

All Quiet on the Western Front

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All Quiet on the Western Front is an old classic that everyone should at least once in his or her lifetimes. This book is about a German soldier fighting in World War I and the many hardships he faces during his experience in the war. *All Quiet on the Western Front* was a great representation of the challenges soldiers and veterans of war still face today.

The novel starts with Paul Baumer, a 20-year-old German soldier who talks about the beginning of the war, when it was still undecided who will achieve victory. Throughout the novel he witnesses the horrors of war including the death of many of his comrades and the eventual defeat of the Germans. This book explained in great details the horrors of war only because the author served in World War I himself. The emotions Paul expresses will bring tears to your eyes and have you cowering in terror one after the other. No wonder this book is a classic and I would definitely recommend it to people in high school or older because the details are vivid and the book is grounded on real experiences.

Recommended Titles:

The Kite Runner, by Khaled Hosseini

Hunt for Red October, by Tom Clancy