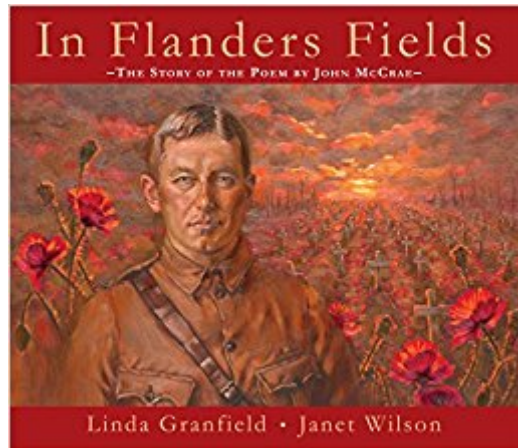




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# In Flanders Fields: The Story Of The Poem By John McCrae



## Synopsis

Children's Literature Roundtables of Canada Information Book Award winner Canadian Library Association Honour Book With new introduction! In May 2015, "In Flanders Fields," one of the most popular poems ever written on the subject of war, marked 100 years since it was written. This special edition celebrates that emotional anniversary. John McCrae's poem has been recited by many generations who have embraced and continue to cherish its underlying message of respect for the fallen, longing for peace and its call to action. In this award-winning book, the lines of the celebrated poem are interwoven with fascinating information about the First World War (1914-1918) and details of daily life in the trenches in Europe. Also included are accounts of McCrae's experience in his field hospital and the circumstances that led to the writing of "In Flanders Fields." New introduction by noted historian Dr. Tim Cook of the Canadian War Museum. Vibrant new painting by Janet Wilson on the cover. Original text, maps, and evocative paintings of the acclaimed, now classic, 1995 edition. An invaluable reference for classroom studies of war and remembrance. A lasting gift for history buffs, veterans, and families determined never to forget the sacrifices of war.

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This is a beautiful and moving poem. I personally find it somewhat unsettling as I feel it is something of a "call to arms" on behalf of others who were killed serving in battle. As I have aged I am more and more in favor of peace, whenever possible, and I have always felt that World War 1 was an example of failed statesmanship and an attempt to preserve monarchies. The poem itself became part of the war effort. So although the poem itself is beautiful, it leaves me in a state of cognitive dissidence. As far as the product itself, it is almost more of a pamphlet than a book. It is very nicely done but fairly brief.

My grandfather lives on Flanders road and came across the poem and wanted it for christmas. I got online and found the poem, typed it up on decorative paper and put it in a picture frame. I then came across this book and thought it would be the perfect addition to his picture/poem. It is a softcover book, which I wasn't a huge fan of but the book itself was laid out nicely. It incorporated pages with the poem, then explained more in depth, the meaning of each section; it mixed in some pages that were just pictures such as soldiers on the fields and stuff. It was a very eye opening book, with the history of the poem. Needless to say, on Christmas day my grandpa was THRILLED!!! He was so excited!! He thought we had forgotten that he wanted the poem and we saw the book he was even more excited. He is a huge history buff and couldn't wait to get home to read the book. He hung the poem up on the wall and has the book in one of those metal book holders sitting on a shelf next to the picture. This book was so easy to read that even an older child/young teenager could read it.

Nothing compares to the world war I war poets.

Yes, this poem is contained in various anthologies. However, its import and its gravity seem to be better represented in this noble offering. At one cent shy of a dollar, it is reasonably priced and can now stand alone and proud on your Kindle shelf. Millions died horribly in this increasingly forgotten war...give one final salute to their once-vital being. Buy this poem, read this poem,....and never forget.

Everything as described.

gave a lecture using this wonderful poem. Very sad and powerful. We visited the battlefields, and so moving could not even talk while there. And, yes, red poppies were growing everywhere.

A beautiful book. I bought this because this is one of my favorite poems. Though sad, it speaks to the soul.

I have used this book as part of my Veteran's Day lesson in my high school classes for several years. The beautiful illustrations and story add a lot to an already beautiful and meaningful poem. This copy was a gift for a friend, an elementary school teacher, who also loves it.

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