the Fields and the Trenches by Kerrie Logan Hollihan
Tells the stories of different men and women, some famous and some not, who participated in World War I. (Teen)

Harlem Hellfighters by J. Patrick Lewis
A regiment of African American soldiers from Harlem journeys across the Atlantic to fight alongside the French in World War I, inspiring a continent with their brand of jazz music. (Middle School)

Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting by Jim Murphy
Tells the story of the December 25, 1914 truce between German and British soldiers as they laid down their weapons and met in No Man’s Land to celebrate Christmas. (Grade 4-8)

Remember the Lusitania! by Diana Preston
An account of the World War I German torpedo attack on and sinking of the passenger liner, the Lusitania, describing the experiences of some of those involved. (Grade 3-6)

Rags: Hero Dog of WWI by Margot Theis Raven
A stray dog named Rags befriends a U.S. soldier in Paris, France, during WWI. Rags traveled with the troops carrying messages from the front line to the back. His loyalty kept him by his owner’s side until Sergeant Donovan died at the base hospital in Chicago. (Grade 1-4)

Winnie by Sally M. Walker
A picture book account of the true story that inspired the Winnie-the-Pooh classics follows the experiences of a World War I veterinarian and soldier who rescued a baby bear, made her his regiment’s mascot and introduced her to Christopher Robin at the London Zoo. (Grade K-3)