“The nature of humanity is to drive men to agreement with one another, and humanity’s existence lies only in the commonality of consciousness that has been brought about.” – Hegel

Whether you are a veteran not yet participating in Veterans Book Groups, want to explore outside your group’s reading list, or would like to delve into understanding military experiences, this list is for you.

Aline Ohanesian – *Orhan’s Inheritance*
Ambrose Bierce – “What I Saw of Shiloh” and other essays
Anthony Marra – *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*
Atul Gawande – *Better: A Surgeon’s Notes on Performance* pp. 51-69
Audrey Schafer – *The Mailbox*
Bao Ninh – *The Sorrow of War*
Betty Smith – *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
Brian Turner – *My Life as a Foreign Country, Here Bullet*
Bruce Weigl – *Song of Napalm; The Circle of Hanh*
Cara Hoffman – “The Things She Carried”
Charles Frazier – *Cold Mountain*
Charles McCary – *Tears of Autumn*
Chris Kyle – *American Sniper*
Christie L. Clothier – “Falling In,” “The Controller,” and other stories
Colin Powell – *It Worked for Me: In Life and Leadership*
Dana Sachs – *If You Lived Here*
David Finkel – *Thank You for Your Service*
Deborah Ellis – *The Breadwinner*
Doug Anderson – *The Moon Reflected Fire*
Edward G. Lengel – *Never in Finer Company: The Men of the Great War’s Lost Battalion*
Elizabeth Foxwell – *In their Own Words; American Women in World War I*
Elliott Ackerman – *Green on Blue, Places & Names: On War, Revolution and Returning*
Eric Fair – *Consequence: A Memoir*
Erich Maria Remarque – *All Quiet on the Western Front*
Ernest Hemingway – *In Our Time, For Whom the Bell Tolls*
Ernesto Che Guevera – *The Motorcycle Diaries, Guerrilla Warfare*
Ernst Jünger – *Storm of Steel*
Flora J. Solomon – *A Pledge of Silence*
Friedrich Nietzsche – “Essay Two” from *Genealogy of Morals*
Gayle Tzemach Lemmon – *Ashley’s War; The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*
George Orwell – *Homage to Catalonia*; essays
Harold Moore and Joseph Galloway – *We Were Soldiers Once and Young*
Herman Melville – *Moby-Dick, or the Whale*
Ishmael Beah – *A Long Way Gone*
J.D. Salinger – *Nine Stories*
Jeff Shaara – *The Frozen Hours*
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Jehanne Dubrow – Stateside
Jim Webb – I Heard My Country Calling; Fields of Fire
Jon Kerstetter – Crossings: A Doctor Soldier’s Story
Joseph Heller – Catch-22
Karl Marlantes – Matterhorn; What It’s Like to Go to War
Kate Germano with Kelly Kennedy – Fight Like a Girl: The Truth Behind How Female Marines Are Trained
Kayla Williams – Plenty of Time When We Get Home, Love My Rifle More than You
Kevin Powers – Yellow Birds
Khaled Hosseini – The Kite Runner
Kurt Vonnegut – Slaughterhouse Five; Breakfast of Champions
Lynda Vandevanter – Home Before Morning
Madeleine Mysko – Bringing Vincent Home
Marcus Luttrell – Lone Survivor
Mariette Kalinowski – “The Train” and other short stories
Mark Bowden – Hue, 1968: A Turning Point in the American War in Vietnam
Mark Owen – No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission that Killed Osama Bin Laden
Matt Young – Eat the Apple: A Memoir
Matti Friedman – Pumpkin Flowers
Maxine Hong Kingston (Editor) – Veterans of War, Veterans of Peace (Selected essays: Stories from Varied wars and points of view)
Michael Archer – The Gunpowder Prince
Michael Ondaatje – Warlight
Mitchell Yockelson – Forty-Seven Days: How Pershing’s Army Came to Defeat the German Army in World War I
Molly Guptill Manning – When Books Go to War: The Stories That Helped Us Win World War II
Nguyen Phan Que Mai – The Mountains Sing
Norman Mailer – The Naked and the Dead
Octavia Butler – Kindred
Phil Klay – Redeployment, assorted essays and articles
Philip Caputo – A Rumor of War
Philip Handelman with Lt. Col. Harry T. Stewart Jr – Soaring to Glory: A Tuskegee Airman’s Firsthand Account of World War II
Raymond Chandler – Cathedral
Robert Mason – Chickenhawk
S.C. Gwynne – Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History
Sara Novic – Girl at War
Sebastian Junger – War
Shoshana Johnson – I’m Still Standing: From Captive U.S. Soldier to Free Citizen; My Journey Home
Siegfried Sassoon – Memoirs of an Infantry Officer, “Survivor in the Trenches”, assorted poems
Susan F. Darvas – Resist, Endure, Escape: Growing Up in Nazi and Communist Hungary
Tim O’Brien – The Things They Carried, In the Lake of the Woods, Going after Cacciato, July, July

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Tobias Wolff – *In Pharaoh’s Army*
Toni Morrison – *Home*
Walter Lord – *The Miracle of Dunkirk: The True Story of Operation Dynamo*
Wayne Karlin – *Wandering Souls: Journeys with the Dead and the Living in Vietnam, A Wolf by the Ears*
Whitney Terrell – *The Good Lieutenant*
Wil S. Hylton – *Vanished: the Sixty-Year Search for the Missing Men of World War II*
Wilfred Owen – “Dulce et Decorum Est”; “Exposure”; “Disabled”
William Manchester – *Goodbye Darkness: A Memoir of the Pacific War*