

War Zone

It seems that whenever you turn on the television there is a war going on somewhere in the world.

Already this year there has been nearly a month of bloodshed in Kenya, and, while many of us were getting excited about the Olympic Games in China, nearer to home Russian tanks were rolling into the republic of Georgia. As well as this there are the on-going battles in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, and probably many more.

Wars are fought for various reasons, such as differences in political and religious opinions. They don't just concern the soldiers and military who are trained to fight. It also affects civilians, including huge numbers of children and young people whose lives are disrupted, if not destroyed.

Of course to some people war is the opportunity to have great adventures, and it can be the most exciting time of their lives.

We have a number of books in the Young Calibre library by or about children and young people and their experiences and adventures in wartime. A few feature the First World War (1914-1918) where the fighting was mainly in France and the people at home did not experience too much disruption.

16122 THE BOOK OF THE BANSHEE By Anne Fine

Inspired by a visiting writer and the diary of a young soldier from the trenches, Will decides to become a war correspondent and records his account of the battles with his sister.

KS2 & 3

16464 PRIVATE PEACEFUL By Michael Morpurgo

Thomas Peaceful is a young soldier looking back at his childhood from the battlefields of the First World War. But even as he remembers how things used to be something happens that will change his life forever.

KS3 & 4

16373 THE RINALDI RING By Jenny Nimmo

After his mother's death, Eliot is sent to stay with his cousins. There he is haunted by Mary-Ellen who was once a prisoner in his very room. People believed that she lost her sanity when her fiance was killed in the First World War. Eliot is determined to find out about her and right a terrible wrong!

KS2 & 3

16548 THE FORESHADOWING By Marcus Sedgewick

Seventeen-year-old Sasha's gift of being able to see into the future shows her the horrors of the battlefields of the First World War, and worst of all the fate of her two brothers, Edgar and Tom. Sasha is forced to flee from her over-protective parents to become a nurse at the front. There she tries to change the path of fate.

KS4

In 1936 a civil war started in Spain, and many young people from other countries volunteered to fight with the Republican forces against the Fascists who were supported by Germany and Italy.

16476 TELL THE MOON TO COME OUT

By Joan Lingard

Nick's father left Scotland to fight in the Civil War in Spain, and never came back. In 1939 Nick travels to Spain in search of his father, but this is a dangerous country especially for a boy with no papers. When he is ill Isabel offers to help him, but can he trust her?

KS3

In 1939 the government of Germany became very aggressive to its neighbours in Europe and gradually many countries were involved in the Second World War that was to last six years. This time civilians in England were directly affected because of the bombing campaigns by the German Luftwaffe (Air Force).

15764 PAPER FACES

By Rachel Anderson

May 1945 and the end of World War 2 means the return of a father, and for Dot a new way of life.

KS4

15542 CARRIE'S WAR

By Nina Bawden

When Carrie returns to Wales where she was evacuated as a child in World War II, her children learn about the fascinating people she knew and her life as an evacuee.

KS2

15949 THE LITTLE SHIPS By Louise Borden

In May 1940 when British troops were trapped in France by the German army, an incredible armada of little ships sailed the English Channel to rescue them.

KS1

16148 HANNAH GOSLAR REMEMBERS

By Alison Leslie Gold

Hannah Goslar is already known to many of us as 'Haneli' or 'Lies' from the writings of her childhood friend Anne Frank. Here Hannah tells of her own wartime experiences with Anne, and after Anne's family disappeared.

KS4

16177 THE LION AND THE UNICORN

By Shirley Hughes

London is being bombed and is dangerous so Lenny is evacuated to the country. 'Be brave' said his mother, but it's hard to be brave when you feel lonely and unhappy!

KS1 & 2

16149 WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT

By Judith Kerr

When Anna's father flees Germany in the dead of night it must be kept a secret. Two weeks later as the Nazis come to power Anna, Max and their mother secretly join him in Switzerland. This is the start of their adventures.

KS2 & 3

16296 ANNE FRANK'S STORY By Carol Ann Lee

Anne Frank's name is known throughout the world as the author of a famous wartime diary. This is the story of Anne's life before and after writing the diary.

KS2 & 3

15521 THERE'S NO ESCAPE By Ian Serraillier

A parachute drop into enemy territory in World War II leads to a thrilling adventure and dramatic rescue.

KS2 & 3

16694 HITLER'S CANARY By Sandi Toksvig

When the Germans invade Denmark, Bamse doesn't know how he should behave. Should he try to stay out of trouble or should he follow his brother into the resistance? A dramatic tale of a daring rescue.

KS3 & 4

15644 THE KINGDOM BY THE SEA

By Robert Westall

After his parents are killed in World War 2, 12 year-old Harry and his dog set off on an incredible journey.

KS2 & 3

Since the end of the Second World War in 1945 there have been many other wars and we have a few books covering these conflicts.

16266 THE BREADWINNER By Deborah Ellis

In Afghanistan, Parvana's father has been arrested by the Taliban and by law the women cannot leave home alone. When the food runs out Parvana pretends to be a boy. It is dangerous but the only way to save the family.

KS3 & 4

16383 PARVANA'S JOURNEY By Deborah Ellis

Sequel to 'The Breadwinner'. Disguised as a boy, thirteen year old Parvana journeys through Afghanistan searching for her mother, sisters and brother. Trying to avoid Taliban soldiers and other dangers, she befriends an orphaned baby and a crippled boy, but will they help or hamper her search?

KS3 & 4

15789 ZLATA'S DIARY By Zlata Filipovic

Zlata was 11 years old when she wrote about her life in Sarajevo and the dramatic changes brought about by war.

KS3

15707 GULF By Robert Westall

The extraordinary story of two brothers pitched into a battle in the Gulf War that only they can win or lose.

KS4

Christine Ronaldson