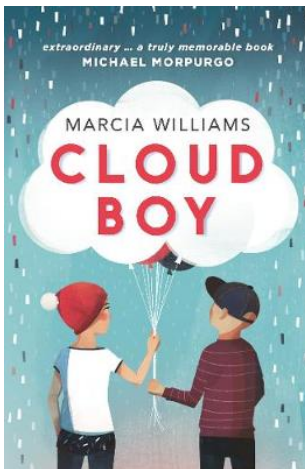


## Secret Suffragette

**Author:** Barbara Mitchelhill **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/06/2019 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

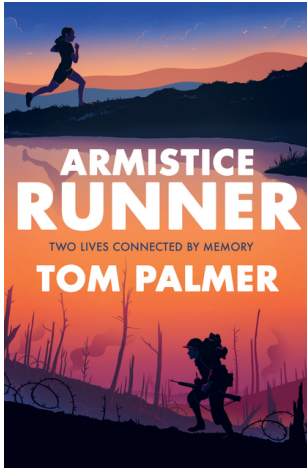
**June 2019 Book of the Month, A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month June 2019** The opportunities the suffragette movement offered for bright girls like Daisy, the twelve year old star of this exciting and award-winning story, is brilliantly capture in a book that is full of bustle and energy and danger. Growing up in cramped conditions in the East End of London Daisy's life is hard. When she's not at school where she is always in trouble for being too smart, she helps her mum with her younger sister and baby twin brothers. But Daisy has always had dreams of a brighter future: she knows that when she grows up she wants to become a nurse like the great Florence Nightingale. But Daisy is watching her own mother have little chance of doing what she really wants so what chance will she have since she is just a girl? When Daisy meets the suffragettes everything changes. It is scary to think what she would have to give up but Daisy is prepared to do anything to enjoy the new kind of freedom they are offering. Barbara Mitchelhill is skilfully at bringing this important and fascinating moment to life.



## Cloud Boy

**Author:** Marcia Williams **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/04/2019 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

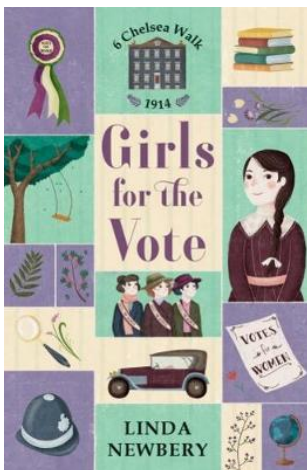
**April 2019 Debut of the Month** Marcia Williams is best known for her beautifully illustrated retellings of classic stories. For her first novel she has found inspiration in a true story. Cloud Boy takes the form of a diary written by a girl called Angie throughout a year in which her best friend Harry becomes seriously ill. Interspersed with her entries are readings of her grandmother's letters - very like diary entries - which were written though never sent when she was a child prisoner in the notorious Changi WW2 camp in Singapore. As things get very difficult for Harry, Angie is by turns sad, scared, frightened and angry. Her grandmother's letters provide distraction and comfort, especially the descriptions of a quilt the girls in the camp made in secret. The two stories are told with great sensitivity and despite the suffering being described the overwhelming sense is one of resilience and hope.



## Armistice Runner

**Author:** Tom Palmer **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/09/2018  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

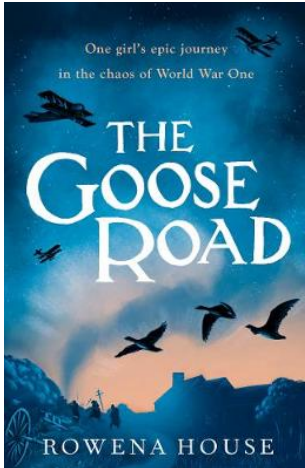
**Shortlisted for the Children's Book Awards 2019, Books for Older Readers Category** Interest Age 8-10 Reading Age 8 | World War One remains a subject of fascination for readers of all ages, but Tom Palmer finds an original way in to the topic in this poignant new story. Lily is a keen fell runner, though she's fed up of coming in as runner up in races. A visit to her grandparents reveals a surprise: her great-grandfather ran on the fells too. His experiences are recounted vividly in his diary, both his runs in his beloved Cumbria and his experiences as a soldier, recruited to run between positions on the front line, carrying crucial information to the allies. Their shared experiences form a powerful connection, and help Lily to understand herself better, and also to help her grandma when she needs it most. Today and yesterday are seamlessly woven together in a story that will move readers in lots of different ways.



## Girls for the Vote

**Author:** Linda Newbery **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/05/2018  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Brings the past brilliantly to life and introduces inspirational women to today's girls. Historically strong, this is a dramatic story with a real sense of atmosphere which in turn sheds an impressively wide light on the social and economic picture of its time. Girls for the Vote was originally published as Polly's March.

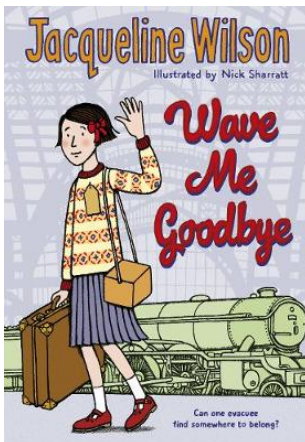


## The Goose Road

**Author:** Rowena House **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/04/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

**Shortlisted for The Branford Boase Award 2019 | April 2018**

**Debut of the Month** It's 1916 and fourteen-year-old Angelique is working on the family farm when she learns that her detested father has been killed in action, while her beloved brother Pascal is still at war. To Angelique, Mother's grief seems excessive - "How could she have loved father so?" she wonders, and so we wonder what kind of man he was while she focuses all her energy on keeping the farm afloat. Angelique's strength is formidable. She's admirably forthright, a force to be reckoned with, especially when adversity escalates and so, with the support of her dear Uncle Gustav, she hatches a plan that might just save the farm. They will venture through France to sell her brother's flock of glorious geese to the Commander-in-Chief of the Somme. Blending real-life hardships and the horrors of WWI with an overarching fairy tale-esque adventure, this is a classic David versus Goliath story in which a girl steps up to fight multiple Goliaths with large doses of determination, wit and a willingness to take risks. Highly recommended.



## Wave Me Goodbye

**Author:** Jacqueline Wilson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 08/02/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

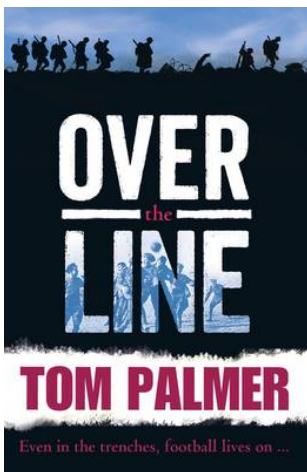
February 2018 Book of the Month | In a nutshell: an evacuee story as imagined by the one and only Jacqueline Wilson Queen of contemporary fiction, Jacqueline Wilson is now setting her stories in the past, but they're not one bit less lively, immediate or relevant to young people for that. For her 106th book she's chosen to write a story of evacuees. Shirley is a bit of a misfit, a daydreamer, which irritates her mum, happiest with imaginary friends. Awkward and shy, she's one of the last evacuees from her school to be adopted and is finally forced on a wealthy elderly lady and her housekeeper together with two boys similarly rejected. The arrival of the three youngsters shakes up the household, and what follows is vintage Wilson, full of incident and adroitly described relationships, and with an emotional and dramatic urgency that will keep readers turning the pages compulsively until the eventual happy ending. Nick Sharratt's illustrations are as funny and heart-rending as the text. ~ Andrea Reece



## The Secret of Nightingale Wood

**Author:** Lucy Strange **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/10/2016  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

One of our Books of the Year 2016 | October 2016 Debut of the Month  
Debut author Lucy Strange tells a touching story, rich in atmosphere and with a strong historical background capturing a young girl's need for courage and her way of finding it. Henry's (short for Henrietta) life is turned upside down following the death of her brother. Following a move to the country, Henry finds herself almost alone; her despairing father disappears on a work trip while her mother takes to her bed and becomes a prisoner of the doctor. Henry finds help and friendship from Moth, the mysterious woman who lives in the woods. Together, they refashion Henry's life and she begins to heal. ~ Julia Eccleshare A Piece of Passion from Barry Cunningham, Publisher 'I have always found friends in books: fictional characters were the best company for a lonely little boy beset by illness and big sisters! So it was with huge enthusiasm that I read Lucy Strange's haunting tale of a terrific girl called Henry who draws inspiration, wonder and strength from books. Henry's bravery in the face of terrible risks kept me racing to the very last page of this beautiful and mesmerizing novel. Set over a long, dreamy summer, The Secret of Nightingale Wood already enchants like a true classic.'

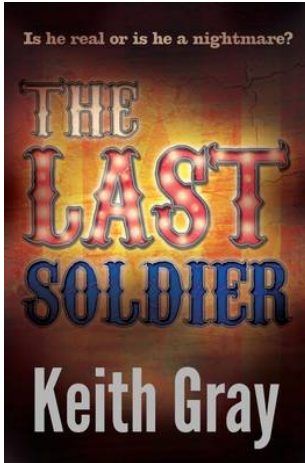


## Over the Line

**Author:** Tom Palmer **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 16/03/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Interest Age 10+ Reading Age 8 Football never dies – even during the darkest days of the First World War. Tom Palmer tells the true story of the Footballers' Battalion. Accused of cowardice because they are out playing football instead of fighting, Jack and his friends sign up to fight – and to play football. They have been promised the excitement of a Cup but the boys have to survive all the horror of the fighting too. Best-selling Tom Palmer's young heroes show their courage in the midst of the conflict. ~ Julia Eccleshare This book is also available to read via the Barrington Stoke 'Tints' App. Find out more here. There is also a great website to support this title full of background information and a Teachers' Area with invaluable discussion guides, play scripts and Q&As. Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.



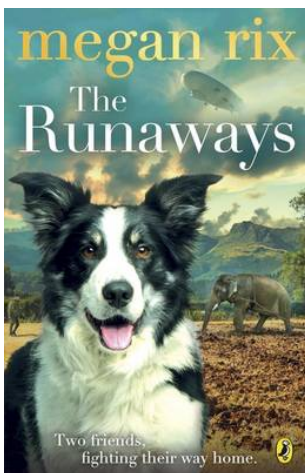


## The Last Soldier

**Author:** Keith Gray **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2015  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4

Shortlisted for the Scottish Teenage Book Prize 2017 Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8 The Last Soldier is lots of things: a genuinely creepy ghost story, and a gripping tale of loss, conflict, revenge and redemption. The ghost takes the form of a gruesome exhibit in the Museum of Marvels at a travelling carnival: the remains – real? – of a soldier, supposedly the last to die in World War One. It preys on Joe, a young man fighting his own battles in the small Texas town where he's growing up, and on his brother, Wade, desperate to stop Joe leaving as their father did, never to return. Thoroughly involving, this is a powerful piece of storytelling. ~ Andrea Reece Commenting on his nomination for the Scottish Teenage Book Prize Keith said: "I'm surprised, excited and genuinely honoured to have 'The Last Soldier' shortlisted for the Scottish Teenage Book Prize. It's extremely unusual to have a work of short fiction considered for a prestigious literary award and I hope the readers enjoy finding the big story, big characters, and big emotions in such a small book." Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click [here](#) to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.

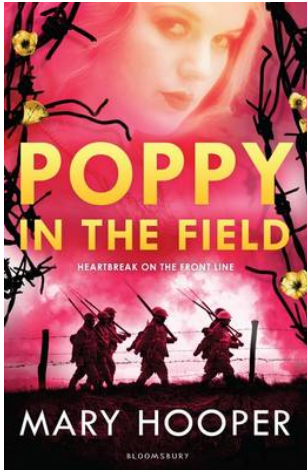
..... Find out more about The Last Soldier and being a reluctant reader in this special blog piece by Keith Gray.



## A Soldier's Friend

**Author:** Megan Rix **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/05/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

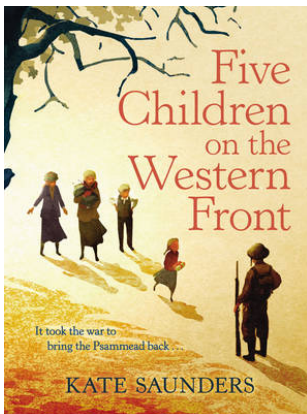
Shortlisted for the 2015 Red House Children's Book Award Two elephants and an old Border collie are the stars of Megan Rix's wonderfully heart-warming new animal story. It's 1917 and as the First World War rages, Cullen's Circus is forced to close. With Albert their keeper gone, Shanti is forcibly parted from her calf Tara in a heart-wrenching scene. But Harvey the collie won't leave the little elephant and the two set out to find Shanti. The animals are real characters, their loyalty and bravery in stark contrast to some – though by no means all – of the humans. Tara and Harvey's journey feels completely credible and there won't be a dry eye in the house for the final chapters. There are cameo appearances for Beatrix Potter, Elgar and Houdini, but the story – as with all Megan Rix's books – belongs to the animals. ~ Andrea Reece



## Poppy in the Field

**Author:** Mary Hooper **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/05/2015  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4

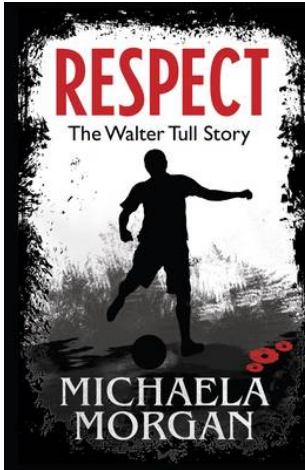
Julia Eccleshare's Pick of the Month, May 2015 A welcome return for Poppy, the brave young nurse in World War One. Poppy thinks her heart will break when she finds that Freddie whom she loves so much is to marry Philippa Cardew. Rather than mope at home, Poppy signs up to serve as a VAD nearer to the action of the war. Here the casualties are in a far worse state than in London and Poppy longs to help in any way she can. But first she must prove how useful she can be and overcome the view that VADs are not properly trained. With new work and new friends, Poppy flourishes and even gets over her broken heart! Mary Hooper captures the horrors of World War One, the bravery of those who served in all ways and, above all, the ups and downs of romance! ~ Julia Eccleshare Click here to read more about the story behind Poppy in the Field from the author herself. .... Julia Eccleshare's Picks of the Month for May 2015 - Spotty Lottie and Me by Richard Byrne Bomber by Paul Dowsell The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge What the Jackdaw Saw by Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt Poppy in the Field by Mary Hooper Soon by Timothy Knapman



## Five Children on the Western Front

**Author:** Kate Saunders **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/10/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Shortlisted for the 2015 Guardian Children's Book prize - One of our Books of the Year 2014 - October 2014 Book of the Month - Winner of the Costa Children's Book Award 2014 Witty, tender and full of insights into life love and politics, this is a brilliant book in its own right as well as a worthy tribute to E. Nesbit's classic Five Children and It. The year is 1914. Anthea, Robert, Jane and Cyril, who has just enlisted, are now grown up, the Lamb is a schoolboy and even Edie, an addition to the family since the original, is old enough to meet the extraordinary and magical Psammead when he re-enters their life. All the children are longing for some new adventures but has the Psammead still got his magical powers? As befits the serious times, the Psammead plays an invaluable role in helping the family understand the First World War while also sorting out problems from his own past. Action-packed, funny and thoughtful this is a book to fall in love with. ~ Julia Eccleshare Although Kate Saunders' novel takes its inspiration from E Nesbit's Five Children and It, Five Children on the Western Front is an entirely stand alone novel and there is no need to have read the original classic.



## Respect!

**Author:** Michaela Morgan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/08/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Interest Age Teen Reading Age 7+ An amazing true story, this is the life of Walter Tull. Tull was a brave and true young man who became the first black footballer in top flight football and then earned a new kind of respect for his bravery in World War One. Walter and his younger brother were sent to live in a children's home when they were orphaned as children. Walter always showed an exceptional talent for football and he was soon signed up first for the top amateur club and then at Tottenham Hotspurs. Tully experienced racism when he played away games but he continued to play brilliant football and did his best to ignore the taunts. When World War One broke out Tull enlisted and such showed exceptional skill and such good leadership qualities that he was made an officer! Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+

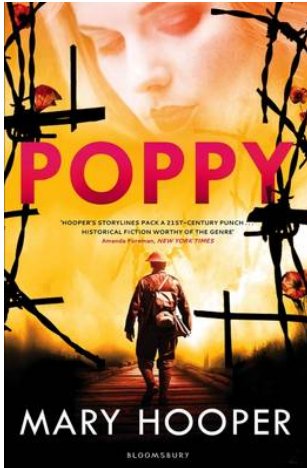
MICHAEL MORPURGO

## War Horse



**Author:** Michael Morpurgo **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 31/07/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

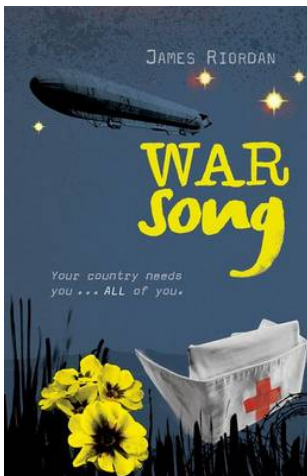
This special edition of War Horse commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, and features a brand new introduction by Michael Morpurgo and cover artwork by Rae Smith, designer of the National Theatre's production of War Horse. Michael Morpurgo's tender story of Joey, a brave hearted farm horse who finds himself caught up in the horrors of war, cleverly conveys both the violence and the occasional compassion, which occurs during conflict. A classic story of animal courage and bravery. ~ Julia Eccleshare \*\*\* There is a stunning new hardback edition of War Horse, beautifully illustrated by Rae Smith, the stage designer of the epic theatre production. Click [here](#) to find out more.



## Poppy

**Author:** Mary Hooper **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 08/05/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4

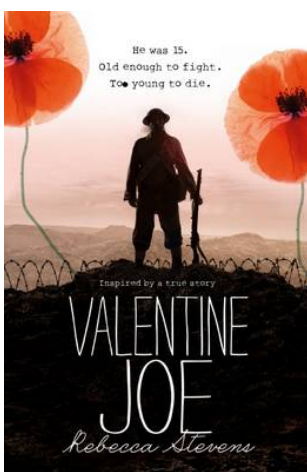
Women's roles in the First World War need to be told as frequently as possible. Mary Hooper's *Poppy* combines a brilliant insight into how utterly and dramatically the lives of women changed during the conflict as attitudes altered and old social hierarchies were overturned and with a heart-warming romance. How the war affected a girl like Poppy and how she is changed by it is a richly entertaining story. Follow Poppy as she travels to Flanders as a nurse on the front line in the sequel *Poppy in the Field*.



## War Song

**Author:** James Riordan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/05/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

A hugely powerful and emotional story which really brings home to the reader the horror and hardship faced not only by the soldiers, but everyone else who lived through the First World War. This outstanding story is full of raw emotion and a real sense of the enormous hardship faced by men and women during the First World War and it is reissued to coincide with the centenary of the First World War.



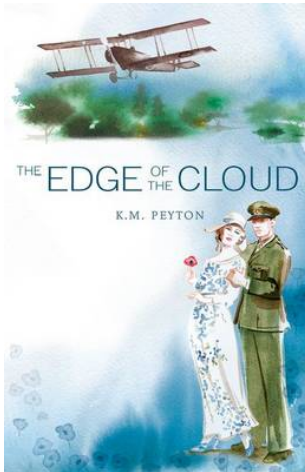
## Valentine Joe

**Author:** Rebecca Stevens **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/05/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

One of our Books of the Year 2014 - May 2014 Debut of the Month Bringing the past alive through a timeslip is an excellent way of getting under the skin of the very young soldiers serving at the front in the First World War. On a trip to Ypres with her grandfather, Rose is deeply moved by the grave of a fifteen year old soldier, Valentine Joe. That night, she finds herself suddenly back in the days of the war. When she meets the young soldiers she is determined to try to change their destiny. But can she? A thought-provoking, original and deeply moving story which brings the war vividly to life. A Piece of Passion from Barry Cunningham, Publisher, Chicken House Can we ever imagine life for ordinary 'Joes' in the chaos and confusion of the First World War trenches? Well, here in this moving, heartbreaking and warm story Rebecca Stevens does just that - she takes a modern young girl back to meet a boy soldier and his dog. They learn a lot together - but more



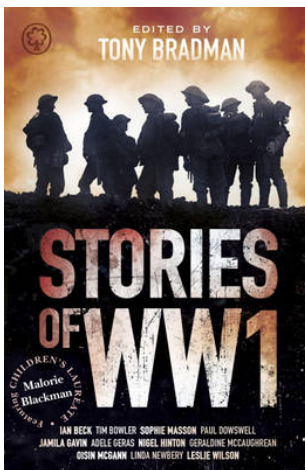
importantly they help each other come to terms with what's happening in both their worlds, when death becomes part of everyday life. Sorry, I couldn't help crying. IT MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN! Kids love to read and so in addition to our Lovereading4kids expert opinion some of our Kids Reader Review Panel were also lucky enough to read and review this title.



## The Edge of the Cloud

**Author:** K. M. Peyton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/04/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

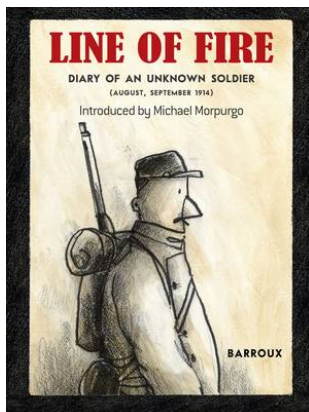
Winner of the 1969 CILIP Carnegie Medal K.M. Peyton won the Carnegie Medal for this romantic and passionate story set in the run up to World War 1. A sequel to Flambards, it tells how Christina, now seventeen, fleeing her raging uncle and his plans for her marriage, elopes with Will and begins a new life with him as he pursues his passion for flying. Will finds work on an airfield where he can fly and design planes in the hope of being able to earn enough money to marry Christina. To be near him, Christina gets work in a hotel. K.M. Peyton captures their happiness despite the dangers of flying and the threat of the possible war. When war is declared, Will signs up swiftly for the newly formed Royal Flying Corps and all the dangers it will entail.



## Stories of World War One

**Author:** Various Authors **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/04/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

A poignant and fascinating anthology of tales to remember and commemorate the fallen of The Great War and those who survived the conflict and its aftermath. Collaborating with a wealth of experienced writers including Malorie Blackman, Geraldine McCaughrean and Oisín McGann, Tony Bradman has collated the definitive First World War collection – showing the horror and futility of war as well as moments of camaraderie and friendship. A note from the editor, Tony Bradman “the best way to remember the war is through the words of writers. This is something Wilfred Owen himself recognised. He wrote that 'truthful poets must be truthful', and by this I think he meant that the truth of what happened is to be found in the poems and stories written about it. That's where you'll find an understanding of the impact of the war on people who lived through it and who came after.”



## Line of Fire Diary of an Unknown Soldier August - September 1914

**Author:** Barroux **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/02/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

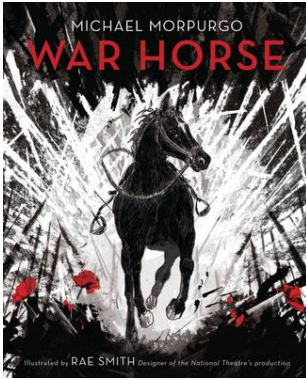
Line of Fire is one of the most extraordinary - and beautiful - books about the First World War. This diary of an unknown French soldier tells of his experiences in the very early days of the fighting at the Front. Told as a matter-of-fact catalogue of events, it records the strange journey from normal civilian life into the life of a soldier with all the hardship that brings. While there is no wallowing in all the unpleasantness that he sees, its impact is strongly felt. Through Barroux's wonderful illustrations readers emphasise absolutely with the soldier's experience. Astonishingly, the book was found completely by chance on a Paris street by author-illustrator Barroux. He rescued the diary from the rubbish, took it back to his studio and, moved and inspired by the soldier's story, adapted the soldier's diary into a striking and unforgettable black and white graphic novel. In the words of Michael Morpurgo, who has written a special introduction to the book, this is 'a witness statement, the untrammelled, unedited voice of someone who was there.'



## Tilly's Promise

**Author:** Linda Newbery **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4

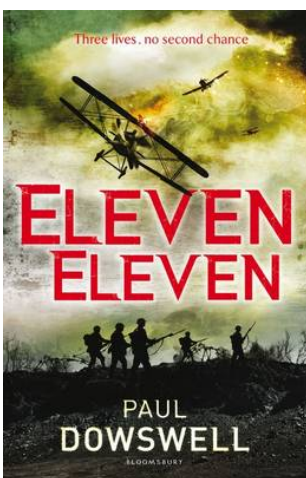
One of our Dyslexia Friendly Books of the Year 2014 - Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8+ Award-winning Linda Newbery gives a fresh insight into the First World War in this deeply touching story. Village sweethearts Tilly and Harry are both willing to do what they can to help win the war. Harry joins up to serve in France and Tilly trains as a nurse stationed first near home and later in France. Despite their best intentions each of them finds themselves unable to keep promises made in the course of action. Can they still trust themselves? Can they trust each other? Linda Newbery sensitively charts the wider ripples of the war and its effect. A Piece of Passion from the Editor, Ruth Williams 'I loved working on Tilly's Promise. Tilly's such an appealing narrator - sympathetic, yet matter-of-fact and totally lacking in self-pity. Tilly's own experiences as a nurse are moving enough, but particularly distressing are her concerns for her brother Georgie who has learning difficulties - I'd never before thought about what happened to men who were fit enough to fight, but couldn't understand what was going on.' Tilly's Promise is the story of a young volunteer nurse. For more information on nurses and medical care during the War and how the War affected those at home visit [www.readingwar.co.uk](http://www.readingwar.co.uk). There is a wealth of fascinating information plus an introduction to the book from Linda Newbery.



## War Horse

**Author:** Michael Morpurgo **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/11/2013 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

All the magic of the National Theatre's award-winning production of War Horse is brought to life in this beautifully designed edition of Michael Morpurgo's classic. Rae Smith's iconic designs for the sets, costumes and the rest vividly bring the story to life. A centre page fold-out giving packs an enormous punch as it brings to life the terrible experiences of being in the trenches.

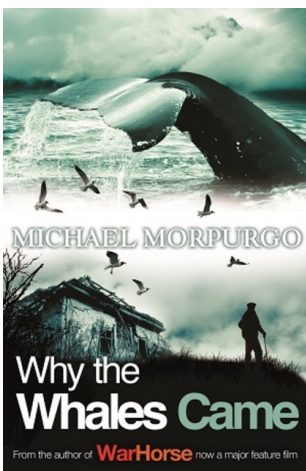


## Eleven Eleven

**Author:** Paul Dowsell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 11/10/2012 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

A powerful combination of historic detail, timeless narrative and action-packed plot. The author places three teenagers, one American, one British and the other German at the centre of the story in the lead up to the 11th day of the 11th month at 11am. But can each of them find the strength, bravery and understanding within themselves in order to get back safely to their homelands? If you're on the look out for a nail-biting, page-turning thriller - a junior le Carre - then this is for you.

..... There is a helpful reading guide to accompany this book which you can download through the link (right) with discussion topics, creative writing ideas and further reading suggestions.



## Why The Whales Came

**Author:** Michael Morpurgo **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/02/2007 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

A terrific page-turner set during World War One in which two children befriend a man who lives alone on an island in the Isles of Scilly. As their friendship develops he tells the children of a dreaded curse that has afflicted a nearby island. Determined to find out more and to lift the curse it becomes a race against time and against all the other inhabitants of the Isles of Scilly for the children to prevent the curse from striking again. The author's ability to interweave fact and fiction into an empowering adventure is second to none.