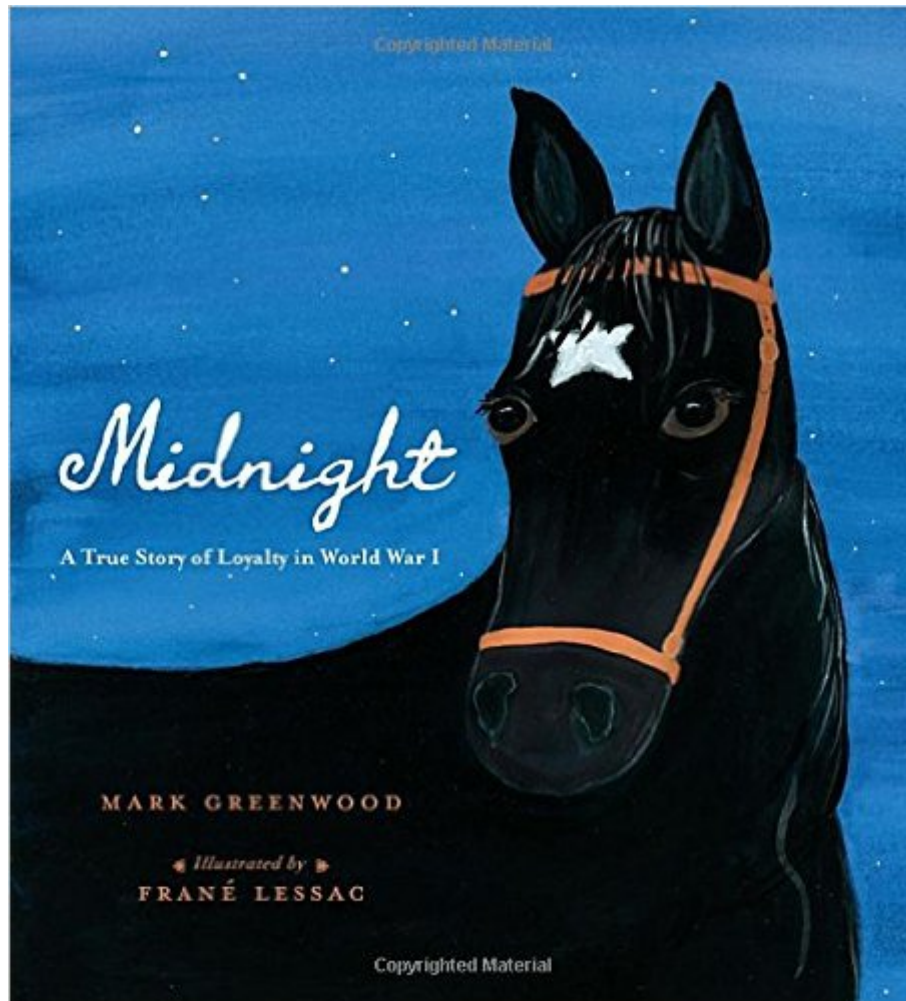


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# Midnight: A True Story Of Loyalty In World War I



## Synopsis

At once sobering and inspiring, here is the true tale of a World War I cavalry soldier and his heroic horse, Midnight. Guy Haydon raised and trained Midnight from the time she was a foal. The two had such a strong bond that when World War I broke out, Lieutenant Haydon slipped away from the frontlines of Gallipoli on an Egypt-bound ship to reunite with his horse. There, in the city of Beersheba, on October 31, 1917, two regiments of the Australian Light Horse Brigade took part in one of the last great cavalry charges in history. Among the first to leap the enemy trenches was Lieutenant Guy Haydon, riding Midnight—who succumbed to a bullet that might have otherwise killed her rider. In a new story from an award-winning duo, luminous illustrations and lyrical narration bring a sad moment in history to life.

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## Customer Reviews

A wonderful book. Tender, poignant with simple pictures conveying more than words can say. The only drawback to the book was the ending. I knew the horse would perish which was gently portrayed. It ended suddenly and I would have wished a last drawing showing the horse's soul or a memory of the horse whispered in the wind.

Based on a true story from World War I this tale about an Australian horse and the battle of

Beersheba may not be for all readers. The horse is killed in the charge and many young children will have a hard time accepting that fact. For older children this book underscores the senselessness of war and the fact that good people and animals sacrifice their lives on the battlefield.

It is the true story about a horse and his young owner set during WWI. When WWI comes to Australia, Guy Haydon and his horse Midnight join the fight. They become separated but eventually find each other in the hot desert sands of northern Africa. They experience some harsh conditions and eventually find themselves in one of the last great cavalry charges of all time to capture the city of Beersheba. A very poignant and moving story about sacrifice, honor, and the bond between a man and his horse. It reminded me of WARHORSE, but with a very different outcome.

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