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Sky Island

From the sinking of the British passenger liner Athenia on September 3, 1939, by a German U-boat (against orders) to the Japanese surrender on board the Missouri on September 2, 1945, War at Sea covers every major navel battle of World War II. "A first-rate work and the best history of its kind yet written".--Vice Admiral

William P. Mack, U.S.N. (Ret.). 30 photos.

America: Pathways to the Present

International idol, Haruka Heartline caused quite the commotion with her concert on a colony in space! Whatâs a girl to do when the whole world is literally willing to kill to get their hands on her? Technology, and magical powers and just the tip of the iceberg in this manga! What will happen to the poor idol who started this war, and who will end it?

The First War of Physics: The Secret History of the Atomic Bomb, 1939-1949

An epic story of science and technology at the very limits of human understanding: the monumental race to build the first atomic weapons. Rich in personality, action, confrontation, and deception, The First War of Physics is the first fully realized popular account of the race to build humankind's most destructive weapon. The book draws on declassified material, such as MI6's Farm Hall transcripts, coded soviet messages cracked by American cryptographers in the Venona project, and interpretations by Russian scholars of documents from the soviet archives. Jim Baggott weaves these threads into a dramatic narrative that spans ten historic

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years, from the discovery of nuclear fission in 1939 to the aftermath of 'Joe-1,' August 1949's first Soviet atomic bomb test. Why did physicists persist in developing the atomic bomb, despite the devastation that it could bring? Why, despite having a clear head start, did Hitler's physicists fail? Could the Soviets have developed the bomb without spies like Klaus Fuchs or Donald Maclean? Did the allies really plot to assassinate a key member of the German bomb program? Did the physicists knowingly inspire the arms race? The First War of Physics is a grand and frightening story of scientific ambition, intrigue, and genius: a tale barely believable as fiction, which just happens to be historical fact.

Regeneration

Give Me Liberty! is the #1 book in the U.S. history survey course because it works in the classroom. A single-author text by a leader in the field, Give Me Liberty! delivers an authoritative, accessible, concise, and integrated American history. Updated with powerful new scholarship on borderlands and the West, the Fifth Edition brings new interactive History Skills Tutorials and Norton InQuizitive for History, the award-winning adaptive quizzing tool.

Tomorrow, When the War Began

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In the amazing world of *The War of the Gods*, a little boy, named Calven, has found himself alone and he was wandering the world with a dark past occupying his mind. As Calven wandered he shows purity and gentleness. With that he has made a few friends who would help him out. Mostly, life was pretty normal for him or as normal as it would be, other than having strange dreams every night. His life was nothing special until this boy finds a ninja who was being chased by demons of the underworld and a griffin that was caged beneath an abandoned house. The ninja asks Calven for help escape the demons. Calven also links minds with the griffin, and it tells this wandering boy that he was, "The One." After that the boy's life would never be the same. He has realized a life of legend with many exciting adventures involving demons and gods

War and Peace

Charley Carr is a relatively new Air Force pilot flying the F-105 "Thud" during the Vietnam War. He has been assigned to the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing in Lampang, Thailand. His immediate goals are not only to survive but also to earn the coveted 100 Mission Patch that will distinguish him as a member of an elite group of Air Force pilots. Early in his assignment he develops a particular disdain for the SA-2 Guideline missiles or SAMs. Eventually he earns an assignment to the Wild Weasels, a specially designated force of F-105s that go after these missile sites. The course of his career eventually takes him beyond Southeast Asia to the Persian

Gulf. His encounters give an inside look at the perilous art of dueling with the deadly SAMs, Migs, and triple-A in each of these two wars. Along the way he must deal with the triumphs and losses, both personal and professional, that come with successfully fulfilling the obligations of an honorable and exciting military career.

Voices from the Vietnam War

A native of Lincoln, Nebraska, Loren Eiseley began his lifelong exploration of nature in the salt flats and ponds around his hometown and in the mammoth bone collection hoarded in the old red brick museum at the University of Nebraska, where he conducted his studies in anthropology. It was in pursuit of this interest, and in the expression of his natural curiosity and wonder, that Eiseley sprang to national fame with the publication of such works as *The Immense Journey* and *The Firmament of Time*. In *All the Strange Hours*, Eiseley turns his considerable powers of reflection and discovery on his own life to weave a compelling story, related with the modesty, grace, and keen eye for a telling anecdote that distinguish his work. His story begins with his childhood experiences as a sickly afterthought, weighed down by the loveless union of his parents. From there he traces the odyssey that led to his search for early postglacial man and into inspiring philosophical territory, culminating in his uneasy achievement of world renown. Eiseley crafts an absorbing self-portrait of a man who has thought deeply about his place in society as well as humanity's place in the natural world.

U.S. History

Interviews with Wisconsin veterans about their experiences in warfare during the 20th century.

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water

This book condemns slavery, by appealing to whites' rational self-interest, rather than any altruism towards blacks. Helper claimed that slavery hurt the Southern economy by preventing economic development and industrialization, and that it was the main reason why the South had progressed so much less than the North since the late 18th century.

The Kitchen God's Wife

Want to know more about American military history? *U.S. Military History For Dummies* presents concise and revealing accounts of all of the nation's armed conflicts from the French and Indian War to Iraq. It explains how the U.S. military is organized and how its branches operate, both independently and together. This straightforward guide examines the causes for each of America's wars and reveals how these conflicts have shaped the nation's borders, society, politics, culture, and

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future. You'll meet heroes, cowards, patriots, and traitors; relive great battles; and get a taste of what combat is really like, as you discover: How the French/Indian war sowed the seeds of the Revolutionary War Why America's battle for independence didn't end at Yorktown Early U.S. wars against Indians, tax cheats, and pirates The War of 1812: guaranteeing U.S. sovereignty "Manifest Destiny" wars that stretched America from sea to shining sea Why the American Civil War could not be avoided The Spanish American War and the U.S. as an emerging global power Why World War I failed to "make the world safe for democracy" How World War II changed America's role in the world Korea and Vietnam: hot wars during the Cold War Featuring important insights on technological, political, and social changes that transformed the way America fights its wars U.S. Military History For Dummies is your key to understanding the evolution of the most powerful military force in history.

The Americans

In a heart-wrenching, candid autobiography, a human rights activist offers a firsthand account of war from the perspective of a former child soldier, detailing the violent civil war that wracked his native Sierra Leone and the government forces that transformed a gentle young boy into a killer as a member of the army. 75,000 first printing.

The Cold War Swap

Men at War

With the same narrative skills and evocative powers that made her first novel, *The Joy Luck Club*, a national bestseller, Tan now tells the story of Winnie Louie, an aging Chinese woman unfolding a life's worth of secrets to her suspicious, Americanized daughter.

The Crimean War

Journalists should avoid cliches, but they are just too useful. "A picture is worth 1,000 words," and in the case of the 38 "Gulf Breeze UFO" photos shot by Ed Walters in 1987-1988, millions of them -- weird, angry, hilarious and profound words. Words by Dave Barry, Mike Royko and Fox Mulder. Words on "Unsolved Mysteries" and "Oprah." With the 20th anniversary approaching I think about another cliché with a twist: "Truth is funnier than fiction." As a reporter in Pensacola, Fla., I found myself in a "War of the Words." TV networks flocked to town, Believers and Debunkers battled over Ghost-Demon photos and Army deserters arrived in search of the Second Coming. With the mayor and police chief

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on one side, and community leaders and the local paper on the other, I went looking for the last word on the subject. I found a spaceship. REVIEW: Millions of Americans believe that we are regularly visited by beings from outside the Earth, and many are sure they have seen UFOs and even see them regularly. Craig R. Myers has not only seen one, but he has held it in his hand. This was in Florida, in the middle of the famous Gulf Breeze UFO mania of twenty years ago, and the UFO which he had himself captured was of distinctly terrestrial origin, but it had been made by the hoaxer who had sparked the Gulf Breeze sightings. There are plenty of books to tell you where UFOs come from, how we can invite more of them, and what to do when one captures you. War of the Words: The True but Strange Story of the Gulf Breeze UFO (Xlibris) probably won't match sales of many of those other books, but it is shocking and revelatory in its own way. It is impossible to argue, of course, that since this episode was a hoax, all UFO sightings are hoaxes and those who sight them are being fooled, but Myers has given a story with a skeptical bent that indicates the most useful way to regard such phenomena. It is a funny book; it even includes Dave Barry's amusing column about his own visit to Gulf Breeze and his investigation of the mania. It is, however, a serious report by a journalist who covered the story at the time; skeptics ought to enjoy it and True Believers ought to learn from it. Woodward and Bernstein got the story of their lifetimes because they happened to be in the right place and time. Not every journalist's story of a lifetime has such national implications, but Myers is grateful that he was around for what he calls the most interesting, frightening and funny story of my at-that-time

short career. Maybe this was just in contrast to his usual beat for the Pensacola News Journal, where he reported upon what the county commissioners and the utility authority were up to. A rival paper, The Gulf Breeze Sentinel, published anonymously-submitted photographs of a UFO in November 1987, but they were not the first UFOs seen in the area. Gulf Breeze is directly in the flight path of an airport, and is near a naval air station and an Air Force base, so that there are plenty of lights in the sky. In such a locale, if you are of a mind to be fooled by a mysterious light, says Myers, it is quite simple to let yourself think that this is something besides an earthly craft. Indeed, on any clear night, the Gulf Breeze Research Team might be out doing what it called a Skywatch, excitedly whispering to each other Do you see that one? So some Sentinel readers were already primed when the paper published a picture of a classic flying saucer. Myers says there are two ways a paper can report on UFOs. One is to report on the broad phenomenon of UFO sightings, and the other is to report UFO sightings as frequently, and with as little confirmation and editing, as it publishes engagements, weddings, births, Optimist Club donations, honor rolls, obits, and arrests. He does not crow too much that his Journal chose the former while the Sentinel chose the la

Food and War in Twentieth Century Europe

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Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine

In the Hindu Kush Mountains that divide Afghanistan from Pakistan, a new Islamic prophet plans the destruction of the Great Satan. The prophet Khalid Ibn'abd Al-aziz Assaud reveals that Allah has shown him the path to a new Islamic order. He intends to create a new Islamic world by bringing the wrath of Allah down on the infidels in ways they don't expect. Educated in the United States and tempered in the wars of Afghanistan, Assaud knows America's military strengths and its economic weaknesses. Americans' dreams are kept alive with debt—if you destroy the banks of the United States, you bring down the enemy. Dr. Ross Palmer, a decorated Marine and noted economist, leads an elite unit of the Federal Reserve. Formed to respond quickly to attacks on United States financial institutions, the unit has worked only on simulations—until now. The first attack by Assaud is aimed at the world's oil supply. Assaud's second assault, a nationwide cyber-attack on the credit system, proves much more difficult for Dr. Palmer's team. In response to this final attack the Federal Reserve is forced to close all of the nation's banks. Can

that halt the slide, or will America descend into another great depression? Either way, life in the United States is about to change.

Compendium of the Impending Crisis of the South

A high-school freshman who refuses to participate in the annual fund-raising chocolate sale is forced to defend his convictions.

Blood Rush

Through the cool night air they flew without interruption until dawn. The dwarves were taciturn, as was their usual manner, but occasional oaths were heard as the Rocs hit air pockets that sent them plummeting downward several meters. Each was alone with his or her own thoughts, too nervous for sleep as thoughts of the dreaded Plains of Desolation loomed large in their thinking. Here the real battle to save the world would be fought. The stakes were high; it was winner take all! But who would be the winner? Could their small force, maybe hopelessly outnumbered, tip the scales in favor of the races? Salduwe, a lake hidden high in the eastern mountains of the west, holds a secret unknown for over five hundred years. Could it be a pivotal key to unlocking the mystery surrounding malevolent forces that have lain dormant, but now begin to stir? Stones of power come into the hands of a

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young warrior and his gifted sister. They become embroiled in a fight for the survival of all the races. Ancient prophecies, given into the hands of men may hold the key to unraveling the mystery, helping set into motion powerful forces driving history to a climax. *Salduwe's Secret*, second of three magical books by Dave Scorza continues the saga of ancients who once filled the earth. It pits the Dark Lord and his destroyers of things sacred and good against the Guardians of the Halls of Time and all the races that cherish freedom and honor

Leviathan

“Calls to mind such early moderns as Hemingway and FitzgeraldSome of the most powerful antiwar literature in modern English fiction.”—The Boston Globe The first book of the *Regeneration Trilogy*—a Booker Prize nominee and one of Entertainment Weekly’s 100 All-Time Greatest Novels. In 1917 Siegfried Sasson, noted poet and decorated war hero, publicly refused to continue serving as a British officer in World War I. His reason: the war was a senseless slaughter. He was officially classified “mentally unsound” and sent to Craiglockhart War Hospital. There a brilliant psychiatrist, Dr. William Rivers, set about restoring Sassoon’s “sanity” and sending him back to the trenches. This novel tells what happened as only a novel can. It is a war saga in which not a shot is fired. It is a story of a battle for a man's mind in which only the reader can decide who is the victor, who the vanquished, and who the victim. One of the most amazing feats of fiction of our

time, *Regeneration* has been hailed by critics across the globe. More than one hundred years since World War I, this book is as timely and relevant as ever.

Give Me Liberty! An American History

This seminal work focuses on British grand strategy, the development and implementation of national policy and strategy. With a revised introduction contextualizing the 1990 text, and the addition of a bibliography, the book is available to a new generation of scholars, and situated in the historiography of the Crimean War.

The Contender

In the year AD 9, three Roman legions were crushed by the German warlord Arminius in the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest. This event is well-known, but there was another uprising that Rome faced shortly before, which lasted from AD 6 to 9, and was just as intense. This rebellion occurred in the western Balkans (an area roughly corresponding to modern Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Montenegro, and parts of Serbia and Albania) and it tested the Roman Empire to its limits. For three years, fifteen legions fought in the narrow valleys and forest-covered crags of the Dinaric Mountains in a ruthless war of attrition against an

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equally ruthless and determined foe, and yet this conflict is largely unknown today. The Great Illyrian Revolt is believed to be the first book ever devoted to this forgotten war of the Roman Empire. Within its pages, we examine the history and culture of the mysterious Illyrian people, the story of how Rome became involved in this volatile region, and what the Roman army had to face during those harrowing three years in the Balkans.

Two Fronts, One War

War at Sea

Chronicles American foreign relations literature from colonial times to the present, with updated material on post World-War II.

In the Lake of the Woods

Leviathan or The Matter, Forme and Power of a Common-Wealth Ecclesiastical and Civil is a book written by an English materialist philosopher Thomas Hobbes about problems of the state existence and development. Leviathan is a name of a Bible monster, a symbol of nature powers that belittles a man. Hobbes uses this

character to describe a powerful state (“God of the death”). He starts with a postulate about a natural human state (“the war of all against all”) and develops the idea “man is a wolf to a man”. When people stay for a long time in the position of an inevitable extermination they give a part of their natural rights, for the sake of their lives and general peace, according to an unspoken agreement to someone who is obliged to maintain a free usage of the rest of their rights – to the state. The state, a union of people, where the will of a single one (the state) is compulsory for everybody, has a task to regulate the relations between all the people. The book was banned several times in England and Russia.

The Crimean War

An average boy-next-door is about to find out that he is the most crucial part of a centuries old good-vs-evil war, that will take him trotting all over the globe trying to save the seven wonders... and that he inherited an ancient lost wondrous martial art – the Blood Rush!

The War of the Gods

Published by OpenStax College, U.S. History covers the breadth of the chronological history of the United States and also provides the necessary depth to

ensure the course is manageable for instructors and students alike. U.S. History is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of most courses. The authors introduce key forces and major developments that together form the American experience, with particular attention paid to considering issues of race, class and gender. The text provides a balanced approach to U.S. history, considering the people, events and ideas that have shaped the United States from both the top down (politics, economics, diplomacy) and bottom up (eyewitness accounts, lived experience).

The Great Illyrian Revolt

During World War II a community called Manzanar was hastily created in the high mountain desert country of California, east of the Sierras. Its purpose was to house thousands of Japanese American internees. One of the first families to arrive was the Wakatsukis, who were ordered to leave their fishing business in Long Beach and take with them only the belongings they could carry. For Jeanne Wakatsuki, a seven-year-old child, Manzanar became a way of life in which she struggled and adapted, observed and grew. For her father it was essentially the end of his life. At age thirty-seven, Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston recalls life at Manzanar through the eyes of the child she was. She tells of her fear, confusion, and bewilderment as well as the dignity and great resourcefulness of people in oppressive and demeaning circumstances. Written with her husband, Jeanne delivers a powerful

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first-person account that reveals her search for the meaning of Manzanar. Farewell to Manzanar has become a staple of curriculum in schools and on campuses across the country. Last year the San Francisco Chronicle named it one of the twentieth century's 100 best nonfiction books from west of the Rockies. First published in 1973, this new edition of the classic memoir of a devastating Japanese American experience includes an inspiring afterword by the authors.

Wisconsin at War

Moving backward in time, Dorris's critically acclaimed debut novel is a lyrical saga of three generations of Native American women beset by hardship and torn by angry secrets.

The Chronicles of Salduwe

From the National Book Award-winning author of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, the tale of a troubled boy's trip through history. Half Native American and half Irish, fifteen-year-old "Zits" has spent much of his short life alternately abused and ignored as an orphan and ward of the foster care system. Ever since his mother died, he's felt alienated from everyone, but, thanks to the alcoholic father whom he's never met, especially disconnected from other Indians.

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After he runs away from his latest foster home, he makes a new friend. Handsome, charismatic, and eloquent, Justice soon persuades Zits to unleash his pain and anger on the uncaring world. But picking up a gun leads Zits on an unexpected time-traveling journey through several violent moments in American history, experiencing life as an FBI agent during the civil rights movement, a mute Indian boy during the Battle of Little Bighorn, a nineteenth-century Indian tracker, and a modern-day airplane pilot. When Zits finally returns to his own body, “he begins to understand what it means to be the hero, the villain and the victim. . . . Mr. Alexie succeeds yet again with his ability to pierce to the heart of matters, leaving this reader with tears in her eyes” (The New York Times Book Review). Sherman Alexie’s acclaimed novels have turned a spotlight on the unique experiences of modern-day Native Americans, and here, the New York Times–bestselling author of *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven* and *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* takes a bold new turn, combining magical realism with his singular humor and insight. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Sherman Alexie including rare photos from the author’s personal collection.

War by Other Means

A magic umbrella transports three travelers to an astral kingdom where they encounter bizarre inhabitants and face many adventures. A captivating tale for children of all ages. 86 black-and-white illustrations; 12 in full-color.

WARUGINIA

War is the story of individuals painted into a broader tapestry of overpowering events. While examining the wider historical perspective to lay the foundation, this book relates the individual stories of the Second World War _ of Allied bomber pilots shot down over Germany, of American dogfaces fighting to grip a toehold on Iwo Jima, of men struggling for survival during the Bataan Death March, of tankers in Europe and pilots who flew the first B-29s against Japan's mainland, of incredible feats of heroism and self-sacrifice, even of great wartime romances.??The author interviewed more than two dozen U.S. veterans for this book. Most of these stories have never before been published. Together, they provide a true account of what the war was really like for those individuals who actually fought it on the two main fronts of the war _ Europe and the South Pacific.

Farewell to Manzanar

This riveting novel of love and mystery from the author of *The Things They Carried* examines the lasting impact of the twentieth century's legacy of violence and warfare, both at home and abroad. When long-hidden secrets about the atrocities he committed in Vietnam come to light, a candidate for the U.S. Senate retreats with his wife to a lakeside cabin in northern Minnesota. Within days of their arrival,

his wife mysteriously vanishes into the watery wilderness.

All the Strange Hours

The Vietnam War's influence on politics, foreign policy, and subsequent military campaigns is the center of much debate and analysis. But the impact on veterans across the globe, as well as the war's effects on individual lives and communities, is a largely neglected issue. As a consequence of cultural and legal barriers, the oral histories of the Vietnam War currently available in English are predictably one-sided, providing limited insight into the inner workings of the Communist nations that participated in the war. Furthermore, many of these accounts focus on combat experiences rather than the backgrounds, belief systems, and social experiences of interviewees, resulting in an incomplete historiography of the war. Chinese native Xiaobing Li corrects this oversight in *Voices from the Vietnam War: Stories from American, Asian, and Russian Veterans*. Li spent seven years gathering hundreds of personal accounts from survivors of the war, accounts that span continents, nationalities, and political affiliations. The twenty-two intimate stories in the book feature the experiences of American, Chinese, Russian, Korean, and North and South Vietnamese veterans, representing the views of both anti-Communist and Communist participants, including Chinese officers of the PLA, a Russian missile-training instructor, and a KGB spy. These narratives humanize and contextualize the war's events while shedding light on aspects of the war previously unknown to

Western scholars. Providing fresh perspectives on a long-discussed topic, *Voices from the Vietnam War* offers a thorough and unique understanding of America's longest war.

A Long Way Gone

The Impending Crisis of the South

Wars cannot be fought and sustained without food and this unique collection explores the impact of war on food production, allocation and consumption in Europe in the twentieth century. A comparative perspective which incorporates belligerent, occupied and neutral countries provides new insights into the relationship between food and war. The analysis ranges from military provisioning and systems of food rationing to civilians' survival strategies and the role of war in stimulating innovation and modernization.

U.S. Military History For Dummies

In contrast to every other book about the conflict Andrew Lambert's ground-breaking study *The Crimean War: British Grand Strategy against Russia*,

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1853-1856 is neither an operational history of the armies in the Crimea, nor a study of the diplomacy of the conflict. The core concern is with grand strategy, the development and implementation of national policy and strategy. The key concepts are strategic, derived from the works of Carl von Clausewitz and Sir Julian Corbett, and the main focus is on naval, not military operations. This original approach rejected the 'Continentalist' orthodoxy that dominated contemporary writing about the history of war, reflecting an era when British security policy was dominated by Inner German Frontier, the British Army of the Rhine and Air Force Germany. Originally published in 1990 the book appeared just as the Cold War ended; the strategic landscape for Britain began shifting away from the continent, and new commitments were emerging that heralded a return to maritime strategy, as adumbrated in the defence policy papers of the 1990s. With a new introduction that contextualises the 1990 text and situates it in the developing historiography of the Crimean War the new edition makes this essential book available to a new generation of scholars.

American Foreign Relations Since 1600

The breakthrough modern sports novel *The Contender* shows readers the true meaning of being a hero. This acclaimed novel by celebrated sportswriter Robert Lipsyte, the recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in YA fiction, is the story of a young boxer in Harlem who overcomes hardships and

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finds hope in the ring on his path to becoming a contender. Alfred Brooks is scared. He's a high-school dropout, and his grocery store job is leading nowhere. His best friend is sinking further and further into drug addiction. Some street kids are after him for something he didn't even do. So Alfred begins going to Donatelli's Gym, a boxing club in Harlem that has trained champions. There he learns it's the effort, not the win, that makes the boxer—that before you can be a champion, you have to be a contender. ALA Best of the Best Books for Young Adults * ALA Notable Children's Book * New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age

War of the Words

At the height of the Cold War, two Americans are running a bar in the West German capital, called Mac's place. One of the pair, Michael Padillo, isn't around a lot; he keeps disappearing on "business trips." McCorkle, his partner, wisely doesn't ask questions; he knows Padillo has a second job -- he's a (reluctant) US agent. But McCorkle is ready to answer a call for help from Padillo, and he joins his friend in a blind journey with no inkling of what they will encounter at the turn of each dark and dangerous corner.

The Chocolate War

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When Ellie and six of her friends return home from a camping trip deep in the bush, they find things hideously wrong -- their families gone, houses empty and abandoned, pets and stock dead. Gradually they begin to comprehend that their country has been invaded and everyone in the town has been taken prisoner. As the horrible reality of the situation becomes evident they have to make a life-and-death decision: to run back into the bush and hide, to give themselves up to be with their families, or to stay and try to fight. This riveting, tautly-drawn novel seems at times to be only a step away from today's headlines.

Flight

Hailed as one of the greatest novels of all time and a classic of world literature, War and Peace is a tale of strivers in a world fraught with conflict, social and political change, and spiritual confusion, Tolstoy's magnificent work continues to entertain, enlighten, and inspire readers around the world. Both an intimate study of individual passions and an epic history of Russia and its people, 'War and Peace' is nothing more or less than a complete portrait of human existence. Among its many unforgettable characters is Prince Andrey Bolkonsky, a proud, dashing man who, despising the artifice of high society, joins the army to achieve glory. Badly wounded at Austerlitz, he begins to discover the emptiness of everything to which he has devoted himself. His death scene is considered one of the greatest passages in Russian literature. Terror swiftly engulfs the country as Napoleon's

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army marches on Russia, and the lives of three young people are changed forever. The stories of quixotic Pierre, cynical Andrey and impetuous Natasha interweave with a huge cast, from aristocrats and peasants, to soldiers and Napoleon himself. In *War and Peace* (1868-9), Tolstoy entwines grand themes—conflict and love, birth and death, free will and fate.

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