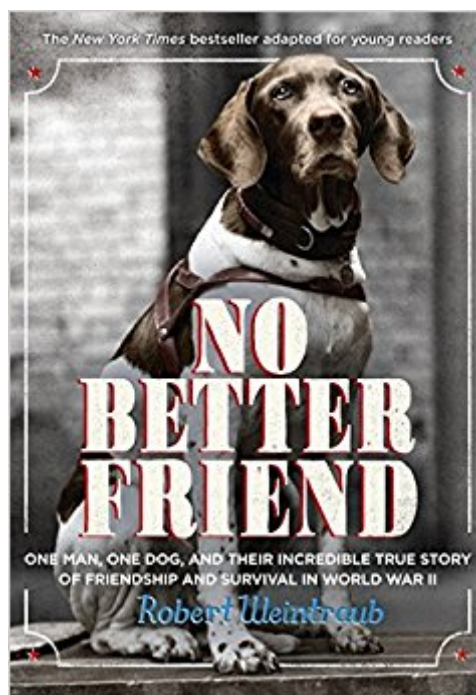




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No Better Friend: Young Readers Edition: A Man, A Dog, And Their Incredible True Story Of Friendship And Survival In World War II



Synopsis

A middle-grade edition of the New York Times bestselling *No Better Friend*—the extraordinary tale of friendship and survival in World War II. *No Better Friend* tells the incredible true story of Frank Williams, a radarman in Britain's Royal Air Force, and Judy, a purebred pointer, who met as prisoners of war during World War II. Judy, who became the war's only official canine POW, was a fiercely loyal dog who sensed danger—warning her fellow prisoners of imminent attacks and, later, protecting them from brutal beatings. Frank and Judy's friendship, an unbreakable bond forged in the worst circumstances, is one of the great recently uncovered stories of World War II. As they discover Frank and Judy's story in this specially adapted text, young readers will also learn about key World War II moments through informative and engaging sidebars, maps, photographs, and a timeline.

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Gr 6-9 • Weintraub's middle grade adaptation of his adult book is an almost unbelievable tale of animal survival and loyalty amid the horrors of World War II. Born in Shanghai, China, Judy the purebred pointer dog began her military career when she was adopted by a group of English sailors who took her onboard a gunboat and eventually moved her to Singapore just as World War II reached the Pacific. Judy survived sinking ships, torpedoed boats, and life on a desert island before following her human companions to a Japanese internment camp, where she met Frank Williams, a radarman in the Royal Air Force. The friendship between the two, as well as Judy's encouragement and protection of other men interned at the camp, helped raise spirits in a desperate situation. Readers will appreciate this work, which has been lovingly and engagingly

adapted by Weintraub. Through accessible language, the author makes it clear that he is inferring many aspects of the narrative. Sidebars on topics such as the Sino-Japanese War, the Battle of Britain, and post-traumatic stress disorder among soldiers add context. Photographs are frequent, well chosen, and clearly captioned. A thorough notes section (present in the adult version) is left out. VERDICT An enormously readable account of animal and human companionship and survival; recommended for budding historians and fans of survival stories. —Kristy Pasquariello, Wellesley Free Library, MA

"A riveting and highly moving dog story." —Kirkus Reviews "An enormously readable account of animal and human companionship and survival; recommended for budding historians and fans of survival stories." —School Library Journal "Well-written and engaging." —Booklist Praise for the adult edition of *No Better Friend*: "No Better Friend personifies the relationship we all aspire to have with our dogs, and takes us on a harrowing journey to a place and time lost in the history books. A must read for every dog or animal lover." —Robin Hutton, author of *Sgt. Reckless: America's War Horse* "Robert Weintraub captures the beauty and power of friendship and loyalty between man and animal in this captivating narrative. We'd all be lucky to have a dog like Judy by our sides in our darkest times." --- Cate Lineberry, author of *The Secret Rescue: An Untold Story of American Nurses and Medics Behind Nazi Lines*

Student, with difficulty reading, loved this book. He doesn't read much other than "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" books, but finished this one in a few days. Young Readers Editions are awesome.

A gift for my grandson and he loves it!

Fabulous!! My (rising) 6th grade son and I read the book. Amazing!! Well written, captures your attn. I loved that it was very accurate and helped depict concentration camps, without being too graphic for my kiddo. Fantastic!!

Our 12 year old is a dog and war enthusiast. Couldn't put this one down!

It was fantastic

Given as a gift.

I picked up the young reader version by mistake, but was thoroughly taken in by this wonderful true story. Judy, an English pointer was deemed a member of the Royal Navy and a real sea dog. She was the only dog to receive POW status in WWII. Surviving ship sinkings and other hardships she performed one heroic deed after another. Countless men lived to return home due to this angel with a wet nose.

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