

REIGNIER BOOKCLUB

Anzac, World War 1 and World War 2

Book Recommendations

Non Fiction

Soldier in the Yellow Socks: The story of New Zealand's most famous soldier, Sir Charles Upham.

The Danger Zone series - Avoid being a Secret Agent in the Second World War & Avoid being a World War 2 Pilot: Do you think that you could do one of these things? Test yourself to find out what skills were needed to do these dangerous jobs during World War 2. Incorporates cartoon drawings throughout the books.

Simpson and his Donkey: The story of Jack Simpson Kirkpatrick and his Donkey.

The ANZACS at Gallipoli, Scarecrow Army: A New Zealand Post Book Awards winner.

Franklin and Winston: A picture book biography about Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt, and how they worked together to bring an end to WW2.

Caesar the Anzac Dog: The true story of a courageous little dog, trained as a Red Cross dog, he went into the battle grounds to help injured soldiers during WW1.

Brave Bess and the Anzac Horses: Horses played an important role in the First World War Campaign. Bess was the only horse that returned to New Zealand after the war and this is her story.

Horrible Histories: The Frightful First World War and the Woeful Second World War: History Books with all the nasty bits about both World Wars. All sorts of information about the wars that other books don't cover.

Le Quesnoy: The true story of a little town in France that New Zealand forces help liberate.

Fiction

My Story series – The Trenches and Flying Ace : These fictional stories interweave real life events with a fictional base which often is from a child's perspective. A brilliant series, that covers many historical events, looking at them through the eyes of boys and girls. Highly Recommended.

Little Manfred – One of many of Micheal Morporgo's brilliantly written stories. Morporgo also writes stories with an historical element, which he then weaves a fictional element into. A highly respected and awarded author. Highly recommended.

A Rose for the Anzac Boys: The story of three young women during World War 1, and what they do to help the war effort. Very well researched.

My Mother's eyes, the story of a boy soldier. Based on the stories of 23 teenage soldiers in WW1, the story revolves around a 15 year old Australian boy who goes to war.

Happy Reading