



## War is fought by the young

Throughout human history we have sent teenagers and adolescents to battle alongside men. This selection of books looks at what happens when the ravages and horrors of war are heaped upon young minds and bodies.

***Flygirl* by Sherri L. Smith YP FIC SMITH**  
During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

***Age 14* Geert Spillebeen J FIC SPILLEBE**  
Twelve-year-old Patrick, eager to escape his dull life in Ireland and have an adventure, lies about his age and joins the army, but when World War I breaks out, Patrick experiences much more than he ever expected.

***Chandra's Wars* by Allan Stratton YP FIC SRATTON**  
Chandra Kabelo, a teenaged African girl, must save her younger siblings after they are kidnapped and forced to serve as child soldiers in General Mandiki's rebel army.

***Soldier X* by Don Wulffson YP FIC WULFFSON**  
In 1943 sixteen-year-old Erik experiences the horrors of war when he is drafted into the German army and sent to fight on the Russian front.



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Young adult fiction about teens and kids in war.



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***Little Soldier* by Bernard Ashley YP FIC ASHLEY** Taken from Africa to a foster home in London after his family is killed by an enemy tribe, Kaninda discovers the meaning of hate and the value of not hating.

***Soldier Boy* by Brian Burks YP FIC BURKS** A boy who grew up in the slums of late nineteenth-century Chicago runs away, joins the cavalry, and fights with General Custer in the battle of Little Big Horn.

***Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card YP FIC CARD** Child-hero Ender Wiggin must fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race if mankind is to survive, but in doing so may lose his own humanity.

***Ender's Shadow* by Orson Scott Card YP FIC CARD** Follows the life of Ender Wiggin's comrade Bean, from his escape from the mean streets of Rotterdam, to his student days at the Battle School, and to his role as Ender's right hand ally, strategist, and friend in the epic struggle to save Earth from alien invaders.

***The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane FIC CRANE** During his service in the Civil War a young Union soldier matures to manhood and finds peace of mind as he comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war.

***AK* by Peter Dickinson YP FIC DICKINSON** When a military coup occurs in the constantly war-torn African country of Nagala, teenage Paul is forced to flee into the open countryside to avoid enemy soldiers who seek his life.

***An Innocent Soldier* by Josef Holub YP FIC HOLUB** A sixteen-year-old farmhand is tricked into fighting in the Napoleonic Wars by the farmer for whom he works, who secretly substitutes him for the farmer's own son.

***Soldier Boys* by Dean Hughes YP FIC HUGHES** Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II, and their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge.

***Guerrilla Season* by Pat Hughes YP FIC HUGHES** Two fifteen-year-old boys find friendship and family loyalty tested in 1863 Missouri, where civilians are caught in the savage conflict between Rebel guerrillas and Union forces.



***Purple Heart* by Patricia McCormick YP FIC MCMORMICK** While recuperating in a Baghdad hospital from a traumatic brain injury sustained during the Iraq War, eighteen-year-old soldier Matt Duffy struggles to recall what happened to him and how it relates to his ten-year-old friend, Ali.

***The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins: A WW II Soldier* by Walter Dean Myers YP FIC MYERS** A seventeen-year-old soldier from central Virginia records his experiences in a journal as his regiment takes part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and subsequent battles to liberate France.

***Patrol: An American Soldier in Vietnam* by Walter Dean Myers YP FIC MYERS** A frightened American soldier faces combat in the lush forests of Vietnam.

***Girl in Blue* by Ann Rinaldi YP FIC RINALDI** To escape an abusive father and an arranged marriage, fourteen-year-old Sarah, dressed as a boy, leaves her Michigan home to enlist in the Union Army, and becomes a soldier on the battlefields of Virginia as well as a Union spy.

***The Sniper* by James Riordan YP FIC RIORDAN** This is the true story of a teenage sniper recruited in 1942 by Vasily Zaitsev to seek out and shoot German officers.