



BOOK RESUME: COMBAT ZONE

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*Age Range: 11-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 6 and Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Having a parent return from military duty is a dream come true. But sometimes, coming home comes with problems.

Justin's got it all planned out. He's going to graduate high school, enroll at the Naval Academy, and become a Navy SEAL, just like his dad. But when he finds out a secret his dad has been keeping, Justin's world is turned upside down. He feels betrayed by his biggest role model. When his aggression spins out of control, his future with the Navy is on the line. Justin might not be in combat yet, but he'll have to figure how to readjust under pressure before it's too late.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"This series broaches the complex subject of teens with parents and guardians in the armed forces. . . . Higher-level language and mature concepts make them a good fit for late middle grade and high school readers."—*School Library Journal*

"This hi-lo series focuses on the difficulties that veterans and their families encounter during the transition back to civilian life; diverse teenage protagonists must deal with their own issues while trying to understand what their veteran parent is dealing with. Despite predictable plot lines and abrupt resolutions, the series' veteran-related issues, from addiction (*Freedom*) to traumatic brain injury (*Collateral*), are important and timely."—The Horn Book Guide

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

TeachingBooks.net – Story Map Multi-Leveled Lesson, Cultural Representation Reflection, Qualitative Text Complexity Rubric, Author Page

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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