



Toms River Intermediate Schools

The Things They Carried Read-Alikes



For Students *in Middle School*

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All the Broken Pieces *Anne Burg Cracker*

680L **YA Burg** *Fiction*

Two years after being airlifted out of Vietnam in 1975, Matt Pin is haunted by the terrible secret he left behind and, now, in a loving adoptive home in the United States, a series of profound events forces him to confront his past.

I pledge allegiance *Chris Lynch*

860L **J Lync** *Fiction*

Enlisting as a group when one of them is drafted into the Vietnam War, best friends Morris, Rudi, Ivan, and Beck pledge their loyalty to one another before reporting to different branches of service.

The Vietnam War : the definitive illustrated history

YA 959.7043 Viet *Non-Fiction*

Created in association with the Smithsonian Institution, this authoritative guide chronicles America's fight against Communism in southeast Asia during the 1960s and 1970s, and comprehensively explores the people, politics, events, and lasting effects of the Vietnam War.

Vietnam : a history of the war *Russell Freedman*
Non-Fiction

1220L **YA 959.7043 Free**

A succinct account of how Cold War politics led to one of America's most puzzling and contentious wars describes how the war began, why it was so difficult to end and how its tragic legacy endures today.

Price of Duty *Todd Strasser*

690L **YA Stra** *Fiction*

A young man, injured and home from the war, is lauded as a hero. But he doesn't feel very heroic in the face of all that he witnessed.

10,000 Days of Thunder *Philip Caputo*
Non-Fiction

1210L **YA 959.7043 Capu**

Author Philip Caputo, a Vietnam veteran and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, provides an in-depth examination of the significant events and battles of the Vietnam War in 10,000 Days of Thunder. -- Description by Ellen Foreman.

Listen, slowly *Thanhha Lai*

800L **J Lai** *Fiction*

Assisting her grandmother's investigation of her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War, Mai struggles to adapt to an unfamiliar culture while redefining her sense of family.

Walking Wounded *Chris Lynch*

930L **J Lync** *Fiction*

Morris, Rudi, Ivan, and Beck were best friends at home and in Vietnam, but now Rudi has been killed in action, and the remaining three are the only ones who know the truth about their friend's death--and the knowledge threatens to tear them apart.

She loves you – yeah, yeah, yeah *Ann Hood* 780L **J Hood** *Fiction*

In 1966, with her middle school life and the world itself in turmoil, twelve-year-old Trudy and the other three remaining fan club members leave Rhode Island for Boston to see a Beatles concert.

How Lyndon B. Johnson Fought the Vietnam War

Jason Porterfield

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Non-Fiction

Through full-color and black-and-white photos, informative sidebars, and engaging text, readers sneak a peek into the Johnson administration and the people who advised him, gaining insight into the combat and political strategies of the war itself and its legacy.

Search and Destroy *Dean Hughes*

740L

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Fiction

Recent high school graduate Rick Ward, undecided about his future and eager to escape his unhappy home life, joins the army and experiences the horrors of the war in Vietnam.

Where have all the flowers gone?: the diary of Molly Mackenzie Flaherty

Ellen Emerson White

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Fiction

In 1968 Massachusetts, after her brother Patrick goes to fight in Vietnam, fifteen-year-old Molly records in her diary how she misses her brother, volunteers at a Veterans' Administration Hospital, and tries to make sense of the war in Vietnam and the tumultuous events in the United States. Includes historical notes.