



Toms River Elementary Schools

The Things They Carried Read-Alikes



For Students ages 9 thru 12 years old

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Inside Out & Back Again *Thanhha Lai* 800L **J Lai** *Fiction*
Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Everything else in the universe *Tracy Holczer* 860L **J Holc** *Fiction*
In 1971, twelve-year-old Lucy Rossi's dad returns from Vietnam after losing part of his arm, and her whole family must learn to adjust to a new dynamic, but Lucy's friend Milo unknowingly helps her navigate through this difficult time of fear and uncertainty to realize she is much tougher than she thought.

The Vietnam War *Steven Otfinoski* 1080L **J959.7043 Otfi** *Non-Fiction*
This book details major events of the Vietnam War, as well as the war's cultural impact.

50 things you should know about the Vietnam War *Chris McNab* 1030L **J959.7043 McNa** *Non-Fiction*
Describes the Vietnam War, including the causes, combatants, battles, and key figures.

Year of the Jungle *Suzanne Collins* 560L **E Coll** *Fiction*
Suzy spends her year in first grade waiting for her father, who is serving in Vietnam, and when the postcards stop coming she worries that he will never make it home.

Shooting The Moon *Frances O'Roark Dowell* 890L **J Dowe** *Fiction*
When her brother is sent to fight in Vietnam, twelve-year-old Jamie begins to reconsider the Army world that she has grown up in.

Vietnam War heroes *Allan Zullo* 1120L **J959.7043 Zull** *Non-Fiction*
Documents the stories of ten real-life war heroes who served in the Vietnam War, including a helicopter pilot who braves a daring rescue of dozens of severely wounded soldiers under attack by the enemy.

Patrol: An American Soldier In Vietnam *Walter Dean Myers* **J Myer** *Fiction*
A frightened American soldier faces combat in the lush forests of Vietnam.

Strays *Alexander C. London* 800L **J Lond** *Fiction*
As American troops are being pulled out of Vietnam, young soldier Chuck goes AWOL when he learns that the Army intends to euthanize his companion, military working dog Ajax.

The Tet Offensive *Charlie Samuels* 990L **J959.7043 Tet** *Non-Fiction*
Examines the Tet Offensive, a major assault by the North Vietnamese Army and Vietcong against United States and South Vietnamese positions in cities throughout South Vietnam.

Dogs of War *Shelia Keenan*

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Fiction

Three fictional stories, told in graphic novel format, about soldiers in World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War who were aided by combat dogs. Based on true stories.

Vietnam War: battle and leaders *Stuart Murrery*

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Non-Fiction

Presents a history of the Vietnam War told through descriptions of the campaign battles and biographies of leaders on both sides.