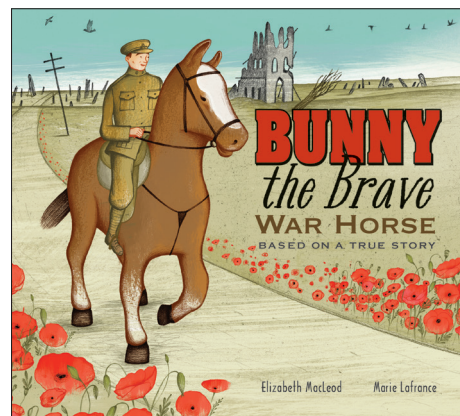


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the Brave

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Meet Bunny, a Toronto police horse turned war horse.

Discover the true story of Bunny and his riders, brothers Bud and Thomas Dundas, and their journey to the frontlines of World War I.

Bunny and his riders are sent to the European front as part of the 9th Battery Canadian Field Artillery during World War I. This powerfully told tale explores many of the actual on-the-ground hardships of World War I, including a gas attack, wounded and killed comrades, exploding bombs and severe hunger, while also exploring the often tender relationships between Bunny and his riders.

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“Emotionally charged but never manipulative, Bunny’s story and the story of World War I bravery will not be soon forgotten.”

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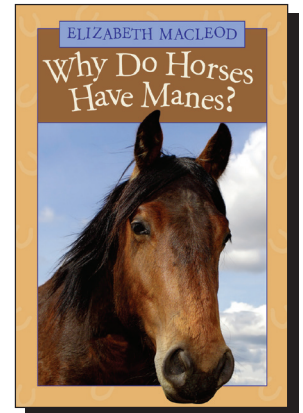
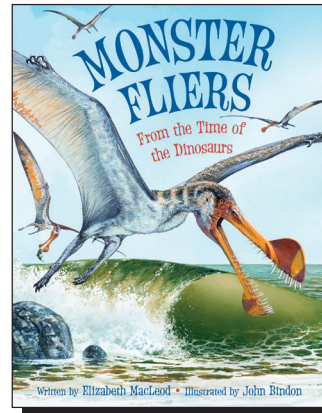
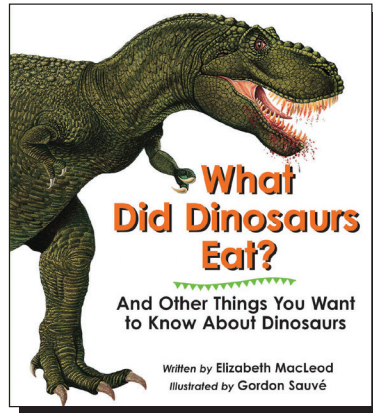
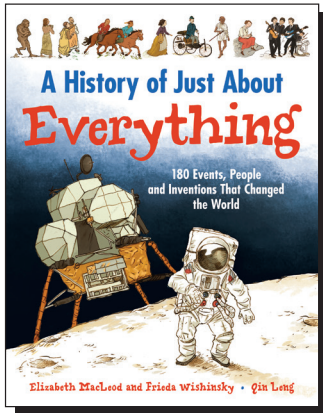
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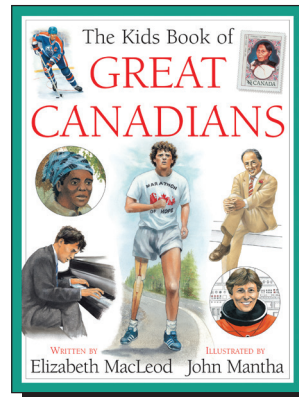
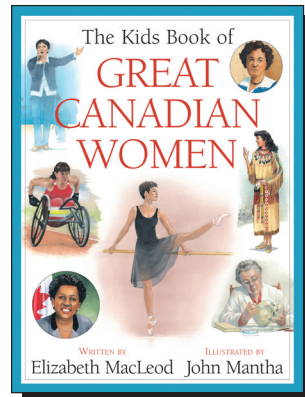
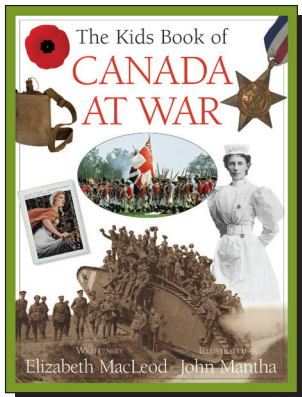
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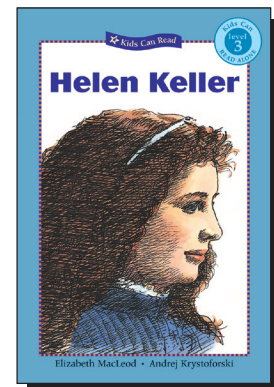
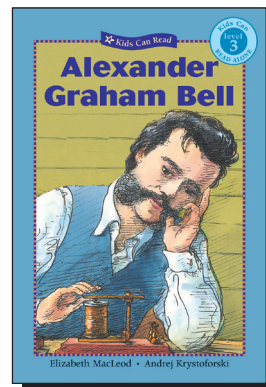
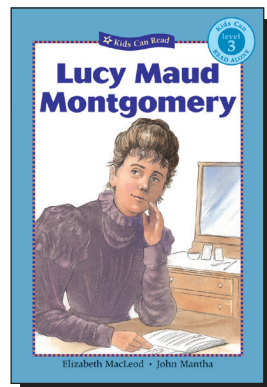
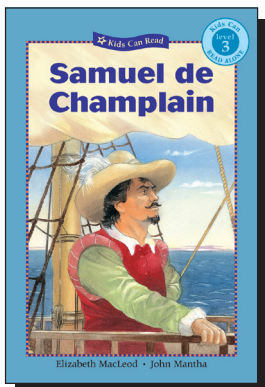
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THINGS TO DO

1. Make or draw a medal that might have been given to Bunny to reward him for being such a brave war horse. What colours should the medal be? Should it have ribbons or other decorations?
2. Create a letter as if you are Tom writing to a friend back home in Canada. Be sure to tell the friend about Bunny.
3. Make a list of the qualities that you think a war horse like Bunny needs to have.
4. Draw a picture of Bunny with Tom and Bud. What will you show in the background?
5. With a friend, pretend you are brothers Tom and Bud. Talk about Bunny and how you feel about leaving Canada with him to go to Europe and fight.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Tom says to his brave horse, “Poor Bunny. I chose to come here and fight. No one gave you a choice.” How do you feel about animals taking part in wars and battles? Do you think it’s fair?
2. During World War I, horses made soldiers feel better. People said horses could boost a soldier’s morale. How do you think they did this? (Hint: think about how a pet can make you feel.)
3. Think about countries like France and Belgium, where World War I was fought. What do you think happened to many of the buildings there? What about farm fields? How do you think the people living there coped with the war?
4. When the war ended, Tom and Bunny were still alive and they didn’t have to fight anymore. However, Tom’s brother, Bud, had died. How do you think Tom was feeling on the day the war ended?
5. Why do you think people hold events about soldiers, war and peace each year on Remembrance Day?

