

Books for Military-Connected Students

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Title	Author
A Grief Observed	C.S. Lewis
A Kid's Journey of Grief: Coloring and Activity Book for Grieving Military Kids	Jo Anne Chung and Susan K. Beeney
A Marine ABC Book	Kristen T. Pirog
A Marine's Tail: Chesty Goes to Boot Camp	Brandon Barnett
A Paper Hug	Stephanie Skolmoski
A Path Through Suffering	Elisabeth Elliot
A Salute to Our Heroes: The U.S. Marines	Brandon W. Barnett
A Sergeant in the House	Betty Turnbull
A Soldier's Star: The Love and Loss Between a Parent and Child	Deborah Petty
A Very Long Time	Geri Timperley and Nikki Arro
A Year Without Dad	Jodi Brunson
A Year Without Daddy	Paige Turnbull
A Yellow Ribbon for Daddy	Anissa Mersiowsky
Above the East China Sea	Sarah Bird
After the Flag Has Been Folded	Karen Spears Zacharias
Alice Bliss	Lisa Harrington
All Hands on Deck! Dad's Coming Home!	Julia Maki
Almost Forever	Maria Testa
Aloha Cheerio	Judy Friesen-Wood
Aloha Means Come Back: The Story of a World War II Girl	Thomas Hoobler
Alpha Bravo Charlie: The Military Alphabet	Chris L. Demarest
America's White Table	Margot Theis Raven
American Hero Books: My Daddy Is a Marine	Alia Reese
American Hero Books: My Mommy Is a Marine	Alia Reese
An American Flag for Their Father	Annmarie Hickey Georgopolis
An Army ABC Book	Kristen T. Pirog
And Then Mom Joined the Army	Jeannie Hagy
Army Brats: Naturally American Proud	Teresa DeLoney

Augustine	Melanie Watt
Big Boss Brain: Learning About Traumatic Brain Injuries	Shannon Maxwell
BoneMan's Daughters	Ted Dekker
Boo Boo Bear's Mission	Mary Linda Sather
But Mom, I Don't Want to Move!	Susan Miller
But...What If?	Sandra Miller Linhart
Butterfly in the Sky: Daddy's Little Girl	Sugin Musgrave
Coming Home	Greg Ruth
Coming Home Series: Navy Dad	Sandi Lorenzana
Countdown 'til Daddy Gets Home	Kristin Ayyar
Daddy Got His Orders	Kathryn Mitchell
Daddy Is a Soldier	Kristen Hallowell
Daddy Is in the Military	www.myownstory.com
Daddy Loves You	Vianna Ramnath
Daddy Misses Kisses and Candy at War	Kathy Barnes
Daddy, You're My Hero!	Michelle Ferguson-Cohen
Daddy's Away	Jewell Douglas
Daddy's Boots	Sandra Miller Linhart
Daddy's Deployed	Bridget Platt
Daddy's Home	Carolina Nadel
Daddy's in Iraq, but I Want Him Back	Carmen R. Hoyt
Danny Dogtags: Dealing with Deployment	Lyndsey and Vincent Jackson
Dear Baby, I'm Watching Over You	Carol Casey
Deployment	Santina Rivera
Don't Forget: God Bless our Troops	Jill Biden
Elena's Big Move	Sarah Olivieri
Finding My Way: A Teen's Guide to Living With a Parent Who Has Experienced Trauma	Michelle D. Sherman and DeAnne M. Sherman
Fire in My Heart, Ice in My Veins: A Journal for Teenagers Experiencing a Loss	Enid Samuel Traisman
Georgie's Moon	Chris Woodworth
Good Night Captain Mama: Buenas Noches Capitan Mama	Graciela Tiscareno-Sato
Grandpa, What If?	Sandra Miller Linhart
Happy Birthday U.S. Army!	Mary Ellen Pratt and Donna M. McGrath
Healing Your Grieving Heart After a Military Death: 100 Practical Ideas for Families and Friends	Bonnie Carroll and Alan D. Wolfelt
Heart of a Hawk: One Family's Sacrifice and Journey Toward Healing	Deborah H. Tainsh
Heroes Don't Run: A Novel of the Pacific War	Harry Mazer

Home Again	Dorinda Silver Williams
Home Is Where Book Series	www.homeiswherebooks.com
How I Know My Dad Is a Soldier	Dennis M. Johnson
I Am Red, White, & Blue...Are You Feeling it Too?	Deanna Lynn Cole
I Miss My Daddy	Heather Philbrook
I Miss You!	Beth Andrews
I Need Dad and Dad Needs Me: A Loving Lesson About Post-Traumatic Stress For Families	Connee Gorman
I Wasn't Ready to Say Goodbye Companion Workbook: Surviving, Coping, and Healing After the Sudden death of a Loved One	Noel Brook
I Wish Daddy Was Here	Katherine DeMille
I'm a Hero Too	Jenny Sokol
I'm a Hero Too!	Timothy P. Dunnigan
Joe Devlin and the New Star Fighter	James Thomas
Joining Forces with Glory	Lisa Mallen
Just Till Mommy Comes Home	Loriann Kinney
Klinger: A Story of Honor and Hope	Betsy Beard
Let's Go Air Force!	Yumi Lafortune
Lily Hates Goodbyes	Jerilyn Marler
Lily's Crossing	Patricia Reilly Giff
Lion's Pride on the Move	Grace Anne Remey
Lion's Pride: A Tail of Deployment	Grace Anne Remey & Lisa J. Remey
Little Chief	Toni Danette
Little Dreamer	Genesis Robinson
Love Never Stops: A Memory Book for Children	Emilio Parga
Love, Lizzie: Letters to a Military Mom	Lisa Tucker McElroy
Lucy and the Little Blue Car	Eugenia Guilmartin
Make Me a Memory	Tamra Norton
Meet Robby the C-130	Beth Mahoney
Megan Meade's Guide to the McGowan Boys	Kate Brian
Memories of Me	R. M. Romagnoli
Military Base	Peggy Pancella
Military Bratz	LaTangela and Gwen Newsome
Military Diary for Kids	Staci Marinaro
Military Kids Speak: My Life as a Military Child	Julie Rahm
Military Life: Stories and Poems for Children	Various Authors
Military Mommy	Carol Dabney
Miss You to Pieces: A Deployment Story and Project Idea for Kids	Donna Purkey
Momma's Books	Sandra Miller Linhart
Mommy Is in the Military	www.myownstory.com

Mommy Wears a Uniform	Shunsee Wilson
Mommy, You're My Hero!	Michelle Ferguson-Cohen
Mommy's Deployed	Bridget Platt
Moving Again Mom	Angela Sportelli-Rehak
Moving House	Anne Civardi
My Air Force Mom	Mary Lee
My Brother Is My Hero	Brooke Henson
My Dad Is a Marine	Kimberly Coe
My Dad Is Going Away, But He Will Be Back One Day	James Thomas, Melanie Thomas
My Dad the Navy Hero	Denise Marie Schepper
My Dad's a Hero	Rebecca Christiansen and Jewel Armstrong
My Daddy Is a Guardsman	Kirk and Sharron Hilbrecht
My Daddy Is a Hero	Chad Childers
My Daddy Is a Soldier	Anne Stratford
My Daddy Is a Soldier	Kirk and Sharron Hilbrecht
My Daddy Is an Airman	Kirk and Sharron Hilbrecht
My Daddy Is in the Air Force	Nick Hoth
My Daddy Is in the Army	Sherri Williams
My Daddy Is My Hero	Brooke Henson
My Daddy Was a Soldier: A World War II Story	Deborah Kogan Ray
My Daddy, My Hero	Katie Karnes
My Daddy's a Soldier	Sara Jane Arnett
My Daddy's Going Away	Christopher MacGregor
My Father Is in the Navy	Robin McKinley
My Father's Geisha	James Gordon Bennett
My First Counting Book (Air Force, Army, Marines, or Navy)	Cindy Entin
My First Deployment	Lisa Stillion
My Hero Doesn't Wear a Cape	Gloria Canada
My Mom Hunts Submarines	Julia Maki
My Mom Is Going Away, But She Will Be Back One Day	James Thomas and Melanie Thomas
My Mommy Is My Hero	Brooke Henson
My Mommy Wears Combat Boots	Sharon McBride
My Navy Dad	Tracy Richards
My Own Psalm 91 Book	Peggy Joyce Ruth
My Sailor Dad	Ross H. Mackenzi
My Sister Is My Hero	Brooke Henson
Ned and the General: A Lesson About Deployment	Ron Madison
Never Far Apart	Lieutenant Gary

Night Catch	Brenda Ehrmantraut
Nugget on the Flight Deck	Patricia Newman
Operation: Celebration	Stephanie Skolmoski
Our Daddy Is Invincible!	Shannon Maxwell
Over There	Dorinda Silver Williams
ParaPup Reports for Duty	Elisa Vertuli
Park's Quest	Katherine Paterson
Perch, Mrs. Sackets, and Crow's Nest	Karen Pavlicin
Pilot Mom	Kathleen Benner Duple
Piper Reed Forever Friend	Kimberly Willis Holt
Postcards From a War	Vanita Oelschlager
Precious Pete, Will You Remember Daddy When I Am Out to Sea?	Chanda Nicole Holsey
Rebel Powers	Richard Bausch
Red, White, and Blue Good-bye	Sarah Wones Tomp
Refresh, Refresh: A Graphic Novel	Danica Novgorodoff
Remember When: My Life as a Military Child	Tana Hair
Rob&Sara.com	P.J. Peterson
Robby the C-130 Goes to Germany	Beth Mahoney
Robby the C-130 Goes to Hawaii	Beth Mahoney
Sam, The Army Dog	Mary Ellen Pratt
Sammy's Soldier	Sarah White
Savvie Sunshine, Will You Remember Daddy When I Am Out to Sea?	Chanda Nicole Holsey
Service Pals (Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marines)	Johnathan Edmonds
Simon Songjoy Defends His Melody: A Children's Tale of Love, Loss, and Heroism	Roby Dean-Blest
Soldier	Simon Adams
Soldier Oli Marches Out	Kirsty Marvell
Someone I Love Is on Active Duty	Donna Broder, Julie Macht, and Judith Broder
Somewhere Special	Sarah L. White
Spanky: A Soldier's Son	Sue L. LaNeve
Sparrow	Dorinda Silver Williams
Still My Dad	Julia A. Maki
T.A. for Military Kids: The Awesome Military Kid's Guide to Feelings	Leslie Nelson
Taking Wing	Nancy Price Graff
That's My Hope	Marlene Lee and Lil Ingram
The Adventures of Briky Bear & Trooper Dog: Be Kind, Be Friendly, Be Thankful	Steve Bolt and Phil Kallaway
The Adventures of Brisky Bear & Trooper Dog: Back Home Again	Steve Bolt and Phil Kallaway

The Candy Kane Series	Janet Lambert
The Christmas Box	Jo Anne Stewart Wetzel
The Four Promises	StoryChimes App, Siena Entertainment
The Healing Heroes Book: Braving the Changes When Someone You Love Is Wounded In Service	Ellen Sabin
The Hero In My Pocket	Marlene Lee
The Homecoming Box	Kathleen Edick and Paula Johnson
The Impossible Patriotism Project	Linda Skeers
The Jordan Family Series	Janet Lambert
The Living Tale Series: Henley and the Book of Heroes	Jane H. Smith
The Living Tale Series: Star and the Book of Treasures	Jane H. Smith
The Magic Box: When Parents Can't Be There to Tuck You In	Marty Sederman and Seymour Epstein
The Mark of Merlin	Anne MacCaffrey
The Misadventures of the Magician's Dog	Frances Sackett
The Night Before Christmas in the Military	Shauna Mooney
The Night Santa Got Lost: How NORAD Saved Christmas	Michael Keane
The Penny Parrish Series	Janet Lambert
The Proving Ground	Elaine Alphin
The Soldier's Tree	Stephanie L. Pickup
The Soldiers' Night Before Christmas	Trish Holland and Christine Ford
The Struggle	Nancy Rue
The Tippy Parrish Series	Janet Lambert
The Way I Feel	Janan Cain
The Wishing Tree	Mary Redman
The Worn-Out Backpack	R. M. Romagnoli
The Yokota Officer's Club	Sarah Bird
Till Tomorrow	John Donahue
Touching the Hearts of Children Anthology: The Art of Being a Military Child	Military Child Education Coalition
Trader Wooly and the Ghost in the Colonel's Jeep	Tom Townsend
Trader Wooly and the Secret of the Lost Nazi Treasure	Tom Townsend
Trader Wooly and the Terrorist	Tom Townsend
Uncle Sam's Kids: When Duty Calls	Angela Sportelli Rehak
Walking Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death	Kimberly Rose Carolan
War Boys	M.A. Schaffner
We Serve Too! A Child's Deployment Book	Kathleen Edick and Paula Johnson

We Serve Too! A Child's Reunion Book	Kathleen Edick and Paula Johnson
We're Moving Today! A Moving Story	James Thomas
West Point A-Z	Mike Nemeth
What Doe YOUR Daddy Do?	Heather Vowell Pierce
What Will I Play While You Are Away?	James Thomas
When Dad's At Sea	Mindy Pelton
When Daddy Comes Home	Kristie Algeo
When Daddy Goes Away	Kristie Algeo
When Daddy's Gone	Jamilah Stanfield
When I Feel Sad	Cornelia Spelman
When the Lights Go Out	Max Elliot Anderson
When Your Dad Goes to War: Helping Children Cope With Deployment and Beyond	Maryann Makekau
When Your Mom Goes to War: Helping Children Cope with Deployment and Beyond	Maryann Makekau
Where Do the Tears Go?	Doris Burd
Where Is Home	Melissa Royalty
Where Is My Daddy?	Stacy Ann Fiqueroa
Where Is My Mommy? A Book About Children's Fears	Mary and Mitchell Kilgore
Where Were You?	Tracy Hancock
While You Are Away	Eileen Spinelli
Why Are You So Scared? A Child's Book About Parents With PTSD	Beth Andrews
Why Is Dad So Mad?	Seth Kastle
Why Is Daddy Like He Is? A Book for Kids About PTSD	Patience H. C. Mason
Why Is Mommy Like She Is? A Book for Kids About PTSD	Patience H. C. Mason
Wildlife	Cynthia DeFelice
Wounded	Eric Walters
Xs and Os for Gabby Ann	Petrell Marie Ozbay

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<http://www.extension.org/pages/64821/childrens-books-for-young-children-in-military-families#.ViZZ7hNVhBc>
<http://www.operationwearehere.com/ChildrenBooks.html>
<http://www.operationwearehere.com/ChildrenBooksWoundedWarriors.html>
<http://www.booksformilitarychildren.info/>

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Title	Author	Lexile Measure
Mouse Moves House	Phil Roxbee Cox	320L
Captain Cat	Syd Hoff	400L
I Love You All Day Long	Francesca Rusackas	430L
Knit Your Bit	Deborah Hopkinson	460L
Military Vehicles	Jack Wesley	460L
Soldier Mom	Alice Mead	480L
The Tenth Good Thing About Barney	Judith Viorst	490L
Branches of the Military	Sean Callery	500L
A Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor	Harry Mazer	530L
Love You, Soldier	Amy Hest	540L
Military Helicopters	Melissa Abramovitz, Gail Saunders-Smith, and Raymond L. Puffer	570L
Happy Birthday Molly: A Springtime Story	Valerie Tripp	580L
Molly Saves the Day: A Summer Story	Valerie Tripp	580L
Dove Song	Kristine L. Franklin	590L
Military Trucks	Melissa Abramovitz, Gail Saunders-Smith, and Raymond L. Puffer	600L
Piper Reed Navy Brat Series	Kimberly Willis Holt	610L
Princess for a Week	Betty Ren Wright	620L
Durable Goods	Elizabeth Berg	620L
Searching for Atticus	Jan Marino	620L
Somebody, Please Tell Me Who I Am	Harry Mazer	640L
Molly's Surprise: A Christmas Story	Valerie Tripp	640L

Bull Rider	Suzanne Morgan Williams	650L
Joy School	Elizabeth Berg	660L
Out of the Blue	S.L. Rottman	660L
Riley Mack	Chris Grabenstein	670L
Black Jack Jetty: A Boy's Journey Through Grief	Michael A. Carestio	670L
Molly Learns a Lesson: A School Story	Valerie Tripp	670L
Charlie Pippin	Candy Dawson	690L
Possum Summer	Jen K. Blom	700L
U.S. Navy Alphabet Book	Sammie Garnett and Jerry Pallotta	710L
The Summer Before Boys	Nora Raleigh Baskin	720L
Jack Adrift: Fourth Grade Without a Clue	Jack Gantos	730L
Operation Yes	Sara Lewis Holmes	730L
My Secret War: The World War II Diary of Madeline Beck	Mary Pope Osborne	740L
After the First Death	Robert Cormier	740L
Meet Molly: An American Girl	Valerie Tripp	740L
Second Fiddle	Rosanne Parry	770L
Joseph	Sheila Moses	770L
Soldier Bear	Bibi Dumon Tak	780L
Jet Set	Carrie Karasyov and Jill Kargman	780L
Road to Tater Hill	Edith Morris Hemingway	780L
Operation Homefront	Caroline B. Cooney	790L
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True to Form	Elizabeth Berg	790L
High Dive	Tammar Stein	790L
Red Sky at Morning	Richard Bradford	810L
Extra Credit	Andrew Clements	830L
Rainy Season	Adele Griffin	850L
Heart of a Shepherd	Rosanne Parry	850L
Rain Is Not My Indian Name	Cynthia Leitich Smith	860L
Autumn Street	Lois Lowry	870L
Shooting the Moon	Frances O'Roark Dowell	890L
The Purple Heart	Marc Talbert	950L
100 Days and 99 Nights	Alan Madison	970L
The Great Santini	Pat Conroy	970L
Other Bells for Us to Ring	Robert Cormier	980L
H Is for Honor: A Military Family Alphabet	Devin Scillian	AD1010L
My Many Colored Days	Dr. Suess	AD190L

Will I Have a Friend?	Miriam Cohen	AD300L
Stars Above Us	Geoffrey Norman	AD380L
Year of the Jungle	Suzanne Collins	AD450L
My Red Balloon	Even Bunting	AD550L
Goodbye House	Frank Asch	AD550L
When I Feel Angry	Cornelia Spelman	AD600L
Hero Dad	Melinda Hardin	AD610L
Hero Mom	Melinda Hardin	AD610L
No Matter What	Debi Gliori	AD620L
Peacebound Trains	Haemi Balgassi	AD620L
The Invisible String	Patrice Karst	AD630L
The Navy's Night Before Christmas	Christine Ford	AD650L
All Those Secrets of the World	Jane Yolen	AD650L
Sometimes We Were Brave	Pat Brisson	AD650L
The Fathers Are Coming Home	Margaret Wise Brown	AD710L
I Miss You	Pat Thomas	AD780L
Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle	Major Brian Dennis, Mary Netherly, and Kirby Larson	AD810L
Operation Oleander	Valerie O. Patterson	HL560L
Missing in Action	Dean Hughes	HL620L
Joseph's Grace	Sheila Moses	HL730L
Shut Up	Marilyn Reynolds	HL750L
U.S. Army by the Numbers	Lisa M. Bolt Simons	IG920L
Military Animals	Lauri Calkhoven	NC1100L
Military Airplanes	Melissa Abramovitz, Gail Saunders-Smith, and Raymond L. Puffer	NC700L

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