Remembrance Day Resources

Remembrance Day offers an opportunity to honour those who have served, remember those who have sacrificed, and reflect on the impact of war and the importance of peace. The Learning Commons has curated a selection of eBooks and audiobooks to help students explore these themes through historical accounts, biographies, poetry, and stories.

Choosing resources: Some books address difficult wartime experiences, including loss, violence and persecution. Parents and teachers are encouraged to preview resources and support age-appropriate conversations.

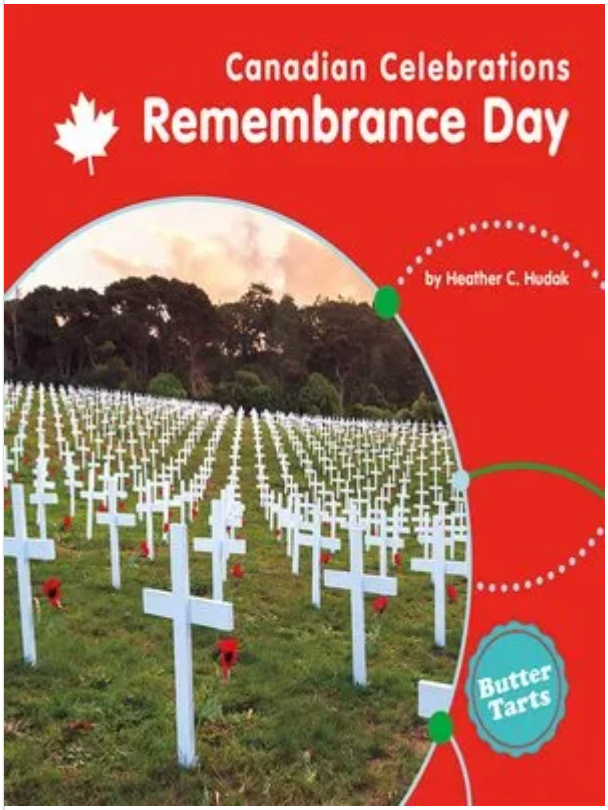
Browse our recommended titles below by grade range. Grade levels are suggestions, and individual student readiness may vary. Explore the full **Remembrance Day collection in Sora** for more eBooks and audiobooks.

Grades K–3 | **Grades 4–6** | **Grades 7–12**

Grades K–3: Introducing Remembrance

Gentle introductions to poppies, remembrance, family connections and peace. Some books work especially well as read-alouds.

Finding Winnie book cover	**Finding Winnie** *Lindsay Mattick · Suggested Grades K–3* A Canadian veterinarian serving in the First World War rescues the bear that would inspire Winnie-the-Pooh. An engaging, gentle introduction to military history.
Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion book cover	**Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion** *Jane Barclay · Suggested Grades K–3* Through animal comparisons, a grandfather helps his grandson understand his memories of wartime service and the meaning of Remembrance Day.
The Poppy Lady book cover	**The Poppy Lady** *Barbara E. Walsh · Suggested Grades K–3* Discover the story of Moina Belle Michael and how the red poppy came to symbolize remembrance and gratitude for veterans.



Remembrance Day (Canadian Celebrations)

Heather C. Hudak · Suggested Grades 1–3

An accessible Canadian introduction to why we observe November 11 and how communities honour those who served.

Peace Tree from Hiroshima book cover

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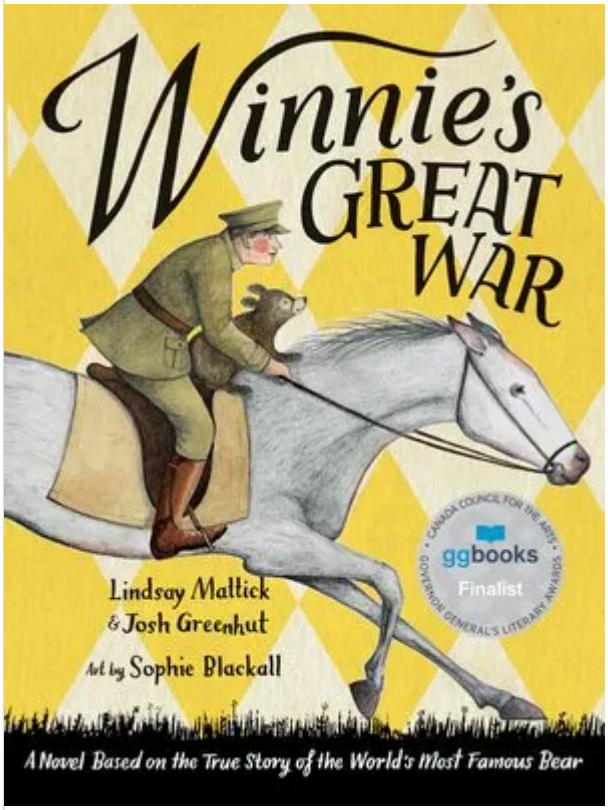
Sandra Moore and Kazumi Wilds · Suggested Grades 2–4

A remarkable bonsai tree connects Hiroshima's history with a message of friendship and peace. Best shared with adult guidance.

Grades 4–6: Understanding Wartime Experiences

Historical fiction and true stories about how war affected children, families and communities.



Winnie's Great War

Lindsay Mattick and Josh Greenhut · Suggested Grades 3–6

A longer Canadian wartime adventure inspired by the real bear Winnie, with historical details and the perspective of the soldiers who cared for her.

When the Spirits Dance book cover

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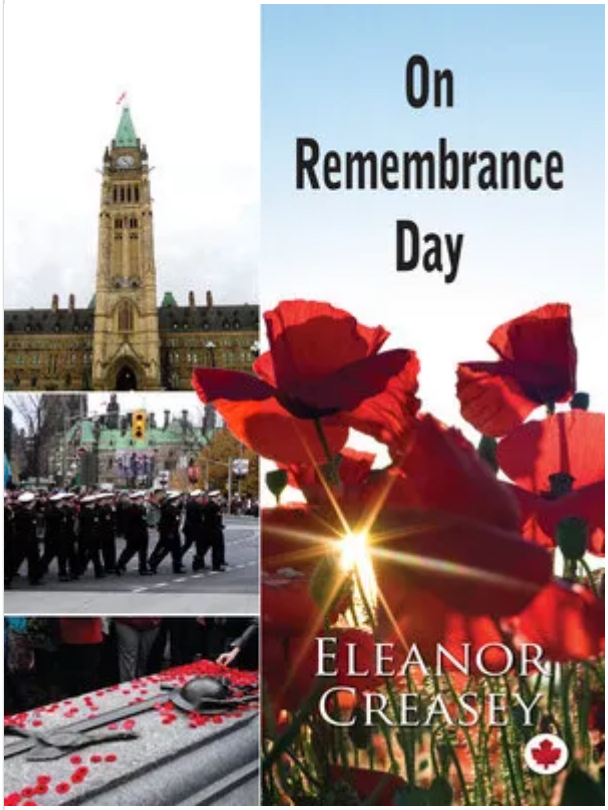
Larry Loyie and Constance Brissenden · Suggested Grades 4–6

When his father leaves to serve in the Canadian Army during World War II, a young Cree boy learns about courage, family and the meaning of war. Based on Larry Loyie's childhood, this story explores Indigenous military service and traditional Cree knowledge.



On Remembrance Day

Eleanor Creasey · Suggested Grades 3–6

Answers students' questions about Remembrance Day and explores the ways Canadians remember those who served.

A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story book cover

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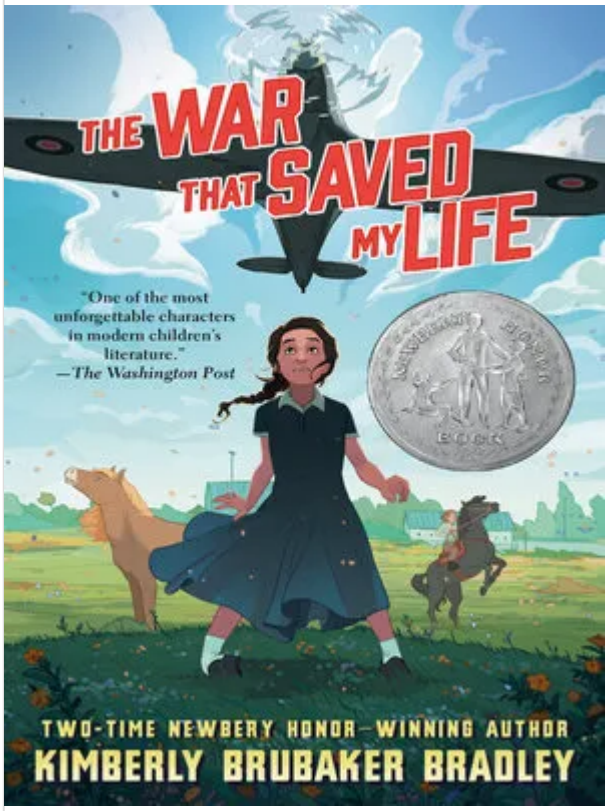
Caren Stelson · Suggested Grades 3–6

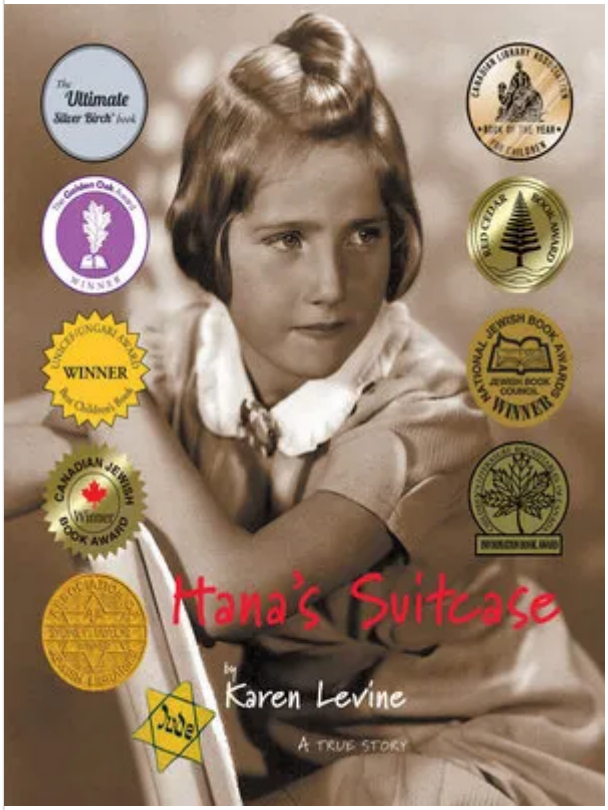
Sachiko Yasui's family bowl becomes a symbol of hope after the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. Includes loss and grief; guided reading recommended.



The War That Saved My Life

Kimberly Brubaker Bradley · Suggested Grades 5–7

A girl evacuated from London during the Second World War finds safety and a sense of belonging. Includes child abuse and wartime danger.



Hana's Suitcase

Karen Levine · Suggested Grades 5–7

The investigation of one young Jewish girl’s suitcase brings a deeply personal story of the Holocaust to life. Teacher or parent guidance recommended.

Grades 7–12: Service, Sacrifice and Reflection

Stories of service, underrepresented contributions and the complex consequences of war for older students.

The Enigma Girls book cover

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Candace Fleming · Suggested Grades 7–10

Meet ten teenage girls who helped Britain decipher secret messages during the Second World War, revealing young women’s vital behind-the-scenes contributions.

Greatcoats and Glamour Boots: Canadian Women at War, 1939–1945 book cover

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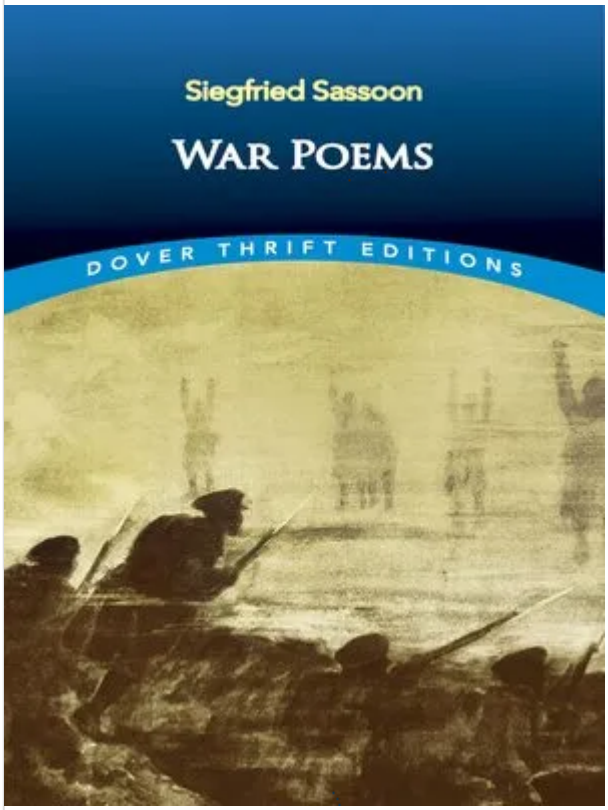
Carolyn Gossage · Suggested Grades 9–12

Personal accounts and photographs tell the stories of Canadian women who served in the army, navy and air force during the Second World War.

D-Day: Untold Stories of the Normandy Landings book cover	**D-Day: Untold Stories of the Normandy Landings** *Michael Noble · Suggested Grades 6–9* Twenty stories inspired by real people help readers understand the Normandy landings, courage under pressure and the realities of battle.
This Place: 150 Years Retold book cover	**This Place: 150 Years Retold** *Various Indigenous creators · Suggested Grades 9–12* An Indigenous-created graphic anthology presenting Canadian history from Indigenous perspectives, including the experiences of a First World War veteran. Mature topics and imagery.
	**War Poems** *Siegfried Sassoon · Suggested Grades 9–12* Poems written from the perspective of a First World War soldier convey the disillusionment, sacrifice and tragedy of trench warfare. Some graphic imagery.

Explore More in Sora

These featured books are a starting point. **Browse the complete Remembrance Day Sora collection** for additional books and audiobooks. Some newly selected titles may not appear until they have been added to the collection.

For help choosing a resource that suits your learner, connect with the Learning Commons team.

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