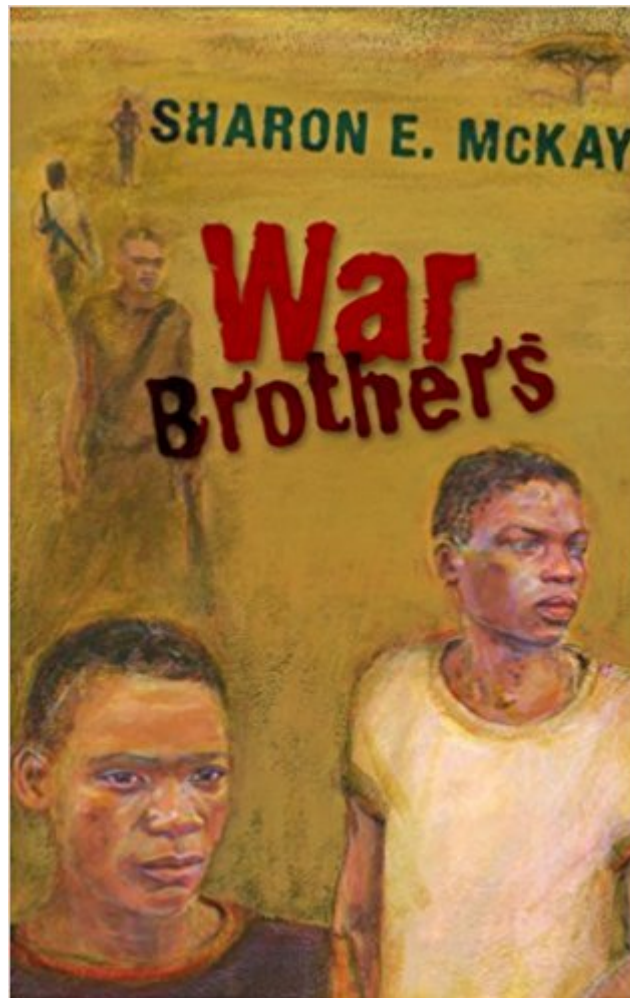




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Synopsis

Sharon McKay sets her new novel in Uganda, where Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has, since 1987, abducted up to 30,000 children from their villages and homes for use as soldiers and slaves. It is in these nightmarish times that the fates of 5 boys and a girl are entwined. Captured from their school by the LRA, the boys wait for rescue only to discover that if they are to survive they must rely on themselves. But friendship, courage, and resilience might not be enough to save them. Based in part upon interviews with child soldiers in Northern Uganda, *War Brothers* is a stunning depiction of the human cost of wars fought by children.

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Customer Reviews

Sharon McKay is an award-winning author of many books for parents and children, including *Penelope* from the *Our Canadian Girl* series. Her first young adult novel, *Charlie Wilcox*, won the Geoffrey Bilson Award and was shortlisted for the Governor General's Award and the Ruth Schwartz Award. *Charlie Wilcox's Great War*, the sequel, was nominated for a 2003 Red Maple Award. *Esther*, her most recent novel for young adults, was shortlisted for a 2004 Governor General's Award.

I'm a voracious reader. I can finish a good book of about 400 pages in two days. *War brothers* took me a month. The only reason is because I read as slow as I could, I didn't want the book to end.

People say that it is "highly recommended" or "a wonderful book" it is more than that. It is a perfectly spun tale of true events which teaches you about the plight of the violence in Africa. The story of War Brothers is gripping. It not only holds you, it pulls you into the story of a Ugandan boy from a wealthy family who gets kidnapped from his school by the LRA. He and his friends become child-soldiers forced to fight with the LRA or die. McKay's writing style is always interesting, there is never a lull in the action. The characters are well developed. It is an all-around excellently written book about a serious subject. I would recommend War Brothers to teens and adults. Warning: the storyline gets heavy at times, describing inhuman treatment of children and the horrors of war though the story is one of hope. You will be powerfully and positively impacted by this book.

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