

READING LIST

Ten top recommendations for KS2/3 fiction about the First World War

Angus, S. Soldier Dog

It's 1917 and Stanley Ryder is one of many young boys enlisting in the army in spite of the fact that he is underage. Leaving his difficult family life behind him, he is soon assigned to working with messenger dogs and is drafted to the Western Front. Upper KS2/KS3

Burleigh, R. Fly, Cher Ami, Fly!

Cher Ami was one of 600 carrier pigeons used by the American Army during World War I.

Foreman, M. War Game

Michael Foreman's account of the 'Christmas Truce' when a group of World War One soldiers lay aside their animosities to play a game of football in No Man's Land.

McCrae, J. In Flanders Field: The Story of the Poem

The author interweaves lines of the poem with information about the war. Accounts of poet-doctor John McCrae's experiences in the field are included.

Morpurgo, M. The Best Christmas Present in the World

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.

Morpurgo, M. War Horse

Young Albert enlists to serve in World War I after his beloved horse is sold to the cavalry. Albert's hopeful journey takes him out of England and to the front lines as the war rages on.

Morpurgo, M. Private Peaceful

Private Peaceful is a novel about a soldier called Thomas "Tommo" Peaceful, who is looking back on his life from the trenches of World War I in Belgium. KS3

Wells, R. The Language of Doves

A story passed down from grandfather to granddaughter about his early enlistment in World War I, working with carrier pigeons and the role they played in the war.

Wilding, V. The Road to War: A First World War Girl's Diary 1916 -1917

When Daffy Rowntree's brother goes missing in action, she refuses to sit safely in England, and decides to do something to help win the war. Soon she finds herself in the mud and horror of the battlefields of France, driving an ambulance transporting the wounded of the trenches. KS3

Williams, M. Archie's War

In 1914, 10 year-old Archie is sent a scrapbook in the post by his Uncle Colin, and through the years that follow, we see the world through Archie's eyes.

