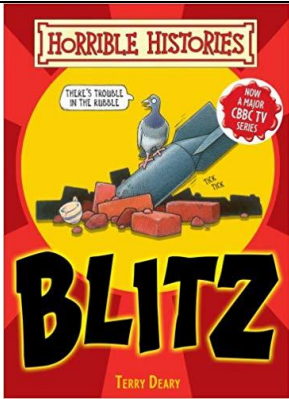
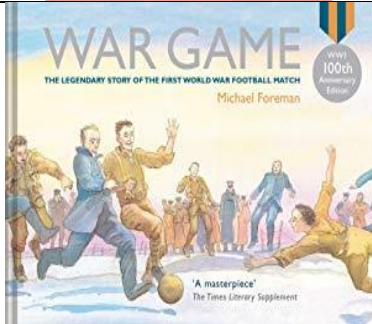
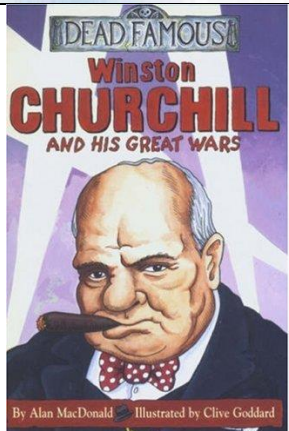


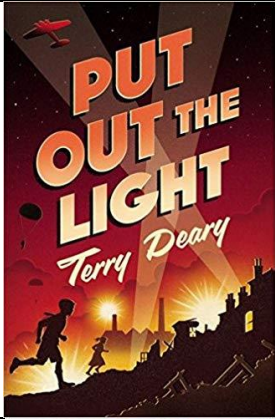
Stories of Conflict Reading List

All of these books are available in the school library.

This list is roughly in order of difficulty, with shorter and easier books at the beginning of the list, and longer, more complex books at the end.

		Find in:
	<p>Blitz by Terry Deary (Horrible Histories)</p> <p>What was it like to be in the blitz? Terry Deary writes in his usual humorous style to convey interesting details about life in the blitz.</p>	History
	<p>War Game by Michael Foreman</p> <p>Lots of illustrations help tell this story of four footballing friends from Suffolk as they fight in the First World War and take part in the historic Christmas Day game of football in No Man's Land.</p>	History (WW1)
	<p>Winston Churchill and his Great Wars by Alan MacDonald (Dead Famous series)</p> <p>Winston Churchill is one of the most famous politicians of the twentieth century. This amusing biography tells the story of Churchill's life and his role during the two World Wars, accompanied by insights from Winston's 'lost diary' and commentary from The Winston Weekly.</p>	Biographies and People

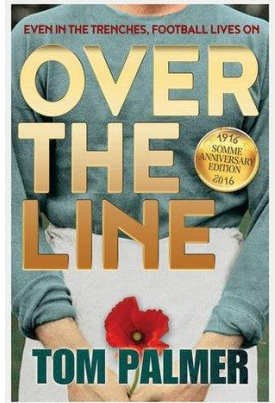
	<p>The Second World War (Usborne History of Britain)</p> <p>Plenty of maps, illustrations, photographs and lots of interesting facts about life in Britain and the role of Britain during World War II.</p>	<p>History</p>
	<p>Heroes of World War II by Kelly Milner Halls</p> <p>Including 50 mini-biographies, this book tells the inspiring stories of people who were willing to risk their lives and take a stand during the Second World War. For those who want to find out more, it also includes book and website recommendations and suggestions for places to visit.</p>	<p>History</p>
	<p>When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr</p> <p>From Judith Kerr, the author and illustrator of the well-known <i>Mog</i> books, this novel is based on Judith's own experiences escaping from Germany in 1933. It gives a child's perspective on being a refugee in France and England in the lead-up to World War II.</p>	<p>Biographies and People</p>
	<p>The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo</p> <p>In 1943 Lily Tregenze is forced to move out of her home because the Allied forces need to practise for the D-Day landings. However, her cat, Adolphus Tips, has trouble understanding that her old home is now out-of-bounds. The story is told through Lily's diaries, which are read by her grandson.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction and Animal Stories</p>



Put Out The Light by Terry Deary

This book is set in 1940, and has storylines about children in both Britain and Germany. Billy and his sister Sally try to solve a mystery during air raids on Sheffield, while Manfred attempts to help a Polish Jew, Irena, escape from her life at the concentration camp in Dachau.

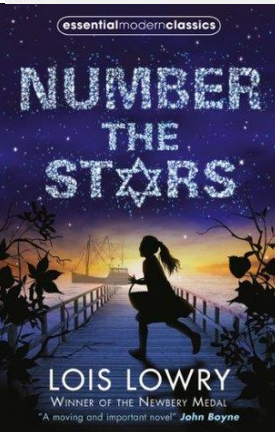
Historical Fiction



Over The Line by Tom Palmer

Based the true story of a footballer's experience in the trenches during World War I, this describes how Jack has to abandon his ambitions of professional football and take his place on the front line.

Historical Fiction and Quick Reads (Dyslexia Friendly)



Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

This is an exciting story that introduces the incredible work done by the Danish Resistance during WWII to help the Jewish population escape. 10-year-old Annemarie Johansen wonders what it means to be 'brave' in wartime. When Annemarie's family take in Ellen Rosen, her Jewish best friend, Annemarie's own bravery is put to the test.


Historical Fiction

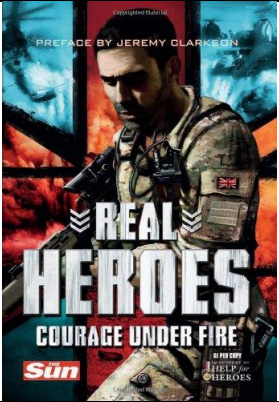
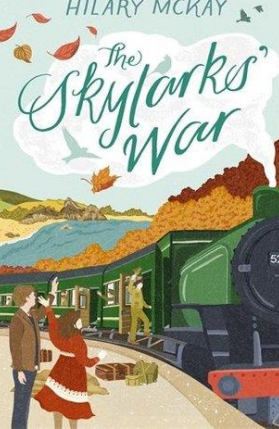
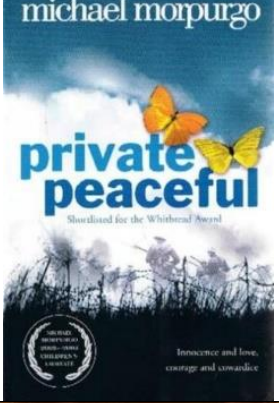



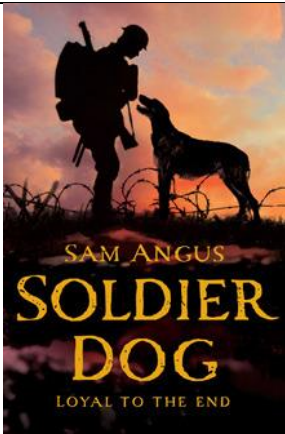
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne

Nine-year-old Bruno does not understand why his Nazi father has been sent with his family to live in a desolate and lonely place. Then Bruno meets Shmuel and develops an unlikely friendship with 'the boy in the striped pyjamas' on the other side of the mysterious fence. A powerful novel about friendship and chance in the face of evil.

Historical Fiction

	<p>Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai</p> <p>This short but moving verse novel is based on the experience of the author during the Vietnam War. Through the eyes of 10-year-old Hà, it describes the changes to her family's life in Vietnam, their escape to America, and her gradual adjustment to her new life.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>Back Home by Michelle Magorian</p> <p>Set just after World War II, this tells the story of Rusty's return to England in 1945 after her evacuation to the United States early in the war. Rusty is unfamiliar with her old family and has difficulty settling back into to her old home. This book highlights the personal consequences of a conflict that can continue long after end of the war.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll</p> <p>Olive and her brother are evacuated from London to the Devon coast to stay with a lighthouse keeper, but Olive is preoccupied with solving the mystery of her missing sister, Sukie. This is an atmospheric book that highlights the plight of Jewish refugees fleeing from the Nazis.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>When The Sky Falls by Phil Earle</p> <p>1941. War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, bonds deepen and secrets are revealed, but if the bombers set Adonis rampaging free, will either of them be able to end the life of the one thing they truly love?</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>

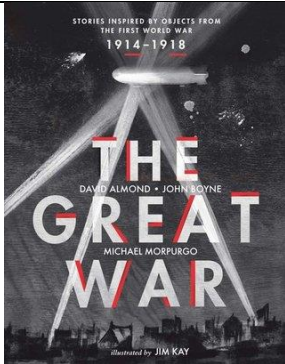
	<p>Real Heroes: Courage Under Fire</p> <p>With a preface by Jeremy Clarkson and plenty of photos, this gives a real-life insight into the front line experiences in Afghanistan, World War I and World War II. This is recommended for anyone interested in life in the Forces.</p>	<p>Biographies and People</p>
	<p>The Skylarks War by Hilary McKay</p> <p>Clarry and her brother older brother, Peter, love their summers in Cornwall, running free with their charismatic cousin, Rupert. However, life is sometimes difficult, as Clarry has to combat her conservative father to pursue her studies, and Peter has to face boarding school. This is a powerful story of a close family growing up in the shadow of war, and the impact of World War I on their lives.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo</p> <p>A modern classic that brings to life the harsh reality of WWI. Set over the course one night during WWI, Private Thomas Peaceful recalls the key events of his childhood in the English countryside. This is a moving story, as Tommo's memories gradually bring the reader to understand the tragedy of his present situation.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>War Horse by Michael Morpurgo</p> <p>This story is written from the perspective of Joey, a thoroughbred horse who is bought by the British Army and sent to the front during World War I. Joey endures immense suffering in his roles at the front line, but his loyalty to his friends – both human and horse – is the enduring theme of the story. <i>War Horse</i> was made into a compelling film directed by Steven Spielberg.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction and Animal Stories</p>



Soldier Dog by Sam Angus

An emotional story of Stanley and his messenger dog, Bones, in the trenches during World War I. Highly recommended for anyone who enjoyed War Horse.

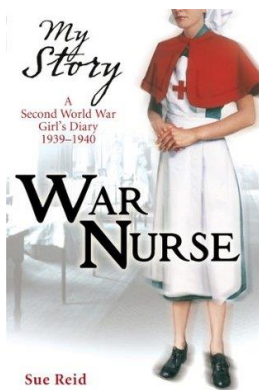
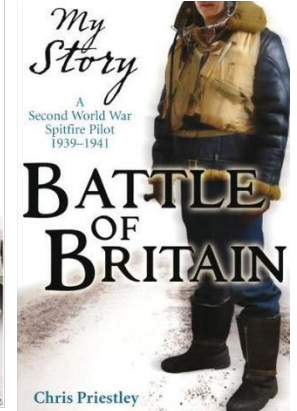
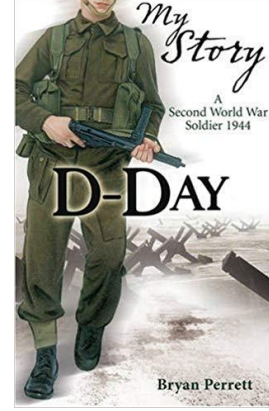
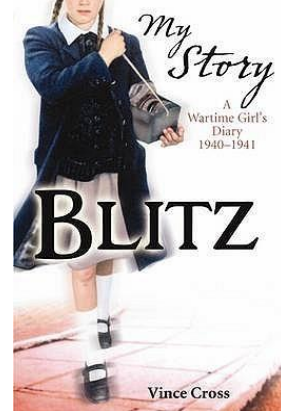
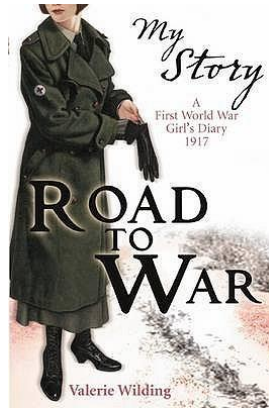
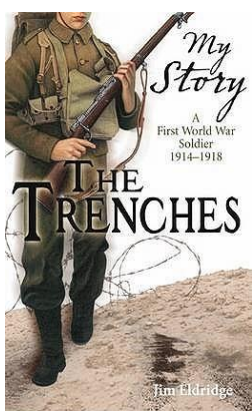
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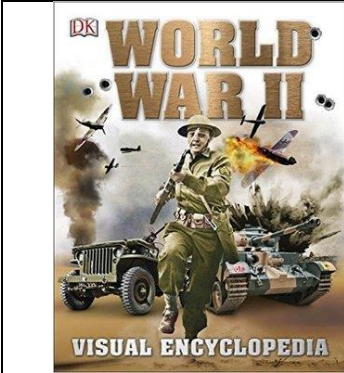
The Great War 1914 – 1918 – Stories Inspired by Objects From The First World War

This is a powerful collection of short stories from well-known authors, each inspired by an object from the First World War. It includes work by Michael Morpurgo, David Almond, John Boyne, Tracy Chevalier and others.

Short Stories



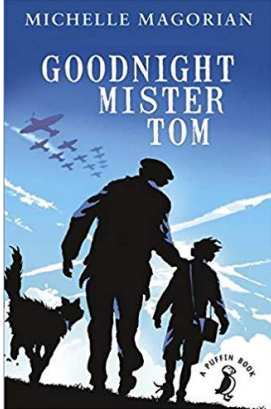
The My Story series is a fantastic way of finding out more about what it was like to be alive at different times in British history. The titles pictured here give the reader a personal experience of various aspects of the two World Wars. Other titles deal with conflicts earlier in history. You can find the My Story series at the end of the Historical Fiction section.



World War II Visual Encyclopedia

This Dorling Kindersley guide to the important people, battles and weapons of World War Two includes plenty of illustrations, photos, as well as timelines and key facts. For anyone interested in improving their knowledge of World War II, this book provides a fantastic wide-ranging introduction.

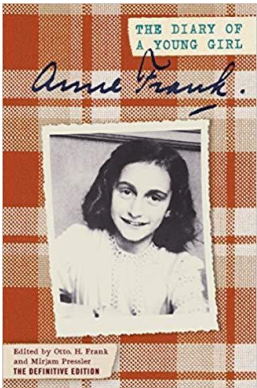
History



Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian

This award-winning novel is Michelle Magorian’s most well-known book and is a compelling account of the life of the young evacuee, Willie Beech. Willie has endured an abusive childhood with his mother in London, and begins to flourish under the care of grumpy old Tom Oakley. When Willie is summoned back to London by his mother, his new life seems to be at an end...

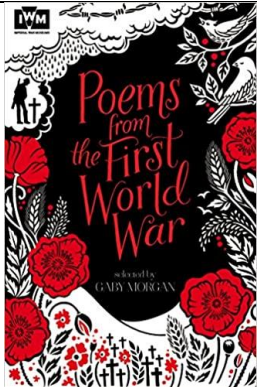
Historical Fiction



The Diary of a Young Girl Anne Frank

Anne Frank’s diary is a reminder of the tragic loss of so many young lives in the holocaust. In her diary, Anne describes the end of her happy, carefree life in Amsterdam, as her family is forced to go into hiding. Anne endures two years hidden in a few rooms behind her father’s workplace before the family were arrested. If you want to know more, the school library has more books about Anne Frank in the Biographies and People section.

Biographies and People



Poems from the First World War edited by Gaby Morgan

Published in association with the Imperial War Museums, this collections contains the famous war poems from Sassoon, Owen and Brooke, as well as poems from nurses, sweethearts, family and friends who experienced World War I from different viewpoints.

Poetry



In Time of War: Unforgettable Poems of the First and Second World War edited by Anne Harvey

A selection of poems for young people from both the First and Second World Wars.

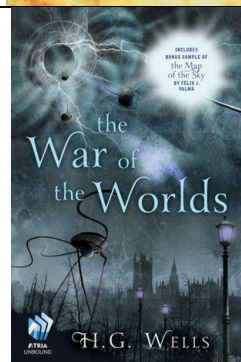
Poetry



Spies by Michael Frayn

An atmospheric and intriguing book set in a quiet English cul-de-sac in WWII. Two boys playing spy games get involved in something far more sinister than they anticipated.

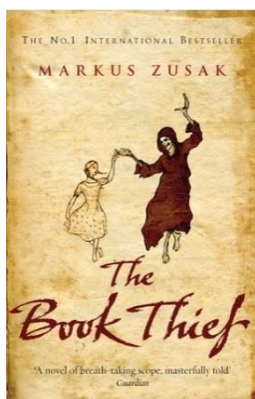
Historical Fiction



The War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells

A very different kind of conflict! This is the story of a Martian attack on earth, beginning when a mysterious and seemingly innocuous cylinder lands near Woking, England. The aliens cause massive destruction worldwide – can humans survive the attack? Classic tale of alien invasion – highly recommended as an early example of sci-fi.

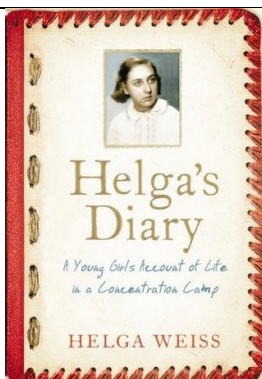
Sci-Fi and Dystopian Fiction



The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Narrated by Death, this book tells the story of Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, who is living with a foster family on Himmel Street towards the start of WWII. After stealing her first book from beside her brother's graveside, Liesel learns to read with her foster father, and steals books whenever she can. This is a tale of life in Nazi Germany for a family hiding a Jew in the basement...

Historical Fiction



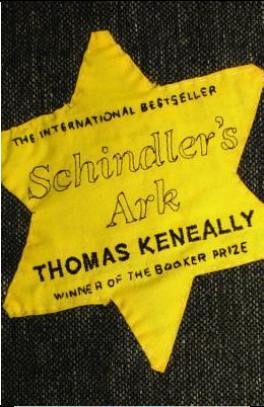
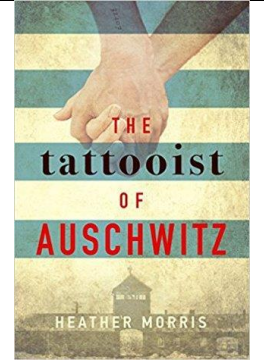

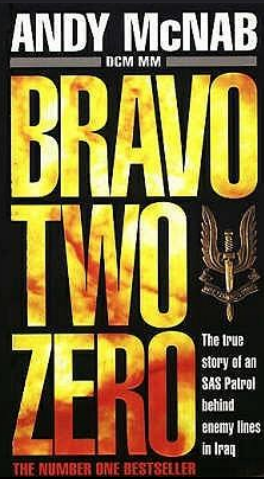
Helga's Diary: A Young Girl's Account of Life in a Concentration Camp by Helga Weiss

Helga's Diary gives a child's account of what life was like in a concentration camp. Much of it was written at the Terezín concentration camp, where the diary was preserved by being bricked into a wall by Helga's uncle, and miraculously recovered after the war.

Biographies and People

	<p>Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell</p>	<p>This epic love story is an American classic. Set during the American Civil War, it tells the story of the rich and beautiful Scarlett O'Hara, as the South is gradually devastated by war. <i>Gone with the Wind</i> was adapted into one of the most famous films of all time.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>Special Ops Heroes by Michael Ashcroft</p>	<p>Michael Ashcroft writes about the actions and lives of SAS and other Special Forces soldiers who have won awards for bravery in conflicts such as World War II, Northern Ireland and Darfur.</p>	<p>Biographies and People</p>
	<p>Buffalo Soldier by Tanya Landman</p>	<p>Charley, a freed black slave in the American South, is in a desperate situation after the Civil War and feels she has little choice but to join the US Army disguised as a boy. It is only when she is sent to quell the Native Americans on the frontier that she learns what it means to be free... This powerful novel won the Carnegie Medal in 2015.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction 13+</p>
	<p>Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein</p>	<p>A spy plane flown by a female pilot and carrying her best friend, a British spy, crashes in Nazi-occupied France. As 'Verity' is interrogated by the Nazis, how far will her friend go to save her? Strong female characters make this historical thriller a powerful and tense read.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction 13+</p>

	<p>The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini</p> <p>The recent history of Afghanistan is brought to life through the tragic story of 12-year-old Amir and his friend Hassan. An intense and moving book.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p> <p>13+</p>
	<p>Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys</p> <p>Four young refugees with different wartime experiences flee the advance of the Russians troops, desperately trying to reach the ship that promises safety and freedom. Winner of the 2017 Carnegie Medal, this is a heart-rending novel about a little-known maritime disaster during WWII.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p> <p>13+</p>
	<p>Captain Corelli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernières</p> <p>Set on a Greek island under Nazi occupation, the story centres on the relationship between Captain Corelli, who is sent to Cephalonia as part of the occupying forces, and Perugia, the daughter of the local doctor.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p> <p>13+</p>
	<p>Charlotte Gray by Sebastian Faulks</p> <p>Charlotte Gray is a young Scottish woman sent to Occupied France in 1942 by the Special Operations Executive. While there, she hunts for her boyfriend, an English airman who disappeared on a mission in France. This novel creates a vivid image of France under occupation, and the attitudes of the French towards the Nazis.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p> <p>14+</p>

	<p>Schindler's Ark by Thomas Keneally</p> <p>This book was made into the well-known war film <i>Schindler's List</i>. It is based on the true story of Oskar Schindler and his efforts to save Polish Jews from the Nazis.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p> <p>13+</p>
	<p>The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris</p> <p>In April 1942, Lale Sokolov was transported to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and given the task of tattooing numbers onto his fellow inmates' arms. Based on real events, this is the story of a man who is determined to survive in one of the most hellish places on earth.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p> <p>14+</p>
	<p>Testament of Youth by Vera Brittain</p> <p>Testament of Youth is one of the most famous autobiographies of the First World War. In 1914, Vera Brittain was twenty and preparing to study at Oxford. Instead, she became a VAD, nursing soldiers in London, Malta and the Western Front. Her story of the loss of a generation of young men is profoundly moving.</p>	<p>Biographies and People</p>
	<p>Bravo Two Zero by Andy McNab</p> <p>This is an account of the top-secret Bravo Two Zero mission, headed by Sergeant Andy McNab, which took his SAS patrol far behind enemy lines in Iraq during the Gulf War. Not everything goes to plan, and this book contains some gritty descriptions of life in captivity.</p>	<p>Biographies and People</p> <p>14+</p>