



2009 - 2010 Related Reading List for Teens, Parents & Teachers

When The War Is Over by Martha Attema -- In occupied Holland during WWII, a young girl's work for the resistance becomes dangerously complicated when she falls in love with a German soldier.

Anne Frank and Me by Cherie Bennett and Jeff Gottesfeld -- After suffering a concussion while on a class trip to a Holocaust exhibit, Nicole finds herself living the life of a Jewish teenager in Paris during the Nazi occupation

London Calling by Edward Bloor -- Seventh-grader Martin Conway believes that his life is monotonous and dull until the night the antique radio he uses as a night-light transports him to the bombing of London in 1940.

The Boy In The Striped Pajamas: A Fable by John Boyne -- Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

For Freedom: The Story Of A French Spy by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley -- Despite the horrors of World War II, a French teenager pursues her dream of becoming an opera singer, which takes her to places where she gains information about what the Nazis are doing--information that the French Resistance needs.

Code Talker: A Novel About The Navajo Marines Of World War Two by Joseph Bruchac -- 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.

Postcards From No Man's Land by Aidan Chambers -- Alternates between two stories--contemporarily, seventeen-year-old Jacob visits a daunting Amsterdam at the request of his English grandmother--and historically, nineteen-year-old Geertrui relates her experience of British soldiers's attempts to liberate Holland from its German occupation.

Marika by Andrea Cheng -- Although she has been raised Catholic, Marika learns how dangerous it is to be of Jewish heritage and living in Hungary during World War II.

Heroes: A Novel by Robert Cormier -- After joining the army at fifteen and having his face blown away by a grenade in a battle in France, Francis returns home to Frenchtown hoping to find--and kill--the former childhood hero he feels betrayed him.

The Entertainer and The Dybbuk by Sid Fleischman -- A struggling American ventriloquist in post-World War II Europe is possessed by the mischievous spirit of a young Jewish boy killed in the Holocaust. Author's note details the murder of over one million children by the Nazis during the 1930s and 1940s.

Shadow Life: A Portrait of Anne Frank and Her Family by Barry Denenberg -- Denenberg presents the complete story of Anne Frank and her family's life,

from Frankfurt, Germany, where Anne and Margot were born before the war, up through to their murders at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

Escaping Into The Night by D. Dina Friedman -- Thirteen-year-old Halina Rudowski narrowly escapes the Polish ghetto and flees to the forest, where she is taken in by an encampment of Jews trying to survive World War II.

Friends and Enemies by Louann Gaeddert -- In 1941 in Kansas, as America enters World War II, fourteen-year-old William finds himself alienated from his friend Jim, a Mennonite who does not believe in fighting for any reason, as they argue about the war.

Emil and Karl by Yankev Glatshteyn ; translated by Jeffrey Shandler -- In Vienna, Austria, in 1940, two nine-year-old boys, one Jewish and one Aryan, are classmates and best friends when events of the Nazi occupation draw them even closer together as they fight to survive and escape together.

Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene -- When German prisoners of war are brought to her Arkansas town during World War II, twelve-year-old Patty, a Jewish girl, befriends one of them and must deal with the consequences of that friendship.

Without Warning: Ellen's Story 1914-1918 by Dennis Hamley -- During World War I, an English teenager leaves the safety of home and begins a journey of self-discovery that takes her close to the front lines to pursue her calling as a nurse.

A Different Kind of Courage by Ellen Howard -- While escaping the horrors of war-torn France, refugee children struggle to overcome the misconception that their parents are abandoning them.

On Rough Seas by Nancy L. Hull -- In Dover, England in 1940, fourteen-year-old Alec Curtis wants nothing more than to go to sea, to absolve himself of the guilt he feels over the earlier drowning of his cousin and to help the war effort, but when he sneaks aboard a small boat going across the English Channel to Dunkirk, his experience changes him forever.

The Dragonfly Pool by Eva Ibbotson -- At first Tally doesn't want to go to the boarding school called Delderton. But she soon discovers that it is a wonderful place where freedom and self expression are valued. There she befriends Karil, the crown prince, who would love nothing more than to have ordinary friends and attend a school like Delderton. When Karil's father is assassinated, it is up to Tally and her friends to help Karil escape the Nazis and the bleak future he has inherited.

Torn Thread by Anne Isaacs -- In an attempt to save his daughter's life, Eva's father sends her from Poland to a labor camp in Czechoslovakia where she and her sister survive the war.

Shadow of the Wall by Christa Laird -- Living with his mother and two sisters in the Warsaw Ghetto, Misha is befriended by the director of the orphanage, Dr. Korczak, and finds a purpose to his life when he joins a resistance organization.

Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson -- After inheriting her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana, sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks travels from

Iowa in 1917 to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war being fought in Europe.

B for Buster by Iain Lawrence -- In the spring of 1943, sixteen-year-old Kak, desperate to escape his abusive parents, lies about his age to enlist in the Canadian Air Force and soon finds himself based in England as part of a crew flying bombing raids over Germany.

Lord of the Nutcracker Men by Iain Lawrence -- An English boy during World War I comes to believe that the battles he enacts with his toy soldiers control the war his father is fighting on the front.

Silver Days by Sonia Levitin -- Escaping from Hitler's Germany, a prosperous Jewish family lives in a New York City tenement until Papa decides to move the family to California.

Room In The Heart by Sonia Levitin -- After German forces occupy Denmark during World War II, fifteen-year-old Julie Weinstein and fifteen-year-old Niels Nelson and their friends and families try to cope with their daily lives, finding various ways to resist the Nazis and, ultimately, to survive.

The Art of Keeping Cool by Janet Taylor Lisle -- In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets while staying in their grandparents' Rhode Island town, where they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy.

Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society by Adeline Yen Mah -- During the Japanese occupation of parts of China, twelve-year-old Ye Xian is thrown out of her father's and stepmother's home, joins a martial arts group, and tries to help her aunt and the Americans in their struggle against the Japanese invaders. Includes historical notes.

Lisa's War by Carol Matas -- During the Nazi occupation of Denmark, Lisa and other teenage Jews become involved in an underground resistance movement and eventually must flee for their lives.

After The War by Carol Matas -- After being released from Buchenwald at the end of World War II, fifteen-year-old Ruth risks her life to lead a group of children across Europe to Palestine.

Greater Than Angels by Carol Matas -- Anna, a teenaged German refugee, relates how she and other Jewish children were cared for by the citizens of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France, during the German occupation.

The Garden by Carol Matas -- After leading a group of Jewish refugees to Israel after World War II, sixteen-year-old Ruth joins the Haganah, the Jewish Army, and helps her people fight to keep the land granted to them by the United Nations.

In My Enemy's House by Carol Matas -- When German soldiers arrive in Zloczow during World War II, a young Jewish girl must decide whether or not to conceal her identity and work for a Nazi in Germany in order to survive.

A Boy At War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor by Harry Mazer -- While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack and through the chaos of the

subsequent days tries to find his father, a naval officer who was serving on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell.

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo -- When Thomas Peaceful's older brother is forced to join the British Army, Thomas decides to sign up as well, although he is only fourteen years old, to prove himself to his country, his family, his childhood love, Molly, and himself.

Fire In The Hills by Donna Jo Napoli -- Upon returning to Italy, fourteen-year-old Roberto struggles to survive, first on his own, then as a member of the resistance, fighting against the Nazi occupiers while yearning to reach home safely and for an end to the war.

Stones In Water by Donna Jo Napoli -- After being taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys including his Jewish friend, Roberto is forced to work in Germany, escapes into the Ukrainian winter, before desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.

Sisterland by Linda Newbery -- When Hilly's grandmother becomes ill with Alzheimer's disease, her family is turned upside down by revelations from her life during World War II.

At the Firefly Gate by Linda Newbery -- After moving with his parents from London to Suffolk near a former World War II airfield, Henry sees the shadowy image of a man by the orchard gate and feels an unusual affinity with an elderly woman who lives next door.

When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park -- With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

Thin Wood Walls by David Patneaude -- When the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, Joe Hamada and his family face growing prejudice, eventually being torn away from their home and sent to a relocation camp in California, even as his older brother joins the United States Army to fight in the war.

The Cookcamp by Gary Paulsen -- During World War II, a little boy is sent to live with his grandma, a cook in a camp for workers building a road through the wilderness.

The Quilt by Gary Paulsen -- During World War II, while his father is in Europe fighting and his mother is working in Chicago, a six-year-old boy goes to live with his grandmother in a rural Norwegian American community in Minnesota. Based on events from the author's life.

Foster's War by Carolyn Reeder -- When his older brother joins the army during World War II in order to escape the rages of an authoritarian father, eleven-year-old Foster fights his battles on the homefront.

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque -- With a number of his eighteen year old classmates, Paul Bäumer enlists in the German Army for World War I. He is deployed to the western front, where he experiences the devastating physical and psychological effects of intense combat, including the horrific wounding or death of his friends.

The Boys from St. Petri by Bjarne Reuter -- In 1942, a group of young men begin a series of increasingly dangerous protests against the German invaders of their Danish homeland.

After the Dancing Days by Margaret I. Rostkowski -- A forbidden friendship with a badly disfigured soldier in the aftermath of World War I forces thirteen-year-old Annie to redefine the word "hero" and to question conventional ideas of patriotism.

Shanghai Shadows by Lois Ruby -- From 1939 to 1945, a Jewish family struggles to survive in occupied China; young Ilse by remaining optimistic, her older brother by joining a resistance movement, her mother by maintaining connections to the past, and her father by playing the violin that had been his livelihood.

I Had Seen Castles by Cynthia Rylant -- Now an old man, John is haunted by memories of enlisting to fight in World War II, a decision which forced him to face the horrors of war and changed his life forever.

House of the Red Fish by Graham Salisbury -- Over a year after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and the arrest of Tomi's father and grandfather, Tomi and his friends, battling anti-Japanese-American sentiment in Hawaii, try to find a way to salvage his father's sunken fishing boat.

Under The Blood-Red Sun by Graham Salisbury -- Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

Sacred Shadows by Maxine Rose Schur -- When her German hometown becomes part of Poland after World War I, Lena, a young German Jew, struggles to come to terms with the anti-Semitism and anti-German hatred that seems to be growing around her.

The Foreshadowing by Marcus Sedgwick -- Having always been able to know when someone is going to die, Alexandra poses as a nurse to go to France during World War I to locate her brother and to try to save him from the fate she has foreseen for him.

Megiddo's Shadow by Arthur Slade -- After the death of his beloved older brother Hector in World War I, sixteen-year-old Edward leaves the family farm in Canada to enlist in Hector's battalion, where he attempts to come to terms with what has happened.

Milkweed: A Novel by Jerry Spinelli -- He's an orphan boy who lives on the streets of Warsaw during Nazi occupation, who steals for food for himself and other orphans. He wants to be a Nazi someday with shiny black boots until the day that suddenly makes him change his mind.

The Cay by Theodore Taylor -- When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.

Hitler's Canary by Sandi Toksvig -- Ten-year-old Bamse and his Jewish friend Anton participate in the Danish Resistance during World War II.

Finding Sophie by Irene N. Watts -- Sophie Mandel was only seven years old when she arrived in London on the first Kindertransport from Germany. She has grown up with a friend of her parents and has made a good life for herself in England. When the war ends, fourteen-year-old Sophie is faced with a terrible dilemma. Where does she belong?

So Far From The Bamboo Grove by Yoko Kawashima Watkins -- A fictionalized autobiography in which eleven-year-old Yoko escapes from Korea to Japan with her mother and sister at the end of World War II.

My Brother, My Sister, and I by Yoko Kawashima Watkins -- Living as refugees in Japan in 1947 while trying to locate their missing father, thirteen-year-old Yoko and her older brother and sister must endure a bad fire, injury, and false charges of arson, theft, and murder. Sequel to: **So Far From The Bamboo Grove.**

The Kingdom By The Sea by Robert Westall -- During World War II twelve-year-old Harry and a stray dog travel through war-torn England in search of safety.

Time of Fire by Robert Westall -- In England during World War II, with his mother dead from a German bomb and his father off in training and action but keeping him informed by letter, Sonny tries to understand the darkest truths of war and retribution.

Summer of the War by Gloria Whelan -- Fourteen-year-old Belle resents the presence of her sophisticated cousin on a family vacation in the summer of 1942, but their strained relationship is overshadowed by the war in Europe.

Angel on the Square by Gloria Whelan -- In 1913 Russia, twelve-year-old Katya eagerly anticipates leaving her St. Petersburg home, though not her older cousin Misha, to join her mother, a lady in waiting in the household of Tsar Nicholas II, but the ensuing years bring world war, revolution, and undreamed of changes to her life.

Katarina: A Novel by Kathryn Winter -- During World War II in Slovakia, a young Jewish girl in hiding becomes a devout Catholic and is sustained by her belief that she will return home to her family as soon as the war ends.

Someone Named Eva by Joan M. Wolf -- From her home in Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in 1942, eleven-year-old Milada is taken with other blond, blue-eyed children to a school in Poland to be trained as "proper Germans" for adoption by German families, but all the while she remembers her true name and history.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak -- Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

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