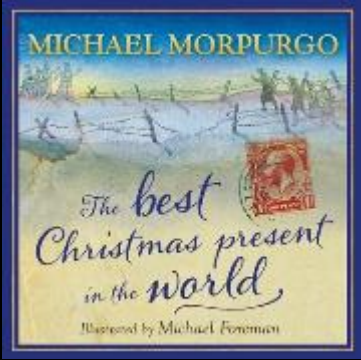

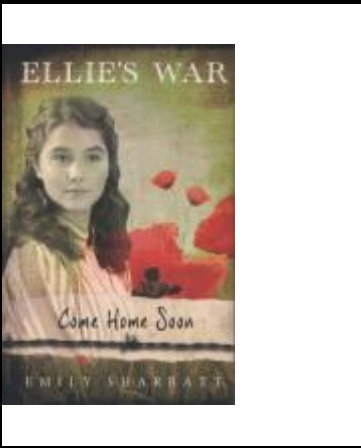
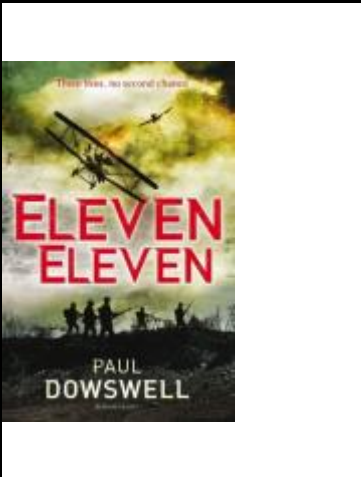


## Reading List – The First World War

	<p><b>Best Christmas Present in the World, The</b>  <b>Author :</b>Morpurgo, Michael  Echoes of Christmas 1914 in the trenches call to the present day when a letter found by chance in an antique desk brings one soldier's experience hauntingly to life. A spellbinding tale from the battlefields of World War with stunning artwork from Michael Foreman.</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>4.3</b>  <b>Year 5+</b></p>
	<p><b>Biggles Learns to Fly</b>  <b>Author :</b>Johns We (Captain)  "Special Mission! It's the First World War and Biggles is just 17. The planes are primitive; combat tactics are non-existent; the only form of communication for pilots and their gunners is by hand signals. They are reliant on the skill of their fellow crew, their wit and, above all else, bravery. In hostile enemy skies, where instinct and fast reactions are everything, Biggles must learn to be a real fighter pilot, or die.</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>7.0</b>  <b>Year 7+</b></p>
	<p><b>Come Home Soon</b>  <b>Author :</b>Sharratt, Emily  A personal and moving coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of the First World War. Life in Endstone changes for ever when war is declared against Germany and Ellie's Dad leads the village men, including her best-friend Jack's older brother Will, to volunteer for the army. Ellie is distraught by her Dad's sudden call to arms and feels even worse that she's left with her difficult mother. It doesn't help that Jack's so excited by the war and has no idea how she feels. First book in the series.</p>	<p><b>This book does not currently have a level</b>  <b>Year 5+</b></p>
	<p><b>Eleven, Eleven</b>  <b>Author :</b>Dowswell Paul  Set during the final 24 hours before the armistice at 11 a.m. on 11th November 1918, the story follows a German storm trooper, an American airman and a British Tommy. Their destinies converge during the death throes of the first ever conflict to spread across the globe. War becomes incredibly personal as nationality and geography cease to matter to each of these teenagers on the Western Front, and friendship becomes the defining aspect of their encounter. But who will live and who will die before the end of the day?</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>6.0</b>  <b>Year 7+</b></p>

	<p><b>Forgotten Voices of the Great War</b>  <b>Author :</b>Arthur Max</p> <p>The original edition of this landmark book brought history to life in a way that had never been done before - through the words of ordinary men and women. Their eyewitness accounts tell the story of the war in a way that no other history title can. Divided into three sections, each section is arranged thematically so that readers can find out more about subjects such as what life was really like in the trenches or how women contributed to the war effort..</p>	<p><b>This book does not currently have a level</b></p> <p><b>Year 5+</b></p>
	<p><b>Frightful First World War</b>  <b>Author :</b>Deary, Terry</p> <p>All the foul facts about the Frightful First World War are ready to uncover, including what the 'Fat King' did with food scraps and dead horses, how sniffing your own pee could save your life in a gas attack and why a pair of old socks gave away top German secrets.</p>	<p><b>Book Level 6.3</b></p> <p><b>Year 5+</b></p>
	<p><b>Lest We Forget - Forgotten Voices from 1914-1945</b>  <b>Author :</b>Arthur Max</p> <p>Lest We Forget brings together first-hand recollections from the Great War to the Second World War, to vividly illustrate the impact of war. Told in the actual words of the men, women and children who lived through a century of war it is a moving insight into the greatest conflicts of the twentieth century. The testaments of those who were there depict the horrors of war, yet also provide inspiration with tales of enduring courage, sacrifice and daring. Arranged thematically into chapters such as hope, fear, the kindness of strangers, the human cost and brothers in arms, it reveals the full scope of war in all its stark reality.</p>	<p><b>This book does not currently have a level</b></p> <p><b>Year 5+</b></p>
	<p><b>Private Peaceful</b>  <b>Author :</b>Morpurgo, Michael</p> <p>Heroism or cowardice? The story follows 24 hours in a soldier's life at the front during WW1, and captures his memories as he looks back over his life. Full of stunningly researched detail and engrossing atmosphere, the book leads to a dramatic and moving conclusion. Both a love story and a deeply moving account of the horrors of the First World War, this book will reach everyone from 9 to 90.</p>	<p><b>Book Level 5.2</b></p> <p><b>Year 5+</b></p>

	<p><b>Remembrance</b>  <b>Author :</b>Breslin Theresa</p> <p>"1915 - Scotland. A group of teenagers from two families meet for a picnic, but the war across the Channel is soon to tear them away from such youthful pleasures. All too soon the horror of what is to become known as The Great War engulfs them, their friends and the whole village. From the horror of the trenches, to the devastating reality seen daily by those nursing the wounded, they struggle to survive.</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>6.6</b></p> <p><b>Year 7+</b></p>
	<p><b>Silver Donkey, The</b>  <b>Author :</b>Hartnett Sonya</p> <p>One morning in the woods of France, a blinded soldier, is found by two sisters, Coco and Marcelle. In return for their kindness the soldier tells the sisters marvellous tales, connected to the keepsake he carries in his pocket: a tiny, silver donkey. As the days pass and they struggle to help the soldier reach home, the sisters learn the truth behind the silver donkey and what the precious object means: honesty, loyalty and courage.</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>5.0</b></p> <p><b>Year 5+</b></p>
	<p><b>Skylarks' War, The</b>  <b>Author :</b>Mckay, Hilary</p> <p>An evocative and heartbreaking novel of family and friendship in wartime.</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>5.1</b></p> <p><b>Year 5+</b></p>
	<p><b>Soldier Dog</b>  <b>Author :</b>Angus Sam</p> <p>Stanley's Dad hasn't been the same since his wife died and his eldest son went off to fight in the war. Now Stanley is either invisible to his dad or the object of one of his rages, and his only friend is his dad's prizewinning greyhound, Rocket. But one day Rocket escapes, and the result is a litter of non-thoroughbred puppies that Da says will all have to be drowned, even Stanley's favourite puppy, Solider. Stanley is so angry with his father that he runs away and enlists in the army to train as a messenger dog handler, and despite being far too young he's soon heading to France with a great Dane called Bones by his side. As the fighting escalates and Stanley experiences the horrors of war, he comes to realise that the loyalty of his dog is the one thing he can rely on.</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>6.0</b></p> <p><b>Year 5</b></p>

	<p><b>Some Other War</b>  <b>Author :</b>Newbery, Linda  Seventeen-year-old twins Alice and Jack work at the mansion of the Morland family - Alice as a chambermaid and Jack as a groom. With the outbreak of the First World War, Jack volunteers to join the army and their lives are changed completely. When Alice meets the progressive thinking Lorna Sidgwick, she decides that she too will volunteer to train as a VAD nurse. The newspapers report victories and the families at home think their men are heroes fighting for their King and Country. Alice and Jack soon discover that the experience of war is far from the adventures portrayed in newspapers. They see the reality of bungled decisions, maiming and disfigurement and the endless slaughter - all of which belong to some other war.</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>7.1</b>  <b>Year 7+</b></p>
	<p><b>Stay where you are and then leave</b>  <b>Author :</b>Boyne John  The day the First World War broke out, Alfie Summerfield's father promised he wouldn't go away to fight - but he broke that promise the following day. Four years later, Alfie doesn't know where his father might be, other than that he's away on a special, secret mission. Then, while shining shoes at King's Cross Station, Alfie unexpectedly sees his father's name on a sheaf of papers belonging to a military doctor. Bewildered and confused, Alfie realises his father is in a hospital close by - a hospital treating soldiers with an unusual condition..</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>5.3</b>  <b>Year 5</b></p>
	<p><b>Trenches - Billy Stevens, the Western Front 1914-1918, The</b>  <b>Author :</b>Eldridge Jim  JUNE 1917 Mustard gas! A feeling of panic hit me and I scrambled to get my respirator over my face before the killer gas got into my mouth and nose and burnt my lungs. It burned everything it touched, eyes. skin. And it always found a way in. Like now, I could feel where it had crept up inside the sleeves of my uniform and the skin on my arms felt like it was on fire. I threw myself into a muddy hole, pushing my arms under water, but I knew it was already too late. I stumbled to my feet, saturated, with the weight of wet mud clinging to me. I couldn't move. I couldn't see...</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>5.8</b>  <b>Year 5</b></p>

	<p><b>War Girls a collection of First World War stories through the eyes of young women</b>  <b>Author :</b>Breslin Theresa  Nothing will ever be the same again for those caught up in the conflict. This collection of short stories explores how the First World War changed and shaped the lives of women forever. A courageous nurse risks her life at the Front Line; a young woman discovers independence and intrigue in wartime London; and a grief-stricken widow defends her homeland amidst the destruction of war. Through these and other tales, War Girls presents a moving portrait of loss and grief, and of hope overcoming terrible odds.</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>5.3</b>  <b>Year 5</b></p>
	<p><b>War horse</b>  <b>Author :</b>Morpurgo, Michael  The bedlam of battle had begun. All around me men cried and fell to the ground, and horses reared and screamed in an agony of fear and pain. The shells whined and roared overhead, and every explosion seemed like an earthquake to us. In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. One horse has seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of peace. This is his story.</p>	<p><b>Book Level</b>  <b>5.9</b>  <b>Year 5</b></p>
	<p><b>War Stories - True Stories from the 1st &amp; 2nd World Wars</b>  <b>Author :</b>Dowswell Paul  From zeppelin raids, trench warfare, spies and secret plots, to epic encounters between colossal warships and duels between lone spies facing almost certain death, this book contains a collection of dramatic and unforgettable tales from both the First and Second World Wars.</p>	<p><b>This book does not currently have a level</b>  <b>Year 7+</b></p>
	<p><b>World War 1</b>  <b>Author :</b>Robinson Tony  "Everything you need to know about World War I! Tony Robinson takes you on a headlong gallop through time, pointing out all the most important, funny, strange, amazing, entertaining, smelly and disgusting bits about World War I. It's history, but not as we know it! Find out everything you ever needed to know about World War including: * How to build a trench * Why dogs were such good messengers * How plastic surgery was invented * Why you needed a gas mask What are you waiting for? Let's get going..."</p>	<p><b>This book does not currently have a level</b>  <b>Year 5+</b></p>

