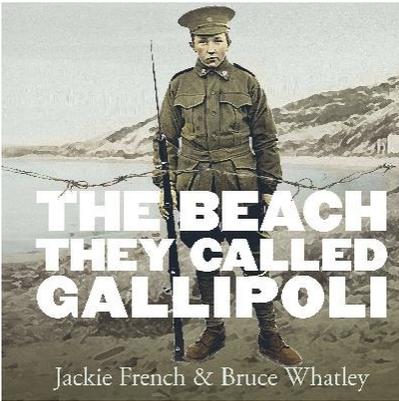


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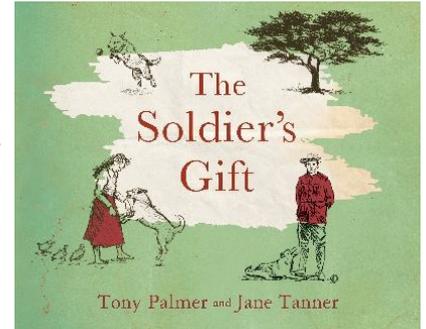


[“The beach they called Gallipoli”](#) by Jackie French & Bruce Whatley.

Explores Gallipoli the place, and what happened on Gallipoli Beach from April -December 1915. With illustrations by Bruce Whatley this is the story of Gallipoli as seen from the cove where the battles took place. In focusing on the actual place of war, the book also examines many other aspects of WW1, from the soldiers and the conditions they fought in, to the civilians at home.

[“The Soldier's Gift”](#) by Tony Palmer and Jane Tanner.

A moving story of one family's courage and endurance during the First World War, the terrible losses at Gallipoli and a time that changed Australia forever.

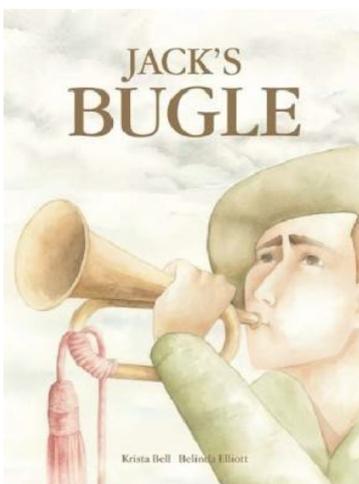
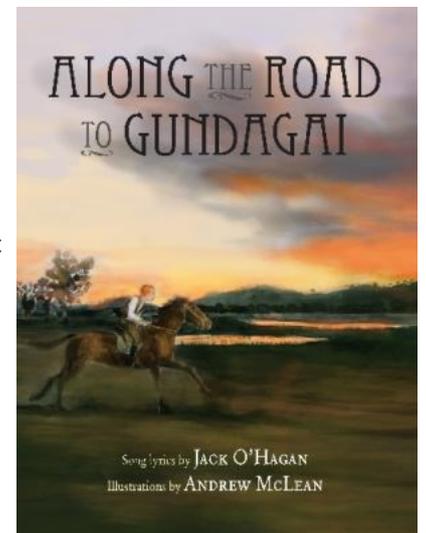


[“Lone Pine”](#) by Susie Brown, Margaret Warner & Sebastian Ciaffaglione.

When a soldier on a World War I battlefield sends a pine cone home to his mother, he could not know that his simple gift would become a symbol of history and remembrance. It tells a story that is about both personal experience and a nation-defining event.

[“Along the road to Gundagai”](#) by Jack O'Hagan & Andrew McLean.

The book bring to life the story of the men who left their homes and went to the Great War, many of them never to return home. Told through the wistful lament of the folk song familiar to many Australians



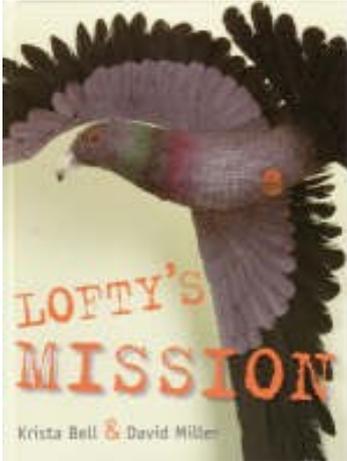
[“Jack's bugle”](#) by Krista Bell & Belinda Elliot.

Set against the background of the Gallipoli campaign, it follows the journey of a bugle from an Australian farming town, to the big city, to Egypt, to Gallipoli, back to the city and finally into the hands of a boy from the country town where its adventure began. A unique introduction into the history of the Australian soldiers who created the legend of the ANZACS .

Some of these books deal with confronting issues and powerful imagery, and are suitable for various ages.

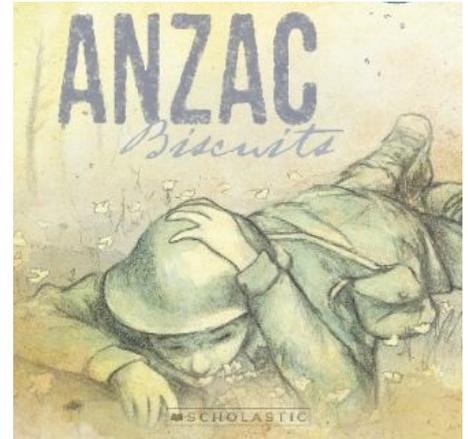
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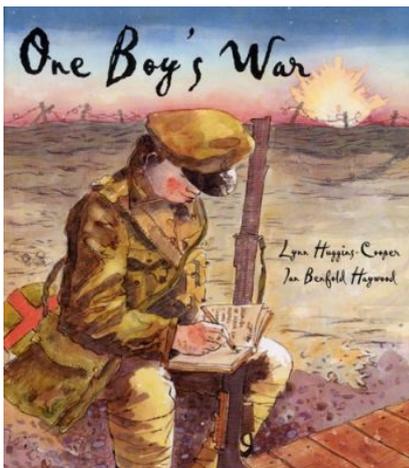
[“Lofty's Mission”](#) by Krista Bell & David Miller.

Harley McNamara has bred Lofty to be a champion racing pigeon. Now the army needs strong messenger pigeons to help win the war and Harley's dreams are shattered when Lofty is taken from him. Will Lofty ever come home?



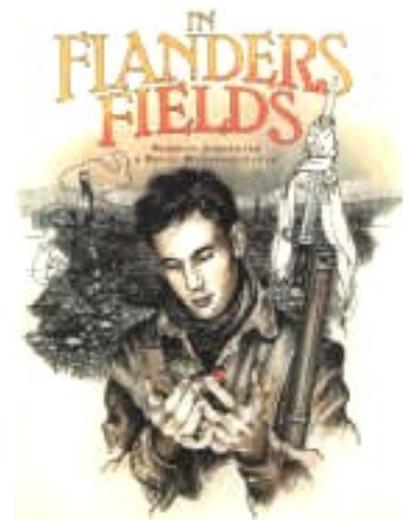
[“Anzac biscuits”](#) by Phil Cummings & Owen Swan.

Rachel is in the kitchen, warm and safe. Her father is in the trenches, cold and afraid. When Rachel makes biscuits for her father, she adds the love, warmth and hope that he needs. This is a touching story of a family torn apart by war but brought together through the powerful simplicity of Anzac Biscuits.



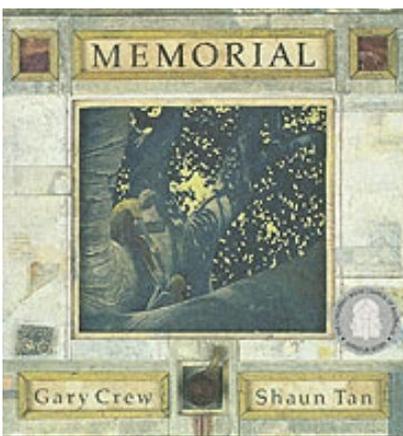
[“One boy's war”](#) by Lynn Huggins-Cooper & Ian Benfold Haywood.

16 year old soldier Sydney's honest portrayal, told through letters home and a frank journal, of his enthusiasm for the 1914 recruitment campaign, he runs away to enlist, but - soon finds himself in a frontline trench where reality - and the rats - begin to bite. followed by the disillusionment and degradation of soldiering in the trenches of World War 1.



[“In Flanders fields”](#) by Norman Jorgensen & Brian Harrison-Lever.

Early on Christmas morning the guns stop firing. A deathly silence creeps over the pitted and ruined landscape. A young soldier peers through a periscope over the top of the trench. Way out over no-man's-land, he sees a small red shape moving on the barbed wire. A brightly coloured robin is trapped. One wing is flapping helplessly what can he do?



[“Memorial”](#) by Gary Crew & Shaun Tan.

A story to help us all remember... When the soldiers return from World War 1 in 1918, a memorial tree is planted... 'Lest we forget'. But generations later, what do those who pause in the shadow of the tree's immense branches remember? A message we should never forget. A moving and evocative story brings the legend of the ANZACS to a new generation.