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### **Children and War**

A bibliography of Australian children's books that look at the impact war has on children.

As long as there have been wars children have been affected. A 1996 report to the United Nations reported that in the ongoing conflicts around the world civilians are becoming increasingly and severely affected by war and around half are children and adolescents under 18 years of age. Save the Children organisation estimated that in 2021 more than 450 million children worldwide or 1 in 6 are living in a conflict zone. This impacts enormously on a child's mental, physical and social well-being with long-term consequences to their growth and development lasting well not adulthood.

Whilst reading about or discussing war can be distressing it is important to gain an understanding and develop empathy and compassion for the suffering of others.

A useful tool is the following annotated bibliography published by The Children's Book Council of Australia in 2014. The titles are predominantly Australian it does however list some English language books published overseas.

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- GLEITZMAN, Morris  
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*Domino Children*. Trenwick House Publishing, 2014. ISBN: 9780992351342

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*A Foreign Father*. Hodder and Stoughton, 1978.

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