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Children and War

A bibliography of Australian children's picture 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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Sonam and the Silence. Allen & Unwin, 2018. ISBN: 9781760293666

BELL, Krista. Illustrated by Belinda Elliot.
Jack's Bugle. Windy Hollow Books, 2014. ISBN: 9781922081292

BELL, Krista. Illustrated by David Miller
Lofty's Mission. Lothian, 2008. ISBN: 9780734409812

BENNETT, Vicki. Illustrated by Tull Suwannakit
The Little Stowaway. A true story. Scholastic Press, 2018. ISBN: 9781742993072

BOOTH, Christina. Illustrated by Pete Groves
Potato Music. Omnibus Books/Scholastic Australia. ISBN: 9781862919880

COX, David
The Fair Dinkum War. Allen & Unwin, 2013. ISBN: 9781743310625

CREW, Gary. Illustrated by Shaun Tan
Memorial. Lothian, 1999. ISBN: 0850919835

CUMMINGS, Phil. Illustrated by Owen Swan
Anzac Biscuits. Scholastic Press, 2013. ISBN: 9781742833460

CUMMINGS, Phil. Illustrated by Phil Lesnie
A boy and a ball. Scholastic Australia, 2020. ISBN: 9781743812525

CUMMINGS, Phil. Illustrated by Shane Devries
Ride, Ricardo, Ride! Omnibus Books/Scholastic Australia, 2015. ISBN: 9781742990736

DEEVES, Pauline
Socks, Sandbags and Leeches. Letter to my Anzac Dad. NLA Publishing, 2016.
ISBN: 9780642278845

DUMBLETON, Mike. Illustrated by Robin Cowcher
Digger. Allen & Unwin, 2018. ISBN: 9781760296735

ESTELA, Lucy. Illustrated by Matt Ottley
Suri's Wall. Penguin/Viking, 2015. ISBN: 9780670077755

FRENCH, Jackie. Illustrated by Anne Spudvilas
When the War is Over. Angus & Robertson, 2019. ISBN: 9781460753026

GREENWOOD, Mark. Illustrated by Andrew McLean
The Happiness Box. A wartime book of hope. Walker Books, 2018. ISBN: 9781925081381

- GERVAY, Susanne. Illustrated by Anna Pignataro
Ships in the Field. Ford St Publishing, 2012. ISBN: 9781921665233
- HATHORN, Libby. Illustrated by Phil Lesnie
A Soldier, a Dog and a Boy. Lothian, 2016. ISBN: 9780734416377
- HEFFERNAN, John. Illustrated by Andrew McLean
My Dog. Margaret Hamilton Book/Scholastic Australia, 2001. ISBN: 1876289120
- KANE, Glenda. Illustrated by Lisa Allen
Anzac Day Parade. Puffin Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780143505426
- LANDSBERRY, Belinda
Anzac Ted. EK Books, 2014. ISBN: 9781921966569
- LESTER, Alison
Running with the Horses. Penguin/ Viking, 2009. ISBN: 9780670868339
- MATTICK, Lindsay. Illustrated by Sophie Blackall
Finding Winnie. Orchard Books, 2015. ISBN: 9781408340233
- MATTINGLEY, Christobel. Illustrated by Astra Lacis
The Angel with a Mouth-Organ. Hodder and Stoughton, 1984. ISBN: 0340384441
- MILLARD, Glenda. Illustrated by Phil Lesnie
Once a Shepherd. A story of love and war. Walker Books, 2014. ISBN:97819217020628
- MORIMOTO, Junko
My Hiroshima. Collins, 1987. ISBN: 0001951769
- OBER, Pierre-Jacques and OBER, Jules
Jacqueline. A soldier's daughter. Ford St Publishing, 2021. ISBN: 9781925804911
- PALMER, Tony. Illustrated by Jane Tanner
The Soldier's Gift. Penguin/Viking, 2014. ISBN: 9780670077571
- SAXBY, Claire. Illustrated by Heather Potter
The Anzac Billy. Black Dog Books, 2019. ISBN: 9781925126815
- THOMPSON, Colin. Illustrated by Anna Pignataro
The Staircase Cat. Hodder Headline Australia, 1998. ISBN: 0733605826
- TONKIN, Rachel
What was the war like, Grandma? Emmy remembers World War 11. William Heinemann, 1995. ISBN: 0855615265.

WALTERS, Celeste. Illustrated by Patricia Mullins
Only a Donkey. Penguin/Viking, 2007. ISBN: 9780670041688

WILD, Margaret. Illustrated by Julie Vivas.
Let the Celebrations Begin. Omnibus Books, 1991. ISBN: 1862910235

WILD, Margaret. Illustrated by Freya Blackwood
The Treasure Box. Penguin/ Viking, 2013. ISBN: 9780670073658