



***Lest We Forget* – Feana Tu'akoi**

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Lest We Forget is told through the eyes of a young boy who is anti-war. He cannot understand why anyone would want to go to war. Why would others feel proud of the men who lost their lives? Why go to an Anzac Parade? Wouldn't that be pro-war?

Tyson has decided he doesn't want to go. But a discussion with his mother, his nana and his great-nana causes a shift in his understanding. He gets up early and goes with his mother and poppa to the Anzac Parade. He is surprised to discover that the focus is not pro-war after all. Instead the emphasis is, "When will we ever learn?"

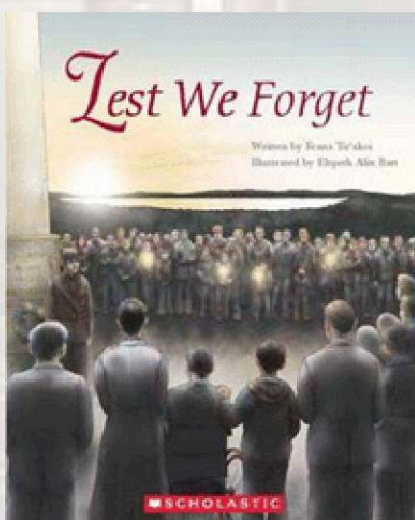
Tyson is able to agree fully with this sentiment and can now feel proud of his grandfather and great-grandfather.

Sympathetically told, with sufficient left for the reader to come to their own conclusions, this is a worthwhile read for anyone grappling with the big questions of war and conflict.

Illustrations by Elspeth Alix Batt add to the overall impact of the story, showing aspects of war and anti-war protest only hinted at in the storyline.

For the classroom teacher of Years 7 – 10 this would be excellent in a classroom mixed book set on the themes of war and conflict.

Reviewed by Bookrapt member Chris Wright.



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