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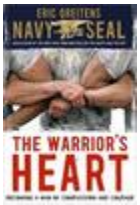

The Warrior's Heart
Author:
Greitens, Eric

Reading Level: Grades 6 and up

What sort of person becomes a Rhodes Scholar (one of the most prestigious academic honors in the world) and then signs on to become a Navy SEAL? Eric Greitens will take you on his journey that led him from refugee camps in Rwanda and Bosnia, the slums of Bolivia, the rigors of Navy SEAL training to the battlefields of Iraq and then home. In this adaptation for teens of his best-selling novel you will meet an extraordinary person you will not soon forget.

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Other books by Eric Greitens

The Pregnancy Project: A Memoir
Author:
Gaby Rodriguez with Jenna Glatzer

Reading Level: Grades 7 and up

Gaby's mother became pregnant with her first child at 14. All of Gaby's seven older brothers and sisters became teen parents as well, but Gaby, who was an unplanned, post-divorce child, is determined to not follow in her family's footsteps. When she needed to design her senior year research project she wondered, how would people react if a hardworking, determined student with a planned out future DID become a teen mother? Thus begins a six month long faked teen pregnancy and social experiment.

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More books by Gaby Rodriguez

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Last Airlift: A Vietnamese Orphan's Rescue from War
Author:
Marsha Forechuk Skrypuch

Reading Level: Grades 3-6

This is the true story of Tuyet, an eight -year- old orphan who didn't remember her life before the Saigon orphanage. There were the scars that she thought might have been from the war that still raged on, but she couldn't remember When Saigon fell, she was one of 57 babies and children evacuated to Canada during "Operation Babylift."

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Novels about war orphans:

Betti on the Highwire by Lisa Railsback

Dogtag Summer by Elizabeth Partridge

Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs
Author:
Michaela Muntean

Reading Level: Grades 2 - 5

After he was seriously injured in a fall from a high wire, Luciano Anastasini needed to come up with a new circus act for himself. That is when five, unwanted "problem" dogs on death row in the pound (and later five more) came along and together they found what their purpose in life was meant to be.

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Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert
Author:
Marc Aronson

Grades 4+

In August of 2010, a Chilean mine collapsed suddenly, trapping thirty-three men in the dark mine over a mile beneath the earth with limited supplies. After the collapse, the men were able to get to a shelter point, but had no way to communicate with the ground above. All routes to the surface were blocked by the accident.

Initial rescue attempts did not prove successful - maps of the mine were not updated and were somewhat inaccurate; rescue drilling routes that were, on the maps, clear shots to the miners were unable to bypass the sediment.

A gripping and inspirational survival and rescue tale of teamwork and determination, *Trapped* may make you claustrophobic at times, but ultimately will fill you with optimism. A must-read non-fiction account of recent history for kids and adults alike.

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