



Books For Our Youth

Reflecting on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11

Many of the titles on this list are directed to children younger than 12 years old. For them, the 10th anniversary of 9/11 is either a mystery or a vague concept heard discussed by grown-ups. Students of these age groups may not be ready to delve into the violence of the day or the cause of such terror to our country.

They however, are ready to reflect on concepts of patriotism and heroism displayed by our country responding to those terrible events. The list emphasizes these concepts. Included are books on symbols of our nation that make real our ideals. We hope that the books can forward healthy discussions on the resiliency of our country, love of our country and leaders, and pride as citizens.

September 11 is Patriot Day. September 11 is our country's newest flag day, a day to look at the flag and remember what it represents.

This 10th Anniversary, Patriot Day is a day for reverence and reflection. We remember the loss. We dedicate ourselves to lives well-lived to make our country strong. We dedicate ourselves to developing healthy and resilient children/youth.

From Lynne Cheney's book, *America: A Patriotic Primer*: "H is for Heroes and I for Ideals. Heroes remind us of our nation's ideals and how important it is to live up to them. Some heroes we admire from afar. Others are part of our lives every day."

It is hoped that these books will serve as a starting point for observances and discussion within classrooms and families.

God Bless America and All Who Make Her Great!

Titles are available in libraries and on Amazon.

Multiple Age Groups (Ages 4-18)

The Children's Book of Heroes by William Bennett. (2006)

The Greatest Firefighter Stories Never Told by Allan Zullo, Mara Bovsun, and Mike Santangelo. [Paperback] 2002.

The Mammoth Book of Heroes: True Tales of Courage from Ancient Times to September 11, 2001, compiled by Jon E. Lewis. 2002.

Patriotic Pups, by Nancy Kay Arnold. 2008.

Hero Dogs: Courageous Canines in Action, by Donna M. Jackson. 2004.

Ages 4-8

Fireboat, The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey, by Maira Kalman. 2005.

The American Flag (Symbols of Freedom), by Tristan Boyer Binns. 2001.

The American Flag, by Elaine Landau. 2008.

Search and Rescue Dogs, by Mari Schuh. 2011.

It's Still a Dog's New York: A Book of Healing, by Susan L. Roth. 2001.

September 12th: We Knew Everything Would Be All Right, by Masterson Elementary School Students. 2002.

New York's Bravest, by Mary Pope Osbourne. 2006.

Ages 9-12

Do Not Be Sad: A Chronicle of Healing: Children's Letters and Artwork Sent After 9/11 from Across America to Engine 24 Ladder 5 FDNY, edited by Chris Jarrin . 2002.

American Heroes, by Marfe Ferguson Delano. 2005.

September 11: A Primary Source History, by Alan Wachtel. 2009.

America, The Making of a Nation, by Charlie Samuels. 2008.

September 11 (We the People: Modern America series), by Mary Englar. 2007.

The Little Chapel that Stood, by A. B. Curtiss. 2003.

Stars and Stripes, The Story of the American Flag, by Sarah L. Thomson. Includes 9/11 in the story. 2003.

The Star-Spangled Banner, by Catherine A. Welch. 2005.

Oh, Say Can You See, America's Symbols, Landmarks, and Inspiring Words by Sheila Keenan. 2004.

America, A Patriotic Primer, by Lynne Cheney. 2002.

A Time for Freedom, by Lynne Cheney. 2005.

The Pocket Book of Patriotism, by Jonathan Foreman. 2005.

The Hero's Trail: A Guide for a Heroic Life, by T. A. Barron. 2007.

50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet, by Dennis Denenberg. 2005.

September 11: Then and Now, by Peter Benoit. 2011.

14 Cows for America, by Carmen Agra Deedy in collaboration with Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah. 2009.

New York's Bravest, by Mary Pope Osbourne. 2006.

Search and Rescue Dog Heroes, by Linda Bozzo. 2010.

Ground Zero (War on Terrorism), by Nancy Louis. 2002.

America's Leaders (War on Terrorism), by Jill C. Wheeler. 2002.

September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed America (War on Terrorism), by Jill C. Wheeler. 2002.

Young Adults

Chicken Soup for of America: Stories to Heal the Heart of Our Nation, compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Matthew E. Adams. 2002.

The Pocket Bood of Patriotism, by Jonathan Foreman. 2005.

A Time for Freedom, by Lynne Cheney. 2005.

The Hero's Trail: A Guide for a Heroic Life, by T. A. Barron. 2007.

Heroes: 50 Stories of the American Spirit, by Lenore Skomal. 2002.

September 11: Then and Now, by Peter Benoit. 2011.

Helping Hands: America Responds to the Events of September 11, 2001, by Mary Lou Morano Kjelle. 2001.