



Military Appreciation

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Lexile Score	Title Information	Call Number
THE CIVIL WAR		
EASY		
500L	Brenner, Barbara. <i>Wagon Wheels</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1999. Shortly after the Civil War a black family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act.	E B751W.A
AD670L	Fletcher, Susan. <i>Dadblamed Union Army Cow</i> . Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2007. During the Civil War, a devoted cow follows her owner when he joins the Union Army and, despite all his efforts to send her home, stays with him and his regiment until the end of the war. Based on a true story.	E F6375D
N/A	Lyon, George Ella. <i>Cecil's Story</i> . New York: Orchard Books, 1991. A boy thinks about the possible scenarios that exist for him at home if his father goes off to fight in the Civil War.	E L9945C

- N/A Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Hope's Gift*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2012. E
L9953H
- A runaway slave during the Civil War, Hope's father returns after the Emancipation Proclamation as a member of the U.S. Colored Troops.
- 730L Polacco, Patricia. *Just in Time, Abraham Lincoln*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2011. (Also by author: *Pink and Say*) E
P7569JUSI
- When two brothers visit a museum in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, with their grandmother, they find themselves in a very realistic Civil War setting where they see the Antietam battlefield and meet historical figures from the aftermath of that momentous battle.
- N/A Walter, Mildred Pitts. *Alec's Primer*. Middlebury, VT: Vermont Folklife Center; Lebanon, NH: Distributed by University Press of New England, 2004. E
W1714A
- A young slave's journey to freedom begins when a plantation owner's granddaughter teaches him how to read. Based on the childhood of Alec Turner (1845-1923) who escaped from slavery by joining the Union Army during the Civil War and later became a landowner in Vermont.
- FICTION**
- 620L Avi. *Iron Thunder: The Battle Between the Monitor and the Merrimac*. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2007. F
AV51IR
- Tom's job as an assistant to Captain John Ericsson, the inventor of the Monitor, makes him a target of Confederate spies.
- 800L Abbott, Tony. *Lunch-Box Dream*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2011. F
AB29L
- Told from multiple points of view, a white family on a 1959 road trip between Ohio and Florida, visiting Civil War battlefields along the way, crosses paths with a black family near Atlanta, where one of their children has gone missing.
- 840L Landman, Tanya. *Buffalo Soldier*. London: Walker Books, 2014. F
L2357B
- What kind of a girl steals the clothes from a dead man's back and runs off to join the army? A desperate one. That's who. At the end of the American Civil War, Charley - a young African-American slave from the deep south - is ostensibly freed. But then her adopted mother is raped and lynched at the hands of a mob and Charley is left alone. In a terrifyingly lawless land, where the colour of a person's skin can bring violent death, Charley disguises herself as a man and joins the army. Soon she's being sent to the prairies to fight a whole new war against the 'savage Indians'. Trapped in a world of injustice and

inequality, it's only when Charley is posted to Apache territory that she begins to learn what it is to be truly free.

BIOGRAPHY

- N/A Krull, Kathleen. *Louisa May's Battle: How the Civil War Led to Little Women*. New York: Walker Books for Young Readers, 2013. B
AL19K
- Louisa May Alcott is best known for penning *Little Women*, but few are aware of the experience that influenced her writing most, her time as a nurse during the Civil War. Caring for soldiers' wounds and writing letters home for them inspired a new realism in her work.
- N/A Clinton, Catherine. *Hold the Flag High*. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2005. B
C217C
- Describes the Civil War battle of Morris Island, South Carolina, during which Sergeant William H. Carney became the first African American to earn a Congressional Medal of Honor by preserving the flag.
- AD820L Moss, Marissa. *Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah Edmonds, a Civil War Hero*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2011. B
ED57N
- A story of a nineteen-year-old woman who disguised herself as a man to avoid an unwanted marriage and who distinguished herself as a male nurse during the Civil War, and later as a spy for the Union Army.
- N/A Norwich, Grace. *I am Harriet Tubman*. New York: Scholastic, 2013. B
T7908NO
- An introduction to the life of the civil rights heroine and suffrage activist describes how she repeatedly risked her life to save dozens of slaves and became an equal rights icon in post-Civil War.

NONFICTION

- NP VanHecke, Susan. *Under the Freedom Tree*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2014. 811
V312U
- Tells of the Civil War's first contraband camp that began when three escaped slaves were granted protection at a Union-held fort, prompting runaway slaves to seek freedom there and build the country's first African American community.
- N/A Blight, David W. *A Slave No More: Two Men Who Escaped to Freedom; Including Their Own Narratives of Freedom*. Boston: Mariner Books, 2009. 973.7
B618S
- Slave narratives are extremely rare, with only 55 post-Civil War narratives

surviving. A mere handful are first-person accounts by slaves who ran away and freed themselves. Now two newly uncovered narratives join that exclusive group. Handed down through family and friends, they tell gripping stories of escape: Through a combination of intelligence, daring, and sheer luck, the men reached the protection of occupying Union troops.

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| N/A | Bauer, Patricia. <i>B is for Battle Cry: A Civil War Alphabet</i> . Chelsea, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2009. | 973.7
B3265B |
| | This alphabet shows an overview of the Civil War from A to Z. Written in a two-tier format, a poem introduces the topic and detailed expository text provides additional facts. | |
| IG850L | Fein, Eric. <i>Weapons, Gear, and Uniforms of the Civil War</i> . Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2012. | 973.7
F3271W |
| | Describes the uniforms, gear, and weapons used by Union and Confederate forces during the American Civil War. | |
| 990L | Fitzgerald, Stephanie. <i>The Split History of the Civil War</i> . North Mankato, MN: Compass Point Books, 2013. (Also by author: <i>A Civil War Timeline</i>) | 973.7
F5769S |
| | Describes the opposing viewpoints of the North and South during the American Civil War | |
| 650L | Kolpin, Molly. <i>Great Women of the Civil War</i> . North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2015. (Also by author: <i>The Biggest Battles of the Civil War</i>) | 973.7082
K8349G |
| | Describes key women involved in the American Civil War, including workers of the Underground Railroad, spies, abolitionists, and battlefield nurses. | |
| N/A | Kelman, Ari. <i>Battle Lines: A Graphic History of the Civil War</i> . New York: Hill and Wang, 2015. | 973.73
K2992B |
| | A graphic history of the Civil War, told through everyday objects. | |

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

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| | Common Core, Inc. (Ed.) <i>Common Core Curriculum: United States History, Grades K-2</i> . San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2014. | 973.071
C73739 |
| | Baicker, Karen. <i>The Civil War</i> . New York: Scholastic Professional Books, 2003. | 973.7
B149C |

- Herbert, Janis. *The Civil War for Kids: a History with 21 Activities*. Chicago, IL: Chicago Review Press, 1999. 973.7
H415C
- Herbert, Janis. *Abraham Lincoln For Kids: His Life and Times with 21 Activities*. Chicago, IL: Chicago Review Press, 2007. 973.7092
H4155A

WORLD WAR I

EASY

- 830L Hendrix, John. *Shooting at the Stars: The Christmas Truce of 1914*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2014. E
H3849S
- 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.
- 570L Hopkinson, Deborah. *Knit Your Bit: A World War I Story*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2013. E
H7773K
- When his father leaves to fight in World War I, Mikey joins the Central Park Knitting Bee to help knit clothing for soldiers overseas.
- AD590L Mattick, Lindsay. *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*. Boston: Brown, Little and Company, 2015. E
M434F
- 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.

FICTION

- 550L Decker, Timothy. *The Letter Home*. Asheville, NC: Front Street, 2005. F
D3577L
- A medic sent to the front lines in the trenches of World War I writes a letter home to his young son.
- GN490L Keenan, Sheila. *Dogs of War*. New York: Scholastic, 2013. F
K25D
- Three fictional stories, told in graphic novel format, about soldiers in World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War who were aided by combat dogs.

- 580L Morpurgo, Michael. *War Horse*. New York: Scholastic, 2007. F
M829WAO
- Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.
- 820L Almond, David et al. *The Great War: Stories Inspired by Items from the First World War*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2015. F
G79811
- Writers of this collection of short stories were inspired to write about the First World War by physical objects associated with the war.
- N/A Williams, Marcia. *Archie's War: My Scrapbook of the First World War, 1914-1918*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2007. F
W67415A
- 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.

NONFICTION

- 1110L Dell, Pamela. *A World War I Timeline*. N. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2014. 940.3
D3802W
- In timeline format, covers the chronology of major events of World War I.
- 1090L Hunter, Nick. *Women in World War I*. Chicago, IL: Heinemann Library, 2014. 940.3
H918W
- World War I brought many changes for women. Some stepped into roles left vacant by men now serving overseas, while others helped the war effort as nurses, telephone operators, and more. This book explores the wartime roles of women around the world.
- 1220L Freedman, Russell. *The War to End All Wars: World War I*. Boston: Clarion Books, 2010. 940.3
F8757W
- Examines World War I, the first global war in which modern weapons inflicted mass slaughter and an estimated 20 million people were killed.
- 1130L Pratt, Mary K. *World War I*. Minneapolis, MN: ABDO Publishing Company, 2014. 940.3
P889W
- Examines the historical and cultural events preceding and following the First World War, along with the social implications and technological and strategic advances of the time.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

- Bieda, Barry A. *Document-Based Activities on World War I: Using Primary Sources and the Internet*. Culver City, CA: Social Studies School Service, 2001. 940.3 B4755D
- Miller, Wanda J. *U.S. History Through Children's Literature: From the Colonial Period to World War II*. Englewood, CO: Teacher Ideas Press, 1997. 973.071 M619U

WORLD WAR II

EASY

- 530L Elvgren, Jennifer. *The Whispering Town*. Minneapolis, MN: Kar-Ben Publishing, 2014. E EL86W
- In Denmark during World War II, young Annet, her parents, and their neighbors help a Jewish family hide from Nazi soldiers until it is safe for them to leave Annet's basement.
- N/A Johnson, Angela. *Wind Flyers*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007. E J6303WI
- A boy's love of flight takes him on a journey from the dusty dirt roads of Alabama to the war-torn skies of Europe. Introduces young readers to the contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II.
- AD710L Lee, Milly. *Nim and the War Effort*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Girroux, 2002. E L5145N.A
- In her determination to prove that an American can win the contest for the war effort, Nim does something which leaves her Chinese grandfather both bewildered and proud.
- N/A Ray, Deborah Kogan. *My Daddy Was a Soldier: A World War II Story*. New York: Holiday House, 1990. E R2114M
- While Daddy's away fighting in the Pacific, Jeannie plants a Victory garden, collects scrap, and sends letters to her father as she anxiously awaits his return.
- 670L Russo, Marisabina. *I Will Come Back for You: A Family in Hiding in World War II*. E R921I

A grandmother tells her granddaughter the story of the charm bracelet that represents her own childhood experiences while she and her family tried to evade the Nazis in Italy during World War II.

FICTION

- NC750L Borden, Louise. *The Greatest Skating Race: A World War II Story from the Netherlands*. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2004. F
B64474G
- During World War II in the Netherlands, a ten-year-old boy's dream of skating in a famous race allows him to help two children escape to Belgium by ice skating past German soldiers and other enemies.
- 910L Bruchac, Joseph. *Code Talkers: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II*. New York: Dial Books, 2005. F
B8309CO
- After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.
- 830L Davis, Tanita S. *Mare's War*. New York: Alfred A Knopf, 2009. F
D298M
- Teens Octavia and Tali learn about strength, independence, and courage when they are forced to take a car trip with their grandmother, who tells about growing up Black in 1940s Alabama and serving in Europe during World War II as a member of the Women's Army Corps.
- 770L Patt, Beverly. *Best Friends Forever: A World War II Scrapbook*. New York: Marshall Cavendish Children, 2010. F
P2765B
- Fourteen-year-old Louise keeps a scrapbook detailing the events in her life after her best friend, a Japanese-American girl, and her family are sent to a relocation camp during World War II.

BIOGRAPHY

- 950L Cornioley, Pearl Witherington. *Code Name Pauline: Memoirs of a World War II Special Agent*. Chicago, IL: Chicago Review Press, 2013. B
C8161C
- Pearl Witherington Cornioley, one of the most celebrated female World War II resistance fighters, shares her remarkable story in this firsthand account of her

experience as a special agent for the British Special Operations Executive (SOE). Told through a series of reminiscences--from a difficult childhood spent in the shadow of World War I and her family's harrowing escape from France as the Germans approached in 1940 to her recruitment and training as a special agent and the logistics of parachuting into a remote rural area of occupied France and hiding in a wheat field from enemy fire--each chapter also includes helpful opening remarks to provide context and background on the SOE and the French Resistance.

- 920L Layson, Annelex Hofstra. *Lost Childhood: My Life in a Japanese Prison Camp*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2008. B
L455L
- In a shockingly honest narrative, a former prisoner-of-war tells how her family, along with ten thousand other Dutch residents living in the Dutch East Indies were shipped off to internment camps where food rationing, terrible sanitary conditions, and an uncertain future were the norms for more than three years.
- N/A Gitlin, Martin. *George S. Patton: World War II General & Military Innovator*. Edina, MN: ABDO Pub. Co., 2010. B
P2785G
- Examines the life of George S. Patton. Covered in detail is Patton's role as a general during World War II, including his successful campaigns in North Africa and Europe.
- 1080L Borden, Louise. *His Name Was Raoul Wallenberg: Courage, Rescue, and Mystery During World War II*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2012. B
W156B
- An amazing and inspirational World War II story about how one man saved the lives of many.

NONFICTION

- N/A Nicholson, Dorinda Makanaōnalani Stagner. *Remember World War II: Kids Who Survived Tell Their Stories*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2005. 940.53
N521R
- Allows readers to understand the war not as seen through the eyes of soldiers but through the eyes of children who survived the bombings, the blackouts, the hunger, the fear, and the loss of loved ones caused by the war.
- 650L Raum, Elizabeth. *World War II: An Interactive History Adventure*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2009. 940.53
R192W
- Describes the events of World War II and explains the significance of the war today. The reader's choices reveal the historical details from the perspective of a member of the Dutch resistance, a Canadian soldier, and an American soldier.

940L Rosenberg, Allan. *World War II: Adolf Hitler, Winston Churchill, Josef Stalin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hirohito, Dwight D. Eisenhower*. New York: Scholastic, 2011. 940.53 R7232W

Profiles Adolf Hitler, Winston Churchill, Josef Stalin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hirohito, and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

1050L Hamilton, John. *World War II: Turning Points*. Edina, MN: ABDO Pub. Co., 2012 940.54 H1806W

This book briefly describes some of the battles that altered the course of World War II.

1150L Robins, Maureen Picard. *World War II Memorial*. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Publishing, 2010. 940.54 R557W

Learn detailed information about the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and basic history about this war.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

Hutchison, Michael. *Document-Based Activities on World War II: The War in Europe. Using Primary Sources and the Internet*. Culver City, CA: Social Studies School Service, 2001. 940.53 H9755D

Common Core, Inc. *Common Core Curriculum: United States History, Grades k-2*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2014. 973.071 C73739

Miller, Wanda J. *U.S. History Through Children's Literature: From the Colonial Period to World War II*. Englewood, CO: Teacher Ideas Press, 1997. 973.071 M619U

GENERAL MILITARY

EASY

AD550L Bunting, Eve. *My Red Balloon*. Honesdale, PA: Boyd Mills Press, 2005. E B886MYRE

A young boy waits with both excitement and apprehension for his father to disembark from the aircraft carrier returning to port after many months at sea.

AD560L	Collins, Suzanne. <i>Year of the Jungle</i> . New York: Scholastic Press, 2013.	E C6965Y
	Suzy spends her year in first grade waiting for her father, who is serving in Vietnam, and when the postcards stop coming she worries that he will never make it home.	
N/A	Duble, Kathleen Benner. <i>Pilot Mom</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2003.	E D8515P
	Jenny and her best friend K.C. accompany Jenny's mother, a tanker pilot in the Air Force, to the air base, where they explore her plane, a KC-135, prior to her departure on a training mission to Europe.	
NP	Grimes, Nikki. <i>Poems in the Attic</i> . New York: Lee & Low Books, 2015.	E G8823P
	A young girl learns much about her mother as she reads a collection of poems written before she was born that capture her mother's memories of living around the world and growing up as a child of an Air Force serviceperson.	
N/A	Metivier, Gary. <i>Until Daddy Comes Home</i> . Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing Company, 2014.	E M5669U
	A little girl watches as her daddy leaves to protect our country. But they have made a secret pledge to keep strong hearts. When Daddy comes home, they have a joyous reunion.	
AD490L	Norman, Geoffrey. <i>Stars Above Us</i> . New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2009.	E N7833S
	A little girl's father helps her get over her fear of the dark before he goes off to war, and she uses the stars they painted on her ceiling to remind her of him while he is away.	

FICTION

650L	Efaw, Amy. <i>Battle Dress</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2000.	F EF12B
	As a newly arrived freshman at West Point, seventeen-year-old Andi finds herself gaining both confidence and self-esteem as she struggles to get through the grueling six weeks of new cadet training known as the Beast.	
730L	Holmes, Sara Lewis. <i>Operation Yes</i> . New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2009.	F H738O

In her first ever teaching job, Miss Loupe uses improvisational acting exercises with her sixth-grade students at an Air Force base school, and when she experiences a family tragedy, her previously skeptical class members use what they have learned to help her, her brother, and other wounded soldiers.

N/A McElroy, Lisa Tucker. *Love, Lizzie: Letters to a Military Mom*. Morton Grove, IL: Whitman, 2005. F M154L

Nine-year-old Lizzie writes to her mother, who is deployed overseas during wartime, and includes maps that show her mother what Lizzie has been thinking and doing.

N/A Sportelli-Rehak, Angela. *When Duty Calls*. Island Heights, NJ: Abidenme Books, 2002. (Also by author: *Moving Again Mom*) F SP674W

Three children discover Daddy will leave on deployment. They learn fun ways to deal with separation anxiety and show they care while Dad is gone.

NONFICTION

N/A Demarest, Chris L. *Alpha, Bravo, Charlie: The Military Alphabet*. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2005. 355 D3916A

An alphabet book about words used by the United States military.

450L Doeden, Matt. *The U.S. Army*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2009. 355.00973 D67U

Discover the military branches that keep our country safe. Big photographs show the powerful machines, high-tech tools, and brave people that make up the U.S. military.

990L Perritano, John. *Everything Battles*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2013. 355.4 P4291E

Captures all of the action and valor of the battlefield, as well as the trappings that go with it. Kids will browse eye-popping photographs and illustrations as they peruse fascinating facts and information about armor, weapon, uniforms, technology, military jets, battleships, military technology, top secret intelligence, and more. Topics include five ultimate battles, the greatest commanders of all time, and an entirely interactive chapter, in which kids will decipher a secret code, develop their own battlefield strategy, and more.

790L Green, Michael. *The United States Air Force*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2013. (Also in series: *The United States Army*, *The United States Marines*, and *The United States Navy*) 358.400973 G8245U

Provides information on the training, missions, and equipment used by the United States Air Force.

- N/A Jones, Keisha. ***My Brother is in the Marine Corps***. New York: PowerKids Press, 2016. (Other books in series: *My Aunt is in the Army Reserve*, *My Uncle is in the Air Force*, *My Cousin is in the National Guard*, *My Mom is in the Navy*, *My Sister is in the Coast Guard*, and *My Dad is in the Army*) 359.96
J719M
- The United States Marine Corps has been an active military organization since 1775. In its 240-year history, countless marines have defended our nation in air, water, and on land. Their families have stood behind them as proud pillars of strength and support. This title explores the USMC through the eyes of a child whose brother is in the Marines. The text explores the past and present of this important military branch and the career opportunities it offers.
- N/A Andrews, Beth. ***I Miss You! A Military Kid's Book About Deployment***. Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2007. 362.82
AN262I
- Based on many years of experience as a social worker, who has assisted military families experiencing stress, this guide is an excellent tool for allowing children and their loved ones to deal with the many emotions caused by deployment.
- N/A Hansen, Ole Steen. ***Modern Military Aircraft***. New York: Crabtree, 2003. 623.7
H1985MO
- During the Cold War, the superpowers, developed weapons capable of great destructive power under the cloak of secrecy. As tension on both sides mounted, wars broke out around the world. Monitor your radar for action as you uncover the spy planes of the Cold War, the bombers of the Vietnam war, the Stealth fighters of the Gulf War, and more.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

- Oehlberg, Barbara. ***Making it Better: Activities for Children Living in a Stressful World***. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 2014. 372.146
OE5M
- Kennemer, Phyllis K. ***Using Literature to Teach Middle Grades About War***. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1993. 904.7
K391U