

Veterans Booklist

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“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 McCarry – *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 Guevara – *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*
Isaac Rosenberg – “Break of Day in the Trenches”
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. Gywnne – *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*

Thomas J. Brennan and Finnbar O'Reilly – *Shooting Ghosts: A U.S. Marine. A Combat Photographer, and Their Journey Back from War*

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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*