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IN FLANDERS FIELDS

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Winner, Children's Book Council of Australia
Picture Book of the Year, 2003
Honour Book, American SPCA
Henry Burgh Award, 2004

Shortlisted, Western Australian Premier's Book Award, 2002

ABOUT THE BOOK

Early on Christmas morning the guns stop firing. A deathly silence creeps over the pitted and ruined landscape. A young soldier peers through a periscope over the top of the trench. Way out in no-man's-land, he sees a small red shape moving on the barbed wire. A brightly coloured robin is trapped. One wing is flapping helplessly.

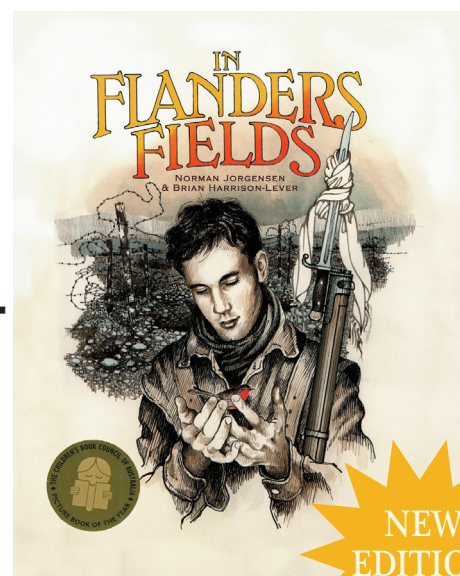
An eloquent counterpoint to the senselessness and inhumanity of war, *In Flanders Fields* tells the story of a young homesick World War I soldier, who risks his life to cross the no-man's land and rescue a robin caught in the barbed wire that separates the opposing forces, dug into their trenches. This moving picture book is a plea for compassion.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Norman became an avid reader after being given *The Secret Seven* by Enid Blyton at age seven. His love affair with books has never ended and for the past thirty years Norman has worked in the book trade. He and his wife Jan, a retired school librarian have been heavily involved in the WA children's literature community for many years. Norman has had ten books published and his titles include: *The Call of the Osprey*, *Jack's Island*, *The Last Viking* and *The Last Viking Returns*.

KEY SALES POINTS

- *In Flanders Fields* is an award-winning, best selling title.
- It won the Children's Book Council Award for Book of the Year and is a must for teachers, parents and librarians seeking quality picture books about WWI.
- The author's most recent book is *The Last Viking Returns*. It's companion title: *The Last Viking*, won the 2012 Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' Crystal Kite Award, the 2012 WA Young Readers' Hoffman Award, and a 2012 Children's Book Council of Australia Junior Judges Award. It was shortlisted for a further four awards.



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