

# Family Sunday Book List

## Theme: Remembrance Day and War

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### FOR CHILDREN

#### **Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion**

By Jane Barclay

As questions come from a young grandchild, his grandpa talks about how, as a very young man, he was as proud as a peacock in uniform, busy as a beaver on his Atlantic crossing, and brave as a lion charging into battle. Soon, the old man's room is filled with an imaginary menagerie as the child thinks about different aspects of wartime. But as he pins medals on his grandpa's blazer and receives his own red poppy in return, the mood becomes more somber.

*Note: This is the book featured in the storytime video.*

#### **A Poppy is to Remember**

By Heather Patterson

With soothing words and illustrations aimed specifically at younger readers, children will learn how the bright red poppy became the symbol for honouring those who fought for freedom. *In Flanders Fields*, is included, along with information about the symbolism and history of the poppy and Remembrance Day.

#### **Remembrance Day**

By Jill Foran

Canadian Celebrations provides an exciting look at the events that people take part in during Canada's major holidays. Each title provides information about the history, symbols, and traditions of these special days.

### FOR TWEENS

#### **When We Were Shadows**

By Janet Wees

Walter is a young child when his parents decide to leave their home in Germany and start a new life in the Netherlands. As Jews, they know they are not safe under the Nazi regime. As his family is forced to move again and again, from city to countryside to, eventually, a hidden village deep in the Dutch woods, Walter's eyes are opened to the threat that surrounds them every day and to the network of people who are risking their lives to help them stay hidden.

#### **To Hope and Back: The Journey of the St. Louis**

By Kathy Kacer

The story of Lisa and Sol is set against the tragic true history of the St. Louis. Denied entry from port after port, the captain was forced to return his Jewish passengers to Europe, where many died in the Holocaust. Through the eyes of Sol and Lisa, we see the injustice and heartbreak that were caused by the prejudice and hatred of so many.

#### **On Remembrance Day**

By Eleanor Creasey

For children learning about remembrance and the human toll of war, there can be hard questions to answer. This book is meant to answer the questions kids ask about Remembrance Day and to explain how and why we honour the men and women who have served our country. Canada has developed unique ways of honouring and demonstrating respect for its war dead and veterans.

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### FOR TEENS

#### **In Flanders Fields: 100 Years edited**

By Amanda Betts

In early 1915, the death of a young friend on the battlefields of Ypres inspired Canadian soldier, field surgeon and poet John McCrae to write *In Flanders Fields*. Within months of the poem's December 1915 publication in the British magazine *Punch* it became part of the collective consciousness in North America and Europe, and its extraordinary power has endured over the decades and across generations. In this anthology, Canada's finest historians, novelists and poets contemplate the evolving meaning of the poem.

#### **Charlie Wilcox**

By Sharon McKay

In 1915 in Newfoundland, fourteen-year-old Charlie, anxious to disprove his parents' belief that his club foot makes him unfit for fishing and seal hunting, stows away on a sealing vessel only to find himself on a troop ship headed for the war in Europe.

#### **Canada at War:**

#### **A Graphic History of World War Two**

By Paul Keery

A beautifully crafted graphic novel, tracing the achievements of the Canadian Forces in the Second World War. In 1914, Canada went to war as a subject of Britain. In 1939, it made the choice to fight all on its own. *Canada at War* follows the developments and setbacks, wins and losses, of a nation learning to stand up for itself in the midst of the most difficult war of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.