

U.S. History Conflicts

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The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children's, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

French and Indian War

Look to the Hills

by Pat McKissack

J F DEAR AMERICA

Brought up in France as the African slave companion of a nobleman's daughter, 13-year-old Zettie records the events of 1763, when she and her mistress escape to the New World. They are inadvertently drawn into the hostilities of the ongoing French and Indian War and, eventually, find a new direction to their lives. 188 pages

Spirited

by Nancy Holder

YA F HOLDER

In 1756, during the war between the British and the French, Isabella and her father are kidnapped by a young medicine man who wishes revenge for his wife and child, but after noticing the bravery of his young victim, Wusamequin reconsiders his plans of murder and brings her into his mystical world. 253 pages

The Last of the Mohicans

by James Fenimore Cooper

F COOPER

Natty Bumppo, known as Hawkeye, has exiled himself from society. But when two sisters ask him to lead them through hostile Indian country, he agrees to do so with the help of the Mohican scout Chingachgook. 407 pages

Bellewether

by Susanna Kearsley

F KEARSLEY

As war is raging, young French Canadian lieutenant Jean-Philippe de Sabran is captured and billeted with a Long Island family, becoming an unwilling and unwelcome guest that soon has feelings for the daughter of the house, Lydia Wilde. 434 pages

The War that Made America

by Fred Anderson

973.26 AND

Examines how the French and Indian War of the mid-18th century had a definitive impact on history, tracing how it served to overturn the balance of power on two continents and laid the groundwork for the American Revolution. 293 pages

Revolutionary War

Chains

by Laurie Halse Anderson

YA F ANDERSON

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. 316 pages

Hamilton and Peggy!

by L. M. Elliot

YA F ELLIOT

In the throes of the Revolutionary War, Peggy Schuyler finds herself a central figure amid Loyalists and Patriots, spies and traitors, friends and family. 436 pages



Johnny Tremain

by Esther Hoskins Forbes

YA F FORBES

After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution. 299 pages

The American Revolution and the Young Republic, 1763 to 1816

by Jeffrey Wallenfeldt

YA 973.2 AME

Introduces the architects of American independence and their most ardent arguments against British rule, the events of the American Revolution, and the documents that helped shape a country. 142 pages

Revolutionary War

by Robert Grayson

YA 973.3 GRA

This book explores the causes of and events leading to the American Revolutionary War, as well as discussing major battles and key figures of the war. 112 pages

The First Conspiracy

by Brad Meltzer

YA 973.4109 MEL

In 1776, an elite group of soldiers was handpicked to serve as George Washington's bodyguards. Instead of all being loyal and deserving of his trust, some were part of a treasonous plan to dispose of him. This is the story of the secret plot and how it was revealed. 358 pages

The Indispensables

by Patrick K. O'Donnell

YA 973.3 ODO

In an addition to the literature of the American Revolution, a best-selling historian dramatically recounts how and why the Marblehead Regiment, led by John Glover, was truly indispensable. 415 pages

War of 1812



The Left-Handed Fate

by Kate Milford

J F MILFORD

A quest story to find the three pieces of a magical engine which can either win the War of 1812 ... or stop it altogether. 372 pages

1812: The War that Forged a Nation

by Walter R. Borneman

973.52 BOR

This book presents a sweeping narrative that covers the history of the conflict and the colorful personalities involved, and emphasizes its' importance to America's coming-of-age as a nation. 349 pages

War of 1812

by Miriam Greenblatt

YA 973.52 GRE

Tells of the United States' heroic campaign to beat back one of the most powerful military forces in the world, and to rid America of foreign powers once and for all. 176 pages



Star-Spangled

by Tim Grove

YA 973.52 GRO

This account of the lesser-known history of America's national anthem describes the American flag's design, the important contributions of free black soldiers during the War of 1812, and the intense battle that inspired Francis Scott Key's poem. 165 pages

Civil War



Red Badge of Courage

by Stephen Crane

YA F CRANE

In the spring of 1863, while engaged in the fierce Civil War battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia, a young Union soldier matures to manhood and comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war. 150 pages

↓ **Annie, Between the States**

by Laura Elliott

YA F ELLIOTT

Instead of spending her teen years at parties and balls, Annie, an idealistic, poetry-loving patriot, finds herself nursing soldiers, hiding valuables, and running the household as the Civil War rages around her family's Virginia home. 488 pages

↓ **One Real American**

by Joseph Bruchac

J BIO PARKER 2020

A member of the Seneca, an Iroquois nation, Ely S. Parker was an attorney, engineer, and tribal diplomat. During the American Civil War, he was commissioned as a lieutenant colonel and was the primary draftsman of the terms of the Confederate surrender at Appomattox. Includes archival photos, maps, endnotes, bibliography, and timeline. 242 pages

↓ **Courageous Women of the Civil War**

by M.R. Cordell

YA 973.7082 COR

This book reveals the exploits of 16 remarkable women who defied society's expectations to serve the war effort at home, and instead served in dangerous roles such as medics, spies, battlefield helpers, and even soldiers on the front lines. 230 pages

Now or Never!

by Ray Anthony Shepard

YA 973.7415 SHE

The riveting dual biography of two little-known but extraordinary men in Civil War history: George E. Stephens and James Henry Gooding. These Union soldiers served in the Massachusetts 54th Infantry, the well-known black regiment, and were war correspondents who published eyewitness reports of the battlefields. 144 pages

Deadly Aim

by Sally M. Walker

YA 973.7474 WAL

This book tells the story of Michigan's Anishinaabe sharpshooters: a group of Ojibwa soldiers who bravely fought in the Civil War, despite enduring broken treaties, loss of tribal lands, and racism. 288 pages

Spanish-American War

↶ ↓ **Spain in our Hearts**

by Adam Hochschild

946.081 HOC

A history of the Spanish Civil War, told through nine American and British characters including Hemingway and George Orwell. It was a war between fascism, communism, and democracy that preceded World War II, and a tale of idealism and a noble cause that failed. 438 pages

Spanish-American War

by Captivating History

973.89 CAP

This book explores how the Spanish-American War was an event that was the tipping point for the end of the Spanish Empire and the rise of the US as a formidable player on the world stage. 221 pages

Spanish-American War

by Michael Golay

YA 973.89 GOL

A narrative account of the Spanish-American War, covering the origins of the dispute between the United States and Spain over Cuba. Also included are profiles of the key figures and descriptions of major battles. 154 pages

World War I

↓ **The Button War**

by Avi

YA F AVI

When World War I comes to Poland, bringing one invading army after another to the village, Jurek devises an exciting dare among the boys in his pack; whoever steals the best military button will be Button King. The competition soon escalates into a dangerous game with potentially deadly consequences. 229 pages

Silent

by David Mellon

YA F MELLON

Rejected by both her British father's and Indian mother's cultures, Adi is no stranger to trouble. But when a mysterious agitator called Coal kidnaps Adi's twin brothers, she has only herself to rely on. Putting on a military uniform and cutting her hair, she slips unnoticed through the chaos of World War I. 317 pages

The War to End All Wars

by Russell Freedman

YA 940.3 FRE

A narrative history of World War I for young readers that features archival photographs, and describes how advanced military weaponry impacted the course of the war. 176 pages

Women Heroes of World War I

by Kathryn J. Atwood

YA 940.308 ATW

Commemorates 16 lesser-known women of valor who served in World War I, including Allies guide and first-aid teen Emilienne Moreau, Imperial Russian Army peasant Maria Bochkareva, and American journalist Madeleine Zabriskie Doty. 246 pages

Come on In, America

by Linda Barrett Osborne

YA 940.373 OSB

The "Great War" in Europe started in 1914, but it wasn't until April 6, 1917, that the United States declared war on Germany and joined World War I. Osborne explores not only how and why the United States joined World War I, but also shows how events during the war changed the course of American history. 170 pages

The Grand Escape

by Neal Bascomb

YA 940.4724 BAS

At the height of World War I, a struggle for survival was being waged in the most notorious POW camp in all of Germany: Holzminden. A land-locked Alcatraz of sorts, it was home to the most troublesome Allied prisoners--and the most talented at escape. 275 pages

World War II

Code Talker

by Joseph Bruchac

YA F BRUCHAC

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue. 231 pages

This Light Between Us

by Andrew Fukuda

YA F FUKUDA

Pen pals Ales Maki of Bainbridge Island, Washington, and Charlie Lévy of Paris, France, find solace in their friendship as Charlie endures the Nazi occupation, Alex's family is sent to an internment camp, and Alex joins the Army. 382 pages

World War II

by Diane C. Taylor

YA 940.53 TAY

Why did the world find itself immersed in another global conflict only two decades after World War I? This book discusses the political, military, and cultural forces that shook the globe from 1939 to 1945 and beyond, and the repercussions of these events around the world. 120 pages

Standing Up Against Hate

by Mary Cronk Farrell

YA 940.5412 FAR

Tells the stories of the African American women who enlisted in the newly formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in World War II. They quickly discovered that they faced as many obstacles in the armed forces as they did in everyday life. 196 pages

D-Day: The World War II Invasion that Changed History

by Deborah Hopkinson

YA 940.5421 HOP

The WWII invasion of Allied troops into German-occupied Europe, known as D-Day, was the largest military endeavor in history. This book details not just the accomplishments of the major players of D-Day, but the contributions of people in many different positions to this critical battle. 375 pages

Cold War

Suspect Red

by L.M. Elliott

J F ELLIOT

In 1950s Washington, D.C., teenaged Richard, a bookworm whose father works for the FBI, experiences effects of McCarthyism, beginning with book banning and ending with a threat to his half-Czech friend. 291 pages

The Cold War

by Richard Brownell

YA 909.825 BRO

Discusses the causes and events of the Cold War, tracing the political struggle between Soviet Russia and the United States from the end of World War II to the fall of the Soviet Union. 104 pages

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown

by Steve Sheinkin

YA 972.9106 SHE

As World War II ends, the United States and the Soviet Union begin a neck-and-neck competition to build increasingly more destructive bombs and conquer the Space Race. The decades-long showdown culminates in the Cuban Missile Crisis, the world's close call with the third-and final-world war. 342 pages

A Time of Fear

by Albert Marrin

YA 973.9 MAR

In twentieth century America, no threat loomed larger than the communist superpower of the Soviet Union. This book examines the effects of the communist movement on the United States. 306 pages

Korean War

Brother's Keeper

by Julie Lee

J F LEE

Twelve-year-old Sora and her eight-year-old brother, Youngsoo, must try to escape North Korea's oppressive Communist regime by travelling 300 miles on their own in the winter of 1950. 314 pages

The Korean War

by Michael Burgan

J INFO 951.904 BUR

Using a choose-your-own-adventure model, readers experience the Korean War from the perspectives of real people, such as a pilot, a member of the U.S. military reserves, a South Korean man, and more. 112 pages

Devotion

by Adam Makos

YA 951.9042 MAK

A young adult adaptation of the national bestseller that details the true story of two Navy pilots from divergent racial and economic backgrounds who forge a deep friendship during the Korean War as they face extraordinary circumstances. 347 pages

The Frozen Hours

by Jeff Shaara

F SHAARA

In 1950 under incredibly brutal winter weather conditions, the Soviet backed North Korean army invades South Korea with the intent of placing it under communist rule. In response the United States mobilizes a force to help the South Korean troops. This is a high-action account of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir that is told from the viewpoints of soldiers and leaders on both sides of the conflict. 525 pages

Ghost Flames

by Charles Hanley

951.9042 HAN

Shows the history of the Korean War through the eyes of 21 individuals—soldiers and civilians, witnesses both to atrocity and to heroism. The narrative unfolds in interwoven episodes from the hilltop trench lines, the refugee camps and the prisoner-of-war camps. 504 pages

Vietnam War

Fallen Angels

by Walter Dean Myers

YA F MYERS

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam. 309 pages

On Blood Road

by Steve Watkins

YA F WATKINS

Taylor is a rebellious teenager with a habit of sneaking out to hang with his anti-war friends, so in January 1968 his mother drags him off to Saigon where his father is attached to the United States embassy. 274 pages

Courageous Women of the Vietnam War

by Kathryn J. Atwood

YA 959.7043 ATW

In these pages, readers meet brave women and girls who served in life-threatening roles as medics, journalists, resisters, and revolutionaries in the conflict in Vietnam. 225 pages

Vietnam: A History of a War

by Russell Freedman

YA 959.7043 FRE

A succinct account of how Cold War politics led to one of America's most puzzling and contentious wars. Describes how the war began, why it was so difficult to end, and how its tragic legacy endures today. 150 pages

Boots on the Ground

by Elizabeth Partridge

YA 959.7043 PAR

An exploration of the Vietnam War from many different perspectives including American soldiers, a nurse, a Vietnamese refugee, politicians, anti-war protesters, and more. 213 pages

Captured: An American Prisoner of War in North Vietnam

by Alvin Townley

YA 959.7043 TOW

Naval aviator Jeremiah Denton was captured in North Vietnam in 1965. Over the next seven and a half years as a POW, Jerry Denton led a group of fellow American prisoners in withstanding gruesome conditions behind enemy lines. 239 pages

Persian Gulf War

The Persian Gulf and Iraqi Wars

by Lawrence J. Zwier

J INFO 956.704 ZWI

Covers the 1991 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, which led to the Persian Gulf War, and the second chapter of that war in 2003, when U.S. soldiers were again sent to the region, this time to topple the regime of dictator Saddam Hussein. 96 pages

Persian Gulf War

by Rodney P. Carlisle

YA 956.7044 CAR

A narrative account of the American experience of the Persian Gulf War, and a discussion of how the war has affected policies and attitudes toward military involvement in foreign countries. 160 pages

Iraq War

↓ Dear Blue Sky

by Mary Sullivan

J F SULLIVAN

Shortly after Cass's big brother is deployed to fight in Iraq, Cass becomes pen pals with an Iraqi girl who opens up her eyes to the effects of war. 248 pages

↓ The Yellow Birds

by Kevin Powers

F POWERS

Follows soldiers John Bartle and Daniel Murphy from basic training through their horrific experience in Iraq, and Bartle's subsequent attempts to reconcile himself to what he saw and did in the war. 230 pages

American Heroes in the Fight Against Radical Islam

by Oliver North

YA 956.7044 NOR

Chronicles the "War on Terrorism" from the 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States to the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, highlighting the contributions and achievements of U.S. military personnel. 304 pages

Places and Names

by Elliot Ackerman

BIO ACKERMAN

From a decorated Marine war veteran and National Book Award Finalist, this memoir is an astonishing reckoning with the nature of combat and the human cost of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria. 232 pages

Afghan War

Under the Persimmon Tree

by Suzanne Staples

YA F STAPLES

During the 2001 Afghan War, the lives of Najmal, a young refugee from Kunduz, Afghanistan, and Nusrat, an American-Muslim teacher, intersect at a school in Peshawar, Pakistan. 275 pages

The War in Afghanistan

by Stuart A. Kallen

YA 958.1047 KAL

Provides background information on the war in Afghanistan, from the September 11 terror attacks in 2001, through to the Arab Spring of 2013. 96 pages

Beyond the Call

by Eileen Rivers

958.1047 RIV

Follows the experiences of four women who fought in active combat duty in Afghanistan and also worked to gather intelligence about the Taliban from local Afghani women, with whom they were able to cultivate relationships, unlike their male counterparts. 254 pages

Shoot Like a Girl

by Mary Jennings Hegar

BIO HEGAR

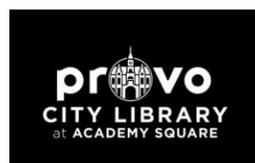
A thrilling true story of Air National Guard Major Mary Jennings 'MJ' Hegar who served three tours in Afghanistan, flying combat search-and-rescue missions, culminating in a harrowing rescue attempt that earned her the Purple Heart as well as the distinguished Flying Cross with Valor Device. 292 pages

Never Quit

by Jimmy Settle

YA BIO SETTLE

The young adult adaptation of the epic memoir of an Alaskan pararescue jumper, Special Forces Operator, and decorated war hero, detailing some of his most terrifying and exciting missions. 293 pages



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