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## Picture Books for Anzac Day



Every year schools and communities commemorate Anzac Day on 25 April. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Over time the meaning of the day has evolved to include those who lost their lives in all military and peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved.

One way to commemorate Anzac Day is through engaging with a range of literature. Before interacting with students, read books several times to decide if they are appropriate for their age and experiences. Consider how you might select a group of books and the sequence to read them in as some will provide background knowledge for other books. A carefully chosen selection may present different reactions to similar experiences or diversity of groups or individuals.

Explore [tips and discussion questions](#) for interacting with picture books related to Anzac Day.

## Picture Books related to Anzac Day

[The Happiness Box: A wartime book of hope](#) by Mark Greenwood and Andrew McLean (2022, Walker Books)

[Charlie's Swim](#) by Edith Wright and Charmaine Ledden-Lewis (2022, Magabala Books)

[This Old Thing](#) by Cassandra Webb and Tony Flowers (2022, Omnibus)

[When the War is Over](#) by Jackie French and Anne Spudvilas (2021, HarperCollins)

[The Flying Angel](#) by Vicki Bennett and Tull Suwannakit (2021, Scholastic)

[Rachel's War: The Story of an Australian WWI Nurse](#) by Mark Wilson (2021, Hachette)

[Never Forget](#) by Clare Hallifax and Simon O'Carrigan (2020, Omnibus)

[A Poppy for Pa](#) by Rebecca Laing Zammit and Annelies Billeter (2020, Little Steps)

[War Horse](#) by Michael Morpurgo and Tom Cole (2020, Egmont)

[Anzac Girl: The War Diaries of Alice Ross-King](#) by Kate Simpson and Jess Racklyeft (2020, Allen & Unwin)

[Smoky No Ordinary War Dog](#) by Nigel Allsopp and Danielle Winicki (2019, New Holland)

[The Anzac Billy](#) by Claire Saxby, Mark Jackson and Heather Potter (2019, Walker Books)

[Lest We Forget](#) by Kerry Brown, Isobel Knowles and Benjamin Portas (2019, Harper Colins)



[One Minute's Silence](#) by David Metzenthen and Michael Camilleri  
(2019, Allen & Unwin)

[I was Only Nineteen](#) by John Schumann and Craig Smith (2019,  
Allen & Unwin)

[Along the Road to Gundagai](#) by  
Jack O'Hagan and Andrew McLean (2019, Omnibus)

[Ruby in the Ruins](#) by Shirley Hughes (2018, Walker Books)

[Bobby, the Littlest War Hero](#) by Glyn Harper and Jenny Cooper  
(2018, Penguin)

[Dreaming Soldiers](#) by Catherine Bauer and Shane Mcgrath (2018,  
Big Sky)

[Alfred's War](#) by Rachel Bin Salleh and Samantha Fry (2018,  
Magabala Books)

[Digger](#) by Mike Dumbleton and Robin Cowcher (2018, Allen &  
Unwin)

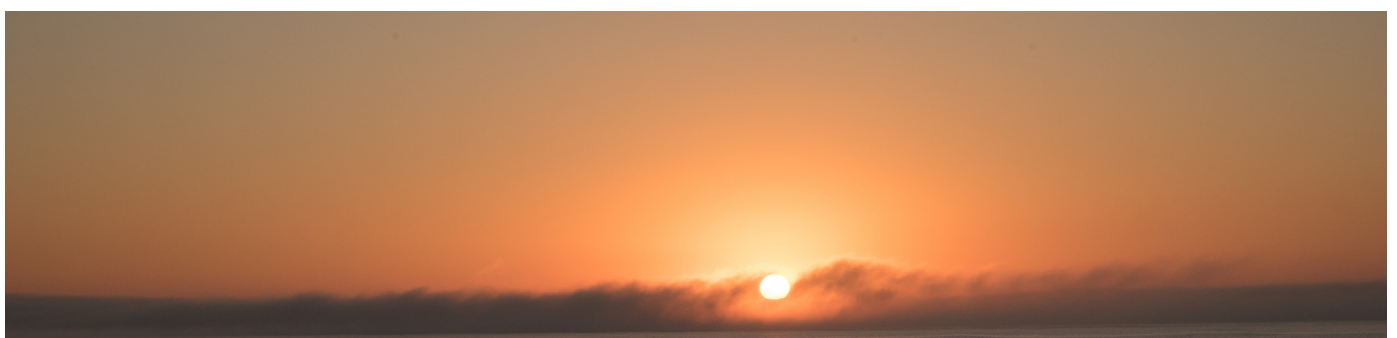
[The Little Stowaway](#) by Vicki Bennett and Tull Suwannakit (2018,  
Scholastic)

[The Tale of the Anzac Tortoise](#) by Shona Riddell and Matt Gauldie  
(2018, Exisle Publishing)

[Meet Weary Dunlop](#) by Claire Saxby and Jeremy Lord (2017,  
Random House)

[The Anzac Tree](#) by Christina Booth (2017, Scholastic)

[We're All Australians Now](#) by A.B. Paterson and Mark Wilson (2017,  
Harper Collins)



[Flapper, VC](#) by Mark Wilson (2017, Lothian)

[Memorial](#) by Gary Crew and Shaun Tan (2016, Hachette)

[A Soldier, a Dog and a Boy](#) by Libby Hathorn and Phil Lesnie (2016, Hachette)

[The Last ANZAC](#) by Gordon Winch and Harriet Bailey (2016, New Frontier)

[Reflection: Remembering Those Who Serve in War](#) by Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg and Robin Cowcher (2016, Walker Books)

[Gallipoli](#) by Kerry Greenwood and Annie White (2016, Scholastic)

[Meet the ANZACS](#) by Claire Saxby and Max Berry (2015, Random House)

[The Rats of Tobruk](#) by Mark Wilson (2015, Windy Hollow)

[The Horse Soldier](#) by Mark Wilson (2015, Windy Hollow)

[Roly, the ANZAC Donkey](#) by Glyn Harper and Jenny Cooper (2015, Penguin)

[The Anzac Puppy](#) by Peter Millet and Trish Bowles (2015, Scholastic)

[And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda](#) by Eric Bogle and Bruce Whatley (2015, Allen & Unwin)

[Anzac Biscuits](#) by Phil Cummings and Owen Swan (2015, Scholastic)

[Vietnam Diary](#) by Mark Wilson (2015, Lothian)





[Digger: The dog who went to war](#) by Mark Wilson (2015, Lothian)

[Midnight](#) by Mark Greenwood and Frane Lessac (2015, Walker Books)

[Anzac Ted](#) by Belinda Landsberry (2014, Exisle Kids)

[Do Not Forget Australia](#) by Sally Murphy and Sonia Kretschmar (2014, Walker Books)

[A Day to Remember](#) by Jackie French and Mark Wilson (2014, Harper Collins)

[The Soldier's Gift](#) by Tony Palmer and Jane Tanner (2014, Penguin)

[Angel of Kokoda](#) by Mark Wilson (2013, Lothian)

[Lone Pine](#) by Susie Brown, Margaret Warner and Sebastian Ciaffaglione (2012, Little Hare)

[The Red Poppy](#) by David Hill and Rob Kennedy (2012, Scholastic)

[Simpson and His Donkey](#) by Mark Greenwood and Frane Lessac (2011, Walker Books)

[My Mother's Eyes](#) by Mark Wilson (2011, Lothian)

[Photographs in the Mud](#) by Dianne Wolfer and Brian Harrison-Lever (2007, Freemantle)

[My Grandad Marches on Anzac Day](#) by Catriona Hoy and Ben Wood Johnson (2006, Hachette)

[In Flanders Fields](#) by Norman Jorgensen and Brian Harrison-Lever (2004, Fremantle Press)

