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The authors include teachers of writing, historians, journalists, literary and media scholars. They offer their personal and scholarly perspectives on the way war and situations of conflict and trauma intersect with individual lives.

A whole generation of children was exposed to the horrors of war early in life.

Genowefa Popcsynska

The sketches are vivid evocations of life in isolated army camps ... and create a light-hearted, comic view of camp life.

Helen Payne

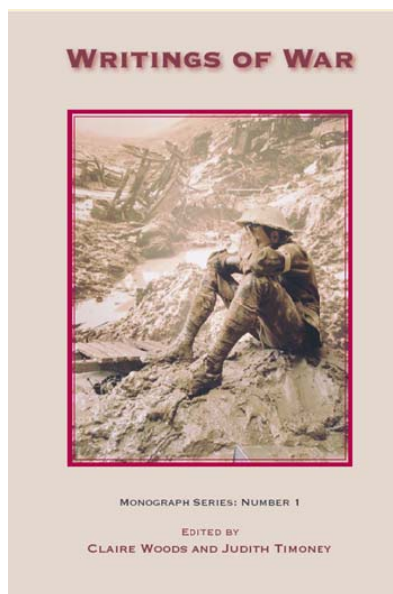


I read a letter from Stan as a then just 'liberated POW' written in extreme conditions, and struggle to walk within it to feel the strained joy or the eager relief from ugliness.

Claire Woods

Since the turn of the 19th century, Australia has produced a proud but damaged band of war correspondents.

Kerry Green



Travel writing can engage with the difficulties of witnessing, of narrating violence and trauma, and of recovering stories.

Peter Bishop

A shabby collection of personal effects, a few pieces of a chess set, a book of prayer, two watches and a photograph, were all of their 'boy' that ever came home.

Bruce Scates



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I grew up knowing my father had been a prisoner of the Japanese, but I had only a vague idea of what being a prisoner of war had entailed.

Michele Cunningham

The authors and illustrators of children's books are mediating the historical truth to make it more palatable.

Sue Page

But how to make sense of such suffering and fear, especially in the face of defeatism, war weariness or downright apathy back home in the civilian world?

Paul Skrebels



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For the minutiae of conflict and a sense of bereavement, turn to the obituary, for it possesses a quality of restrained pathos in recording individual loss.

Nigel Starck

'Daddy was wounded for the second time,' he explained, 'but do not worry my dear girl, as I am doing splendid, & may be coming home to Australia in a few weeks.'

Marina Larsson

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