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3. Digger (Mike Dumbleton and Robin Cowcher)

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4. Do Not Forget Australia

(Sally Murphy and Sonia Kretschmar)

Henri lives in the French village of Villers-Bretonneux. Billy lives in Melbourne, Australia. These two little boys, who live thousands of miles away from each other, share one story that unites Villers-Bretonneux and Melbourne in history. A moving and inspiring story of World War One. Anzac Day-Australian History-War

5. Dreaming Soldiers

(Catherine Bauer and Shane McGrath)

\$14.99 \$13.50 This is a touching friendship story about Jimmy and Johnno, two young Australian boys in the 1900s; mates who do everything together, sharing adventures and growing up side by side in the dusty cattle yards of an Outback South Australian station and later on the muddy WWI battlefields of the Western Front. Aboriginal Studies-World War 1-War-Friendship

6. Flying Angel, The (Vicki Bennett and Tull Suwannakit)

World War II. 1945. A group of nurses is handpicked to rescue injured soldiers from the frontline in Papua New Guinea, and transport them safely back home to Australia. Known for their courage and compassion, the soldiers call them... the Flying Angels. This is a story inspired by the life of one remarkable nurse, Sister Marie Eileen Craig. Australian History-War-World War 2-Nursing-Bravery-Compassion-Courage



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7. Happiness Box, The (Mark Greenwood and Andrew McLean) 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. But the enemy was suspicious ... With this picture book, award winners Mark Greenwood and Andrew McLean bring to life the inspirational true story of a book that became a National Treasure. War Stories-Books-Kindness-Prisoners of War-Singapore NEW IN PAPERBACK DUE APRIL 2022

8. I Was Only Nineteen (John Schumann and Craig Smith)

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. Now they've been warmly brought to life by one of Australia's best-loved illustrators. Australian History-War-Vietnam War

9. In Flanders Fields (Norman Jorgensen and Brian Harrison-Lever)

Tells the story of a young homesick soldier who risks his life to cross no-man's-land and rescue a robin stuck on the barbed wire that separates the opposing armies. An eloquent counterpoint to the senselessness and inhumanity of war. Winner of the 2003 Children's Book Council of Australia Picture Book of the Year. Anzac Day-Australian History-War

10. Jacqueline: A Soldiers Daughter (Pierre-Jacques Ober and Jules Ober) \$34.99 \$27.99

Jacqueline: a soldier's daughter is based on the author's mother's childhood memoirs, telling of her experiences during the second world war as the daughter of a soldier. The story is told not only through words but also through photographs of miniature figurines, positioned artfully to share the emotion while also bringing the perspective of something very small being controlled from above, much like Jacqueline is. Historical-World War 2-Family-Morality Age 10+

11. Lest We Forget (Kerry Brown and Isobel Knowles)

A young boy visits his granddad and thinks about the important days in his life: his first day of school, playing soccer with his team, the day his baby sister was born. Yet through the illustrations the reader sees a parallel story of the grandfather's experiences at war: wearing his brand-new soldier's uniform, with his fellow diggers in the field, looking at a photo of the baby he's never met. War Stories-Family Unit-Perspective-Anzac Day-Remembrance Day-Past and Present

12. My Grandad Marches On Anzac Day

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FORGE

Only a Donkey

(Catriona Hoy and Benjamin Johnson) \$16.99 \$15.30 Told through the eyes of a small girl who goes to the pre-dawn service to watch her grandfather marching in the parade, this picture book introduces children to the story behind Anzac Day, and the importance of traditions and remembering. Anzac Day-Australian History-War-Memories-Remembrance

13. Never Forget (Clare Hallifax and Simon O'Carrigan)

Inspired by the extraordinary works of Australian artists painting the First World War as it happened around them, this evocative book commemorates and explores the sacrifice of the soldiers, nurses who served and the families at home waiting for their return. Illustrator Simon O'Carrigan has worked with war museum collections to curate, collate and recreate the original art to produce heartbreaking illustrations in this one-of-a-kind Anzac book. Anzac Day-Australian History-War-Art-Artists-Remembrance

14. One Minute's Silence (David Metzenthen and Michael Camilleri)

In one minute of silence you can imagine sprinting up the beach in Gallipoli in 1915 with the fierce fighting Diggers, but can you imagine standing beside the brave battling Turks as they defended their homeland from the cliffs above. In the silence that follows a war long gone, you can see what the soldiers saw, you can feel what the soldiers felt. And if you try, you might be able to imagine the enemy, and see that he is not so different from you. Australian History-War-Anzac Day-Gallipoli-Remembrance Day Age 8+

15. Only A Donkey (Celeste Walters and Patricia Mullins)

At the farm, the donkey is teased by the other animals, especially the bull! Then one night the donkey has a magical dream. The following morning, the all set out on an amazing journey. This uplifting story of humility, courage and compassion weaves in the heroic Anzac legend of Simpson and the Donkey. Lyrically told and beautifully illustrated, it is a story that demands to be read and re-read, while the timeless themes will inspire readers of all ages. Anzac Day-Australian History-War-World War 1

16. Photographs In The Mud (Dianne Wolfer and Brian Harrison-Lever)

The Kokoda Track, 1942. Jack and Hoshi are soldiers on opposite sides in the war who meet in battle, discovering that they have much more in common than they had ever realized, a beautifully illustrated and moving story of events on the Kokoda Track during the Second World War from the point of view of two soldiers - one Australian, the other Japanese. It tells a compassionate story about the personal human tragedy of war, for both the combatants and their loved ones at home. Anzac Day-Australian History-War-Kokoda Track-World War 2

17. Rachel's War: The Story Of An Australian Ww1 Nurse (Mark Wilson)

Growing up on a farm in country Victoria, all Rachel wants is to help people. When war comes, she travels to distant Europe and the Middle East, working tirelessly to care for wounded and sick soldiers from the battlefields of Gallipoli and the Western Front. Inspired by the life of Rachel Pratt, a World War I Australian army nurse who was awarded the Military Medal for bravery, this is an incredible story of bravery and sacrifice. Anzac Day-Australian History-War-World War 1

18. This Old Thing (Cassandra Webb and Tony Flowers)

When a young boy is asked to bring an object to contribute to his class ANZAC project, he finds all kinds of old things-some wildly exciting, others more confusing. But a faded, forgotten photograph of his great-great-grandfather makes sense of everything ... Anzac Day-Australian History-War-Memories-Remembrance This book is also on our Term One Catalogue No: 43

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19. War Horse Picture Book (Michael Morpurgo and Tom Cole)

This powerful book for younger readers tells the enduring story of a friendship between a boy and his horse and is a gateway to help children understand the history and deadly chaos of the First World War. As we move beyond centenary commemorations and continue to strive for peace across the world, War Horse remains an important book for generations to come. War Stories-World War 1-War

20. When The War Is Over (Jackie French and Anne Spudvilas)

From two of Australia's most highly regarded children's book creators, Jackie French and Anne Spudvilas, this is a powerful and moving book. Created from a poem, When the War is Over doesn't focus on one particular war, but covers a wide period from WW1 to current-day peacekeeping around the world and highlights important aspects to draw in readers. Australian History-War-Anzac Day

NOVELS

21. Donkey Who Carried The Wounded, The (Jackie French)

The donkey named Duffy was found grazing in a gully by Simpson, ex-trade union campaigner and a stretcher bearer. But in the hell that was Gallipoli there weren't enough stretchers for all the wounded and Simpson had been carrying wounded men across his shoulders. Once he had Duffy to assist him, Simpson fashioned a bridle out of bandages, and began to use the donkey to carry more than 300 wounded to the ambulance stations. Age 9+

22. Do You Dare: Jimmy's War: 1915 (Sheryl Clark)

It's 1915 in Melbourne's inner west and Jimmy has left school to support his family while his brother is away at war. But when Jimmy's brother returns, he is a different person, and Jimmy finds his 'odd jobs' for the local crims have also taken a turn for the worst. Will Jimmy go to gaol and can he save his family and his brother...? Australian History-War-Anzac Day-Gallipoli-World War 1 Age 10+

23. Interned (Alison Rushby)

Based on true events, Interned is a moving, well-researched and evocative historical fiction novel that highlights an often forgotten moment in Australian history. It's 1914. Gretta lives a privileged life in Singapore, the daughter of a businessman; Tilly lives a modest life in Brisbane, the daughter of a baker. When war breaks out and both countries turn on their families for being German, the two girls find themselves taken from their homes, interned at a camp in rural New South Wales. Far away from everything they have ever known, Gretta and Tilly are forced to face prejudice, overcome adversity and to make their own community. Australian History-World War 1-Internment Camp-Predjudice Age 11+ This book is also on our Term One Catalogue No: 19

24. My Australian Story: Heroes Of Tobruk (David Mulligan)

It is 1940, and sixteen-year-old Peter Fullerton and his best mate Tony Cantonelli lie about their age to enlist in the army. Tony also lies about his surname Australia is at war with Italy, and suspicion has been added to the racism he already encounters. Heroes of Tobruk follows these characters from the outbreak of war, through military training to the Siege of Tobruk. Meticulously researched, it combines historical detail and factual information about World War II with a very powerful personal story. Anzac Day-Australian History-War Age 11+

25. Rabbit, Soldier, Angel, Thief (Katrina Nannestad)

Award-winning writer Katrina Nannestad transports us to Russia and the Great Patriotic War and into the life of Sasha, a soldier at only six years old ... Wood splinters and Mama screams and the nearest soldier seizes her roughly by the arms. My sister pokes her bruised face out from beneath the table and shouts, 'Run, Sasha! Run!' So I run. I run like a rabbit. The story of a young boy who becomes a soldier at six, fighting in the only way he can -- with love. But is love ever enough when the world is at war? War Stories-History-War-Russia Age 10+

26. Sydney Under Attack (Sophie Masson)

In 1942, 12-year-old Nick lives in Rose Bay, Sydney, with his mum, dad and sister, and dreams of becoming a writer like his dad. But with the world at war, Nick is constantly on alert for anything that seems out of the ordinary and then late one night he sees it! A plane! But no-one believes him! Then, the unimaginable happens. Sydney is attacked! And Nick starts noticing people behaving strangely. Is it just his imagination or something more sinister? Australian History-War-World War 2 Age 11+ This book is also on our Term One Catalogue No: 188

27. War Horse (Michael Morpurgo)

ORSE

From master storyteller, Michael Morpurgo comes an incredibly moving story about one horse's experience in the deadly chaos of the first world war. In 1914, Joey, a young farm horse, is sold to the army and thrust into the midst of the war on the Western Front. With his officer, he charges towards the enemy, witnessing the horror of the frontline. But even in the desolation of the trenches, Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him. War Stories-World War 1 Age 10+

28. When Fishes Flew: The Story Of Elena's War (Michael Morpurgo)

An unforgettable journey to the Greek island of Ithaca, and back in time to World War Two... Australian-Greek girl Nandi travels to her ancestors' home in Ithaca, and discovers - through a friendship with an extremely unusual flying fish - the extraordinary story of her great-aunt Elena; of how she fell in love, in the hardest of times, and how of how she became an unsung hero of World War Two. But Elena has gone missing, and Nandi has to find her. In her search, she will discover that Elena was an even greater hero than she thought - and still is...War Stories-World War 2-Heroism Age 10+

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29. When The War Came Home (Lesley Parr)

12-year-old Natalie is furious when her mum, Ffion, loses her factory job for sticking up for workers' rights. Now they have to leave their home and go to stay at her uncle's farm. The last thing Natty wants is to buddy up with her know-it-all cousin, Nerys. Natty gets on better with her older cousin Huw, despite the fact that he's returned from the front line of WWI and his mood can be unpredictable. Instead, Natty finds herself making friends with two convalescing soldiers with very different conditions. Maybe spending time with them will give her a way to help Huw? One of the soldiers, Johnny, is suffering with amnesia and Natty is determined to help him discover his identity. Before she knows it, Natty is drawn into a mystery where the answers to who Johnny truly is lay closer to home than she could have ever imagined ... Historical-Mystery-World War 1 Age 10+

INFORMATION

30. Anzac Animals (Maria Gill and Marco Ivancic)

Who knew our soldiers had such a variety of animal companions in the two world wars? Apart from the 'beasts of burden' that one might expect, such as horses, mules, donkeys and camels, many battalions had mascots as well: kangaroos, monkeys, dogs, chickens, tortoises, cats ... all of whom provided comfort, companionship and a welcome distraction from the war. Animal Stories-Dogs-True Stories-War Stories-Anzac Day

31. Anzac Girl: The War Diaries Of Alice Ross-King (Kate Simpson and Jess Racklyeft)

It was 1914 when Sister Alice Ross-King left Australia for the war. Nursing was her passion - all she had ever wanted to do. But Alice couldn't have imagined what she would see. She served four long years and was brave, humble and endlessly compassionate. Using extracts from Alice's actual diaries kept in the Australian War Memorial, this story captures the danger, the heartache and the history of the young nurse who would one day become the most decorated woman in Australia. War-World War 1-Anzac Dav-Australian History

32. Australia Remembers 3: Len Waters (Catherine Bauer)

Len Waters may have been born behind the gates of an Aboriginal reserve, but his big imagination and even bigger dreams took him soaring well beyond the reach of those who tried to confine him. Kamilaroi man, Len Waters, dreamed of taking to the skies. It was an unlikely dream at the time, but during WWII he beat the odds to become Australia's first known Aboriginal fighter pilot. Rules and restrictions controlled much of Len's early life. Born in the 1920s, Len had a basic education and life was lacking in luxury. But Len had a sharp mind. He had a boundless work ethic. Len also had big dreams and a family who supported them. Aboriginal Studies-War-Remembrance Day-Courage-Sacrifice-Anzac Day

33. Armistice (Ruth Starke and David Kennett)

On 11 November 1918, after four years of fighting, the Allied powers signed an agreement with Germany to end the Great War and to begin peace negotiations. The armistice, as it was known, took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. But it would take more than seven months before peace would finally be declared at Versailles on 28 June 1919. The Great War was over. But the world as it had been known was changed forever. Australian History-War-World War 1-Reconciliation-Peace-Remembrance Day NEW IN PAPERBACK This book is also on our Term One Catalogue No: 55

34. Gallipoli: Reckless Valour (Nicolas Brasch)

25th of April 1915. Gallipoli was the first time Australians and New Zealanders fought in their own uniforms alongside their mates. The campaign showed how bold, how loyal, how innovative and most of all how brave the young Anzacs were. Fact boxes, maps and time-lines will engage readers of all levels, with original photographs, letters and artwork. Anzac Day-Australian History-War-World War 1-Gallipoli

35. Last Light Horse, The (Dianne Wolfer and Brian Simmonds)

There were 136,000 Australian horses sent to fight during the First World War. Just one came home. From the high country of Victoria to the desert sand of Egypt, from the waters off Gallipoli to the battlefields of France, this is the extraordinary story of Sandy, the only returning warhorse. Australian History-World War 1-Australian Light Horse-ANZAC Day-Remembrance Age 10+ DUE APRIL

36. Meet The Anzacs (Claire Saxby and Max Berry)

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. Australian History-War-Anzac Day-Narrative Non Fiction

37. My Gallipoli (Ruth Starke and Robert Hannaford)

From the shores of Anzac Cove to the heights of Chunuk Bair, from Cape Helles to Gurkha Bluff, the Gallipoli Peninsula was the place where thousands of men from sixteen nations fought, suffered, endured or died during the eight months of occupation in 1915. For each of them, their families and their nurses, Gallipoli meant something different. Their voices emerge from the landscape and across the decades with stories of courage, valour, despair and loss. Australian History-War-Anzac Day-Gallipoli

38. Special Days: Anzac Day (Jane Pfeiffer)

On April 25 every year Anzac Day is marked with a public holiday. It is a day when people remember all the men and women who have served in the armed forces. In this book learn all about The First Anzacs Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anzacs the Dawn Service the Anzac Day March after the March the spirit of Anzac Day Anzac Day around the world and Anzac Day 2020 Anzac Day-War-Remembrance Day

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