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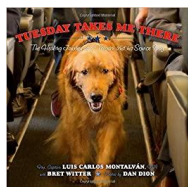
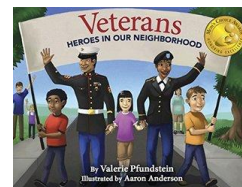
to recommend a book.

Veterans Day Books

Early Elementary

Veterans: Heroes in Our Neighborhood by Valerie Pfundstein

Veterans: Heroes in Our Neighborhood is an engaging rhyming picture book for readers of all ages that fosters mindfulness of and appreciation for the brave service men and women who are also our family, friends, and neighbors. There are the men and women who bravely served our great country and now humbly serve in our communities.

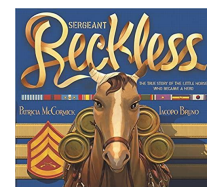


Tuesday Takes Me There by Luis Carlos Montalván

Tuesday and Luis, an Iraq War veteran, must travel by boat, bus, train, horse, pedicab and more as they race from New York City to the countryside outside the nation's capital for an important event. Along the way, they see many famous sites, share hilarious and touching adventures, and show young readers (along with their teachers and parents) how trained service dogs help people with disabilities.

Sergeant Reckless by Patricia McCormick

When a group of US Marines fighting in the Korean War found a bedraggled mare, they wondered if she could be trained to be a packhorse. They had no idea that the skinny, underfed horse had one of the biggest and bravest hearts they'd ever known. As cannons thundered and shells flew through the air, she marched into battle—again and again—becoming the only animal ever to officially hold military rank—becoming Sgt. Reckless—and receive two Purple Hearts.

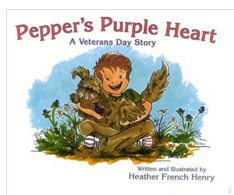


Grandpa 1 to 10 and Back Again by Tony Hunter

An educational picture book which takes children on an exciting adventure while teaching them basic counting. Grandpa retells the story of his thrilling exploits on D-Day while teaching Harvey how to count up to ten and back again. Surrounded and under fire, can Grandpa carry a message through to headquarters to get help for his friends?

Rolling Thunder by Kate Messner

Every Memorial Day in Washington, DC, more than a million veterans and their supporters gather for the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom, a demonstration that pays tribute to the men and women of the US armed forces. This lyrical story honors the bravery and sacrifice of those American heroes -- the ones who have returned home, and the ones who haven't.



Pepper's Purple Heart by Heather French Henry

After General Jones rescues her puppy, Claire gets an important lesson in being responsible while also learning the significance of Veterans Day with regard to the sacrifice and service of veterans from generations past and present.

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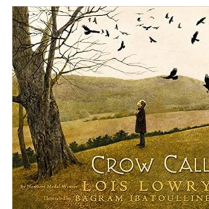


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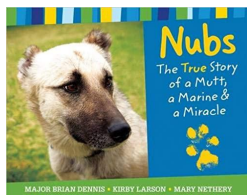
Crow Call by Lois Lowry

This is the story of young Liz, her father, and their strained relationship. Dad has been away at WWII for longer than she can remember, and they begin their journey of reconnection through a hunting shirt, cherry pie, tender conversation, and the crow call.



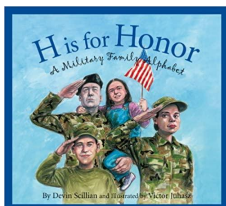
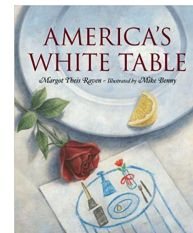
Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, & a Miracle by Major Brian

Nubs, an Iraqi dog of war, was the leader of a pack of wild dogs living off the land and barely surviving. But Nubs life changed when he met Marine Major Brian Dennis. The two formed a fast friendship and Nubs became part of Dennis's human "pack" until duty required the Marines to relocate a full 70 miles away--without him. Nubs had no way of knowing that Marines were not allowed to have pets. So began an incredible journey that would take Nubs through a freezing desert, filled with danger to find his friend .



America's WhiteTable by Margot Thels Raven

As a special gift to her Uncle John, Katie and her sisters are asked to help set the white table for dinner. As their mother explains the significance of each item placed on the table Katie comes to understand and appreciate the depth of sacrifice that her uncle, and each member of the Armed Forces and their families, may be called to give.

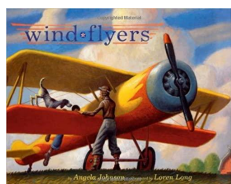
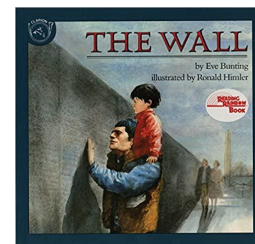


H is for Honor by Devin Scillian

Children will discover why drill sergeants have to be so tough, what it means to be patriotic and why we need Special Forces. H is for Honor also explains why the annual Army/Navy football game is more than just a game, how much letters from home mean to soldiers, how often military families have to move and what life on base is like. With an underlying message of courage and commitment that every child can relate to.

The Wall by Eve Bunting

This book tells the story of a father and son visiting the Vietnam Memorial Wall together to find the name of their father/grandfather. The people they encounter along the way include a veteran whom we can infer lost his legs in the war, a grandfather and grandson, a group of students who seem insensitive to the emotional journey that this is for the boy and his dad.



Wind Flyers by Angela Johnson

Ponder a band of under celebrated World War II heroes -- the Tuskegee Airmen. With fleeting prose and transcendent imagery, this book reveals how 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 and into the hearts of those who are only now beginning to understand the part these brave souls played in the history of America.

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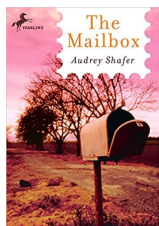
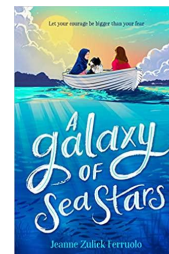


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Middle Grade

A Galaxy of Sea Stars by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo

Izzy feels like the her whole world is shifting. Her dad returned from military duty with PTSD, her mom is living on a nearby island to run her family's diner, and her two best friends are acting strangely. Everything changes when Izzy's father invites his former interpreter's family, including his daughter Sitara, to move upstairs. Izzy doesn't know what to make of Sitara - with her hijab and strange diet. But as Izzy and Sitara grow closer Izzy has to decide to betray Sitara or lose her friends forever.

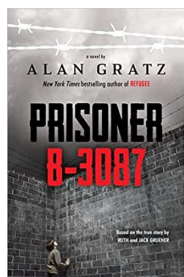
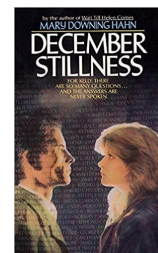


The Mailbox by Audrey Shafer

Gabe grew up in foster care until he moved in with his Uncle Vernon, a Vietnam vet. Two years later he comes home to discover that his uncle has died of a heart attack, he's terrified of going back into the system-- so he tells no one. The next day, he discovers a strange note in his mailbox: I HAVE A SECRET. DO NOT BE AFRAID. And his uncle's body is gone. Thus begins a unique correspondence destined to save the two people that depended on Vernon for everything.

December Stillness by Mary Downing Hahn

Kelly McAllister feels at odds with everyone around her. Kelly becomes so involved in the plight of a homeless Vietnam vet. Interviewing him began as a Social Studies project, but it takes on new meaning after her offers of food and friendship backfire into a real disaster. What had the war done to destroy this man? And what had it done to her own father who refuses to speak of it?

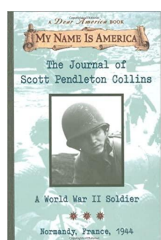


Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gatz

As a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland, Yanek is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has, and everyone he loves, have been snatched from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner -- his arm tattooed with the words PRISONER B-3087. As se is forced from one concentration camp to another he encounters evil he could have never imagined, but also sees surprising glimpses of hope. He just barely escapes death, only to confront it again seconds later. Can Yanek make it through the terror without losing his hope, his will -- and, most of all, his sense of who he really is inside?

Dogs of War by Sheila Keenan & Nathan Fox

DOGS OF WAR is a graphic novel that tells the stories of the canine military heroes of World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War. This collection of three fictional stories was inspired by historic battles and real military practice. Each story tells the remarkable adventures of a soldier and his service dog and is rendered with fascinating and beautiful detail, bringing to life the faithful dogs who braved bombs, barrages, and battles to save the lives of countless soldiers.



The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins by Walter Dean Myers

A historical novel presents the thoughts of a young soldier during war while capturing the feelings of being in battle through the sights, sounds, and struggles he experiences at the battle of Normandy during World War II.

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Young Adult

Anything But Okay by Sarah Littman

It all started when Stella's brother came home from his latest tour with the US Marines. Stella won't talk about it, and Farida can tell she's hiding something. Stella definitely didn't expect going to the movies to end with Rob in handcuffs. Everyone has an opinion and the entire school takes sides, Rob gets labeled a terrorist sympathizer, and even Farida is dragged into the mess. As the story continues trending, Stella will have to decide just how far she's willing to go for the truth, even if it means admitting her own failures.

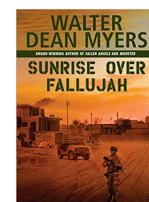


Somebody Please Tell Me Who I Am by Harry Mazer

Ben lives a charmed life. When he decides to enlist in the army, no one thinks he'll be in real danger. But his decision has devastating consequences: His convoy gets caught in an explosion, and Ben ends up in a coma for two months. When he wakes up, he doesn't know where he is—or remember anything about his old life. His family and friends mourn what they see as a loss, but Ben perseveres.

Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers

Robin "Birdy" Perry, a new army recruit from Harlem, isn't quite sure why he joined the army, but he's sure where he's headed: Iraq. Birdy and the others in the Civilian Affairs Battalion are supposed to help secure and stabilize the country and successfully interact with the Iraqi people. Officially, the code name for their maneuvers is Operation Iraqi Freedom. But the young men and women in the CA unit have a simpler name for it: WAR

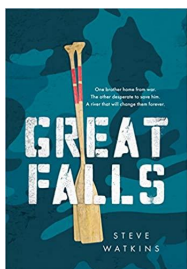
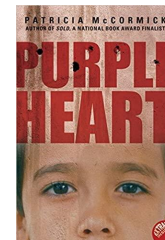


The Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson

For the past five years, Hayley Kincaid and her father, Andy, have been on the road, never staying long in one place as he struggles to escape the demons that have tortured him since his return from Iraq. Now they are in the town where he grew up so Hayley can attend school. Perhaps, for the first time, Hayley can have a normal life, put aside her own painful memories, even have a relationship. Will being back home help Andy's PTSD, or will his terrible memories drag him to the edge of hell, and drugs push him over?

Purple Heart by Patricia McCormick

When Private Matt Duffy wakes up in an army hospital in Iraq, he's honored with a Purple Heart. But he doesn't feel like a hero. There's a memory that haunts him: an image of a young Iraqi boy as a bullet hits his chest. Matt can't shake the feeling that he was involved in his death. But because of a head injury, Matt can't quite put all the pieces together. Matt just wants to go back to being the soldier he once was. But he sees potential threats everywhere and lives in fear of not being able to pull the trigger when the time comes. In combat there is no black-and-white, and Matt soon discovers that the notion of who is guilty is very complicated indeed.



Great Falls by Steve Watkins

Shane has always worshiped his big brother, Jeremy. But three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan have taken their toll, and the easy-go-lucky brother Shane knew has been replaced with a man who lives in the basement. When Jeremy shows up after Shane's football game and offers to take him to the family cabin, Shane goes along. But as the camping trip turns into a days-long canoe trip, Shane realizes he's in way over his head — and has no idea how to persuade Jeremy to return home and get the help he needs before it's too late.

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