



Toms River High Schools

The Things They Carried Read-Alikes



For Students in High School

L = Lexile

Courageous women of the Vietnam War: medics, journalists, survivors, and more

Kathryn J. Atwood

YA 959.7043 Atwo

Non-Fiction

Profiles of courageous women contributors to the Vietnam War include introductions to such heroic individuals as captive Australian reporter Kate Webb, humanitarian Le Ly Hayslip and combat-zone nurse Lynda Van Devanter.

Boots on the ground : America's war in Vietnam

Elizabeth Patridge 960L

YA 959.7043 Part

Non-Fiction

America's war in Vietnam. In over a decade of bitter fighting, it claimed the lives of more than 58,000 American soldiers and beleaguered four US presidents. More than forty years after America left Vietnam in defeat in 1975, the war remains controversial and divisive both in the United States and abroad.

Fallen Angels

Walter Dean Myers

650L

YA Myer

Fiction

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam

The impossible knife of memory

Laurie Halse Anderson

720L

YA Ande

Fiction

Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to their hometown to try a "normal" life, but the horrors he saw in the war threaten to destroy their lives.

Soldier Boy

Keely Hutton

860L

YA Keel

Fiction

Follows Ricky from 1987-1991, and Samuel in 2006, as they are abducted to serve as child-soldiers in Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda. Includes historical notes and information about Friends of Orphans, an organization founded by Ricky Richard Anywar, on whose life the story is partly based.

The Mosaic

Nina Berkhout

730L

YA Berk

Fiction

A teenage girl is assigned to do community service for a reclusive former Marine and the two form an unusual bond.

Great Falls

Steve Watkins

850L

YA Watk

Fiction

After reluctantly agreeing to join his brother Jeremy, recently returned from three tours of duty, on a camping trip, Shane realizes he is in over his head as Jeremy starts to disconnect from reality and succumb to paranoia.

1968 : today's authors explore a year of rebellion, revolution, and change

YA 909.826One

Non-Fiction

Nineteen sixty-eight was a pivotal year that grew more intense with each day. To capture that extraordinary year, editors Marc Aronson and Susan Campbell Bartoletti created an anthology that showcases many genres of nonfiction.

Most dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the secret history of the Vietnam War

Steve Sheinkin

890L

YA 959.7043

Non-Fiction

The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War

Everybody Sees The Ants A.S. King

710L

YA King

Fiction

Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, fifteen-year-old Lucky Linderman begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War, but during a visit to Arizona, his aunt and uncle and their beautiful neighbor, Ginny, help him find a new perspective.

Casualties of war Chris Lynch

890L

YA Lynch

Fiction

One of four friends who have volunteered to fight in the Vietnam War, the intellectual Beck is in the Air Force, where he is part of a crew spraying Agent Orange, but the destruction of the jungle and his isolation from the fighting going on below is starting to affect him.

Death Coming Up The Hill Chris Crowe

930 L

YA Crowe

Fiction

Douglas Ashe keeps a weekly record of historical and personal events in 1968, the year he turns seventeen, including the escalating war in Vietnam, assassinations, rampant racism, and rioting; his first girlfriend, his parents' separation, and a longed-for sister.