

# **Military Families in Middle Grade and Young Adult Fiction**

## **Middle Grade**

*Iraq/Afghanistan/contemporary 2003-2013*

Operation Yes by Sara Lewis Holmes (Scholastic)

Heart of a Shepherd by Rosanne Parry (Random House)

Bull Rider by Suzanne Morgan Williams (Simon & Schuster)

Peace, Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson (Puffin)

The Summer Before Boys by Nora Raleigh Baskin (Simon & Schuster)

Words in the Dust by Trent Reedy (Arthur Levine Books, Scholastic)

Operation Oleander by Valerie O. Patterson (Clarion, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Off to War and Children of War by Deborah Ellis, non-fiction collections of first-hand accounts from children of deployed soldiers and children of Iraq

*Vietnam/Korea/Cold War*

Shooting the Moon by Fances O’Roark Dowell (Atheneum)

All the Broken Pieces by Ann Burg (Scholastic)

Cracker: the Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kahota (Atheneum)

Second Fiddle by Rosemary Parry (Random House)

*World War I/World War II*

Crossing Stones by Helen Frost (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)

Slap Your Sides by M.E. Kerr (Harper Collins)

When My Name was Keoko by Linda Sue Park (Yearling)

Mare’s War by Tanita S. Davis (Knopf)

Homefront by Doris Gwaltney (Simon & Schuster)

## Young Adult

*Iraq/Afghanistan/Contemporary 2003-2013*

Bull Rider by Suzanne Morgan Williams (Simon & Schuster)

Purple Heart by Patricia McCormick (Balzer & Bray)

Sunrise over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic)

Something Like Normal by Trish Doller (Bloomsbury)

The Things a Brother Knows by Dana Reinhardt (Embler)

Personal Effects by E.M. Kokie (Candlewick Press)

Crossing Stones by Helen Frost (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Ghosts of War: the True Story of a 19 Year Old GI by Ryan Smith, a memoir, (Collins)

*Vietnam/Korea*

Rock and Roll Soldier by Dean Ellis Kohler, Susan Van Hecke and Graham Nash, memoir, (HarperTeen)

Keeping Score by Linda Sue Park (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

*World War I/World War II*

Lord of the Nutcracker Men by Iain Lawrence (Laurel Leaf Library)

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo (Puffin)

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac (Puffin)

Eyes of the Emperor by Graham Salisbury (Wendy Lamb)

The Last Mission by Henry Mazar (Laurel Leaf)

I Had Seen Castles by Cynthia Rylant (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

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