

Freedom's Feast MEMORIAL DAY

On-line resources to get the most out of your AMERICAN holiday celebrations.

MEMORIAL DAY RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST

From our consultants at the Enoch Pratt Free Library

Visit your local library to read these books with your children or purchase them from your preferred on-line bookstore or from Amazon via the on-line links below.

Eyewitness Books: Soldier (2009). Author Simon Adams. DK Publishing, Ages 8 and up. A comprehensive study of soldiers from medieval to modern times.

My Red Balloon (2005). Author Eve Bunting. Boyd's Mills Press, Ages 4-6. While he waits for his father, back after many months of deployment at sea, to disembark from an aircraft carrier, a young boy holds onto a red balloon that will help his father find him in the crowd.

Pilot Mom (2003). Author Kathleen Benner Duble. Charlesbridge Publishing, Ages 5-8. Before her mother, a tanker pilot, leaves for a training mission, Jenny and her best friend explore the air base. Jenny worries about her Mother's safety and wonders if she likes flying more than being her Mom.

Nubs: The True Story of A Mutt, A Marine, & A Miracle (2003). Author Brian Dennis. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Ages 7-9. Against all odds, a Marine befriends and adopts a wild dog in Iraq.

Off to War: Voices of Soldiers' Children (2010). Author Deborah Ellis. Groundwood Books, Ages 10 and up. Children of military personnel stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan recount how their experiences have impacted their lives.

Night Catch (2005). Author Brenda Ehrmantraut. Bubble Gum Publishers, Ages 4-6. A son and father "play catch" with the North Star, passing it back and forth until Dad returns home again.

Love, Lizzie: Letters to a Military Mom (2005). Author Lisa Tucker McElroy. Albert Whitman & Company, Ages 7-9. Nine year old Lizzie writes letters to her mother who is deployed overseas during wartime. Includes tips to help children of military families handle the separation from their parents.

100 Days and 99 Nights (2008). Author Alan Madison. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Ages 8-10. Esme's father has been gone for three months. Counting down the days before he returns, she uses memories of how she collected her stuffed animals from many countries around the world to tell the story of her family's military life.

Stars Above Us (2009). Author Geoffrey Norman. Putnam Juvenile, Ages 5-8. A little girl's father helps her get over her fear of the dark before he goes off to war; she uses the glow-in-the-dark stars on her ceiling to sustain her when he goes overseas for a dangerous tour of duty.

Pink and Say (2009). Author Patricia Polacco. Philomel, Ages 5-8. Based on a true family story about a white and a black union soldier who become friends in Andersonville prison.

The Impossible Patriotism Project (2009). Author Linda Skeers. Puffin, Ages 3 and up. A boy whose father is serving overseas has to do a project about patriotism and then realizes that his dad is the embodiment of patriotism.

While You Are Away (2004). Author Eileen Spinelli. Hyperion Books for Children, Ages 3-5. Deployment seen through different branches of service and different family relationships.