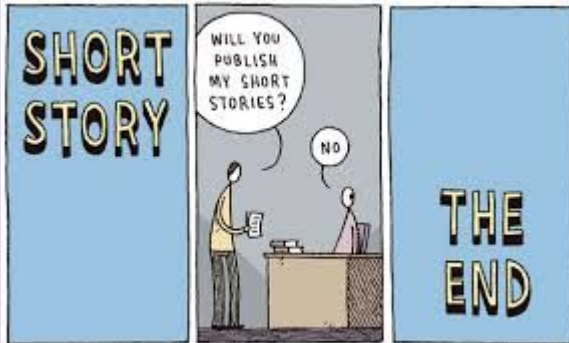




**Finding  
A Suitable  
Companion  
Piece  
For Your Novel**





Poetry

**Your goal is to  
search for and select  
a source that shares  
a similar theme or  
concept that  
appears in your  
novel.**

# **Some Common Themes Are...**

**Ambition**

**Abandonment**

**Alienation**

**Betrayal**

**Class**

**Concept of Beauty**

**Responsibility**

**Suffering**

**Community**

**Courage**

**Fate**

**Grief**

**Hope**

**Science**

**Innocence**

**Isolation**

**Justice**

**Identity**

**Jealousy**

**Coming of Age**

**Love**

**Loyalty**

**Duty**

**Fear**

**Guilt**

**Identity**

**Truth**

**Oppression**

**Prejudice**

**Perseverance**

**Regret**

**Religion**

**Loneliness**

**Success**

**Education**

**Freedom**

**Happiness**

**Survival**

**Tradition**

**Take a moment to reflect on the themes **or** main ideas **or** unique features that are in your novel...**



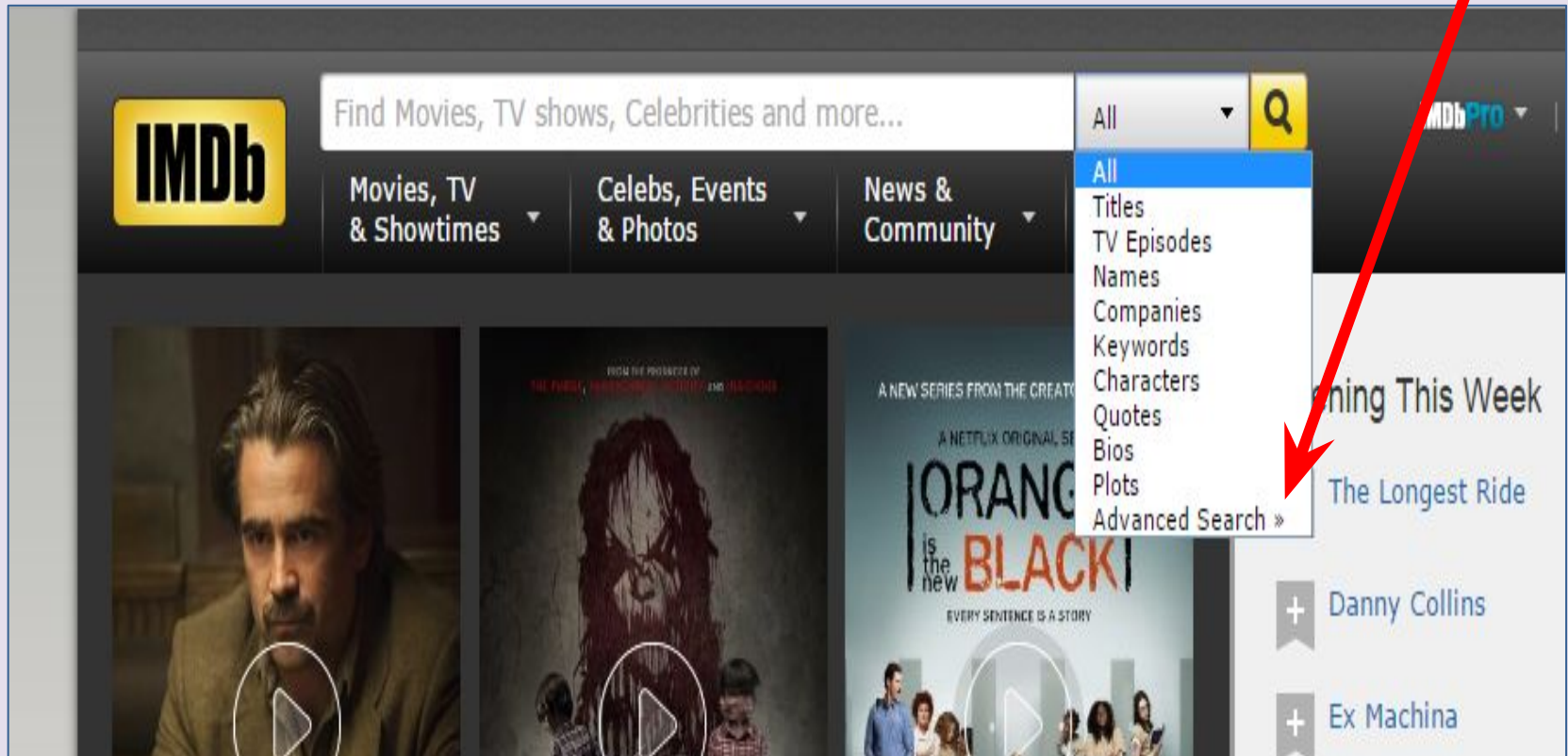
**The next slides will show you several ways in which to locate a companion piece for your theme study.**

**Let's start by finding a movie...**

**One can certainly think of movie titles based on plot or theme without too much difficulty. However, there is a good website that can assist you in narrowing down your choice:**

**The  
International  
Movie Database**

**On the homepage, use the **ADVANCED SEARCH** option to look for suitable films.**





The screenshot shows the IMDb website's Advanced Search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Find Movies, TV shows, Celebrities and more..." and a dropdown menu set to "All". The IMDb logo is on the left, and navigation links for "Movies, TV & Showtimes", "Celebs, Events & Photos", "News & Community", and "Watchlist" are in the center. "IMDb Pro", "IMDb Apps", and "Help" are on the right, along with a "Login" link.

The main content area is titled "Advanced Search" and contains several sections:

- Welcome to Advanced Search**, which gives you instant access to our complete catalog of 2,571,742 titles and 5,316,871 names.
- Advanced Title Search**: Want to get a list of comedies from the 1970s that have at least 1000 votes and an average rating of 7.5 or higher? Use [Advanced Title Search](#).
- Advanced Name Search**: Want a list of males in the database who are Virgos and over 6 feet tall? Use [Advanced Name Search](#).
- Collaborations and Overlaps**: Want a list of titles in which both Brad Pitt and George Clooney appeared? Or a list of people who worked on both Forrest Gump and Apollo 13? Try searching [Collaborations and Overlaps](#).
- Title Text Search**: Please select a section to search within (plot summary, quotes, trivia, etc) and enter a

On the right side, there are two main sections:

- Browse Titles By:** A list of filters including Genre, Country, Language, Year, and Keyword.
- Browse People By:** A list of filters including Gender and Star Sign.
- Advanced Search:** A list of links for [Advanced Title Search](#), [Advanced Name Search](#), and [Collaborations and Overlaps](#).

Two blue arrows originate from the bottom of the page and point to the "Genre" and "Keyword" options in the "Browse Titles By" section.

**Now, narrow your search, by selecting “Browse Titles By” using **Genre** or **Keyword****

**Another feature of [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) is that most films have trailers available for you to view. This means that you can preview the movie before you settle on one to watch fully .**

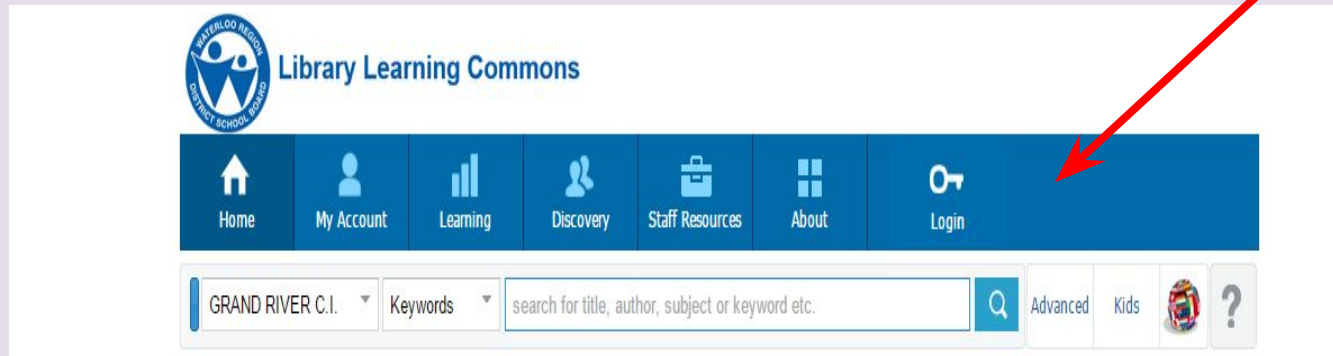
**For example, if I read *All Quiet on the Western Front* for my novel study, I could search for films related to “History” and “War” and could narrow down my search to “Trench Warfare” and “World War One”.**

**If you've selected a film for your companion piece, you need to view it! Perhaps it is a part of your home's cable package, or on Netflix. If you have a KPL card, you could borrow it from the library.**

**Or, it may be featured in the Virtual Library database called **Learn 360**.**

**[Go to the Library Learning Commons  
library.wrdsb.ca](http://library.wrdsb.ca)**

**Accessing the Virtual Library **from home** is easy. Use Firefox or Chrome as the browser and go to **library.wrdsb.ca**. You will need to login. Use your school login and password here.**



**Now, scroll down the page and click on the Learn 360 icon.**



**Here's a handy and  
comprehensive list of  
suggested movies  
connected to themes:**

**ENG3UI Theme Study-Movie Suggestions**

**Next, let's consider  
a SHORT STORY or a  
POEM for a  
companion piece.**



nce Upon  
a Time

The End

**Using my earlier  
example of *All Quiet  
on the Western Front*,**

**I could consider  
looking for a short  
story or poem that  
contains themes  
such as: hope,  
survival, courage or  
loyalty.**

**This is where having a KPL card comes in extra handy!**

**Like our Virtual Library, the Kitchener Public Library houses many excellent databases and digital collections for their patrons to use.**

**Simply go to [kpl.org](http://kpl.org)**

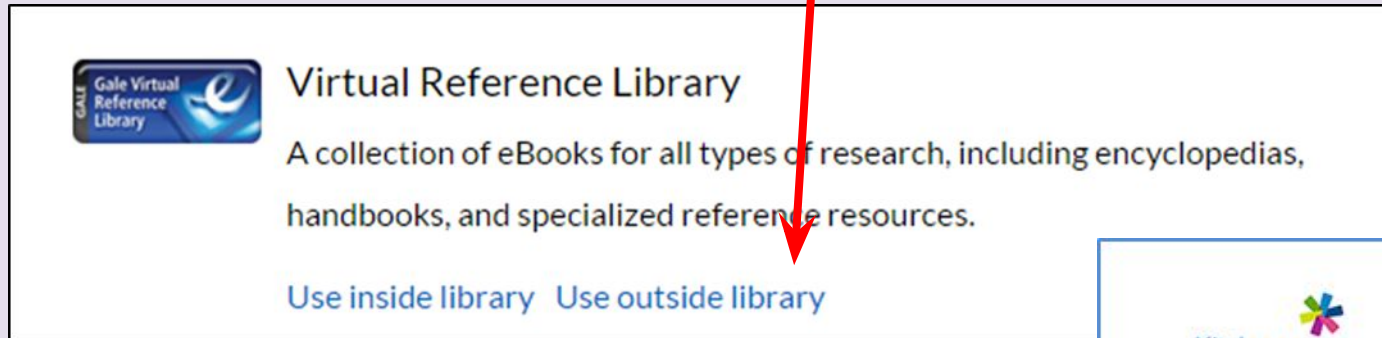



# 1. Click on Databases and Subscriptions from the Books & More menu. This action will take you to the various collections.

The screenshot shows the Kitchener Public Library website. The browser address bar displays 'www.kpl.org'. The page header includes the library logo, a date 'May 01, 2017', and a notice 'Libraries are open from 9 am to 9 pm today | Hours of Operation'. A navigation bar contains 'Books & More', 'Programs & Events', 'Services & Support', 'Volunteering & Giving', 'Your Library', and a search icon. Below this, a grid of menu items is displayed. The 'Databases & Subscriptions' item is highlighted in light blue.

Browse	Recommendations	Databases & Subscriptions	Can't Find It?
<a href="#">Books</a>	<a href="#">Award Winners</a>	<a href="#">All Databases</a>	<a href="#">Library Catalogue</a>
<a href="#">Movies</a>	<a href="#">Book Clubs</a>	<a href="#">Articles &amp; News</a>	<a href="#">Request From Another Library</a>
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<a href="#">e-Books &amp; e-Audiobooks</a>	<a href="#">May We Suggest</a>	<a href="#">Criticism &amp; Reviews</a>	
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<a href="#">Video Games</a>	<a href="#">What You Read</a>		

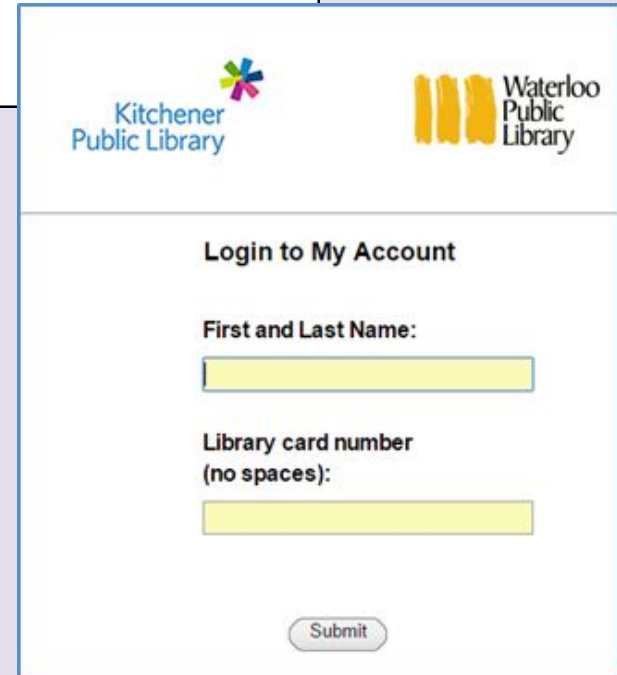
## 2. Scroll down to the bottom of this page to find the **GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY**. Select “Use Outside Library” mode of the “Virtual Reference Library”





 Virtual Reference Library  
A collection of eBooks for all types of research, including encyclopedias, handbooks, and specialized reference resources.

[Use inside library](#) [Use outside library](#)

## 3. Now, submit your full name and KPL card number.



Login to My Account

First and Last Name:

Library card number (no spaces):

# 4. The database looks like this.

## Scroll down to “Literature”.

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Library Website Gale Databases

Logout My Library Links English

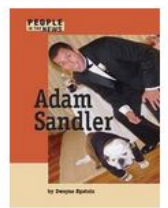
GALE **GVRL** Gale Virtual Reference Library


Search Collection... Keyword

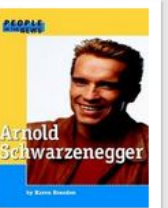
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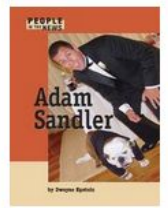
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- Law
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- Multicultural Studies
- Nation and World
- Religion
- Science
- Social Science
- Technology
- Travel

**5. Use the arrow keys to look for two series in particular:**

# **POETRY FOR STUDENTS**

Nonfiction Classics for Students  
2003

Novels for Students

Poetry for Students  
2002

Poetry for Students  
1999

**Poetry for Students**

Features discussion and analysis of poems of all time periods, nations, and cultures. Provides an overview of the poem and discussion of its principal themes, images, form and construction.

# **SHORT STORIES FOR STUDENTS**

Literature

View All

Reference Guide to Short Fiction  
1999

Reference Guide to World Literature  
2003

Short Stories for Students  
2009

Short Stories for Students

Provides critical overviews of short stories from all cultures and time periods. Includes discussions of plot, characters, themes and structure as well as the story's cultural and historical significance.

**Both of these series work in the same way. Use the Tools search bar to narrow your search.**

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Library Website Gale Databases


Logout My Library Links English

GALE GVRL Gale Virtual Reference Library

Search Collection... Keyword

Advanced Bookmark More

### Series



#### Short Stories for Students

Provides critical overviews of short stories from all cultures and time periods. Includes discussions of plot, characters, themes and structure as well as the story's cultural and historical significance.

#### Select a Volume within this Series

- Short Stories for Students, Vol. 40, 2014
- Short Stories for Students, Vol. 39, 2014
- Short Stories for Students, Vol. 38, 2013
- Short Stories for Students, Vol. 37, 2013
- Short Stories for Students, Vol. 36, 2013

### Tools

first world war

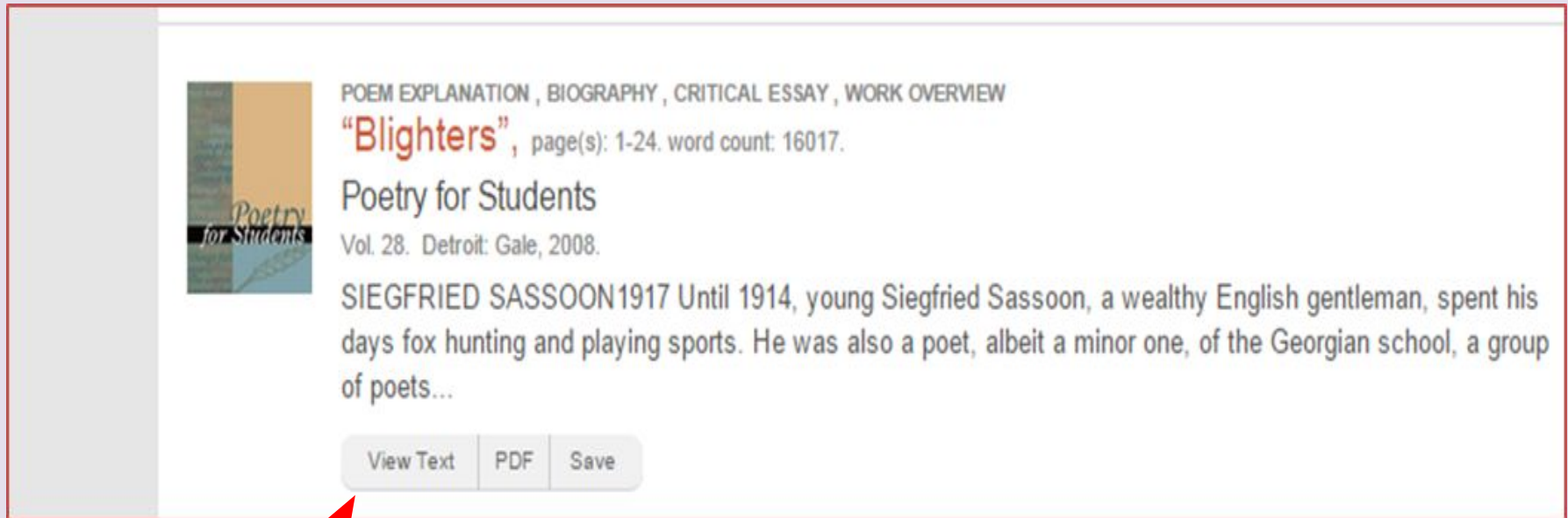


**Scroll through the many titles that will appear. I chose to consider the short story, “An Episode of War”, by Stephen Crane.**

The screenshot shows the GVRL interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Logout', 'My Library Links', and 'English'. The main header includes the 'GALE' logo, 'GVRL Gale Virtual Reference Library', a search bar with 'Search Collection...' and 'Keyword' dropdown, and icons for 'Advanced', 'Bookmark', and 'More'. The search results section is titled 'Results for Advanced Search' and includes a 'Save All Articles' button. The search terms are 'Basic Search (soldiers) LIMITS: Series Title ("Short Stories for Students" x)' and the results are sorted by 'Relevance'. The main result is for 'An Episode of War' by Stephen Crane, with a small image of the book cover. Below the title, it lists 'CHARACTER OVERVIEW, CRITICAL ESSAY, WORK OVERVIEW, BIOGRAPHY, PLOT SUMMARY' and provides page and word count information. A red arrow points to the 'View Text' button at the bottom of the result card. To the right, there are options to 'Revise Search' (with images) and 'Limit Search by' Document Type, with a list of document types and their counts: Work overview (215), Critical essay (210), Plot summary (210), Character overview (209), and Biography (186). A 'View More' link is also present.

**Now, select “View Text” to see what this eBook describes. This online source provides excellent information such as character, plot, and other analyses.**

**When I typed “trench warfare” into the Tool bar in the Poetry For Students collection, I found the poem, “Blighters” by Siegfried Sassoon.**



The screenshot shows a digital library entry for the poem "Blighters" by Siegfried Sassoon. On the left is a small book cover titled "Poetry for Students". To the right of the cover, the text reads: "POEM EXPLANATION , BIOGRAPHY , CRITICAL ESSAY , WORK OVERVIEW", "“Blighters” , page(s): 1-24. word count: 16017.", "Poetry for Students", "Vol. 28. Detroit: Gale, 2008.", and "SIEGFRIED SASSOON 1917 Until 1914, young Siegfried Sassoon, a wealthy English gentleman, spent his days fox hunting and playing sports. He was also a poet, albeit a minor one, of the Georgian school, a group of poets...". At the bottom of the entry are three buttons: "View Text", "PDF", and "Save". A red arrow points from the "View Text" button down towards the text below.

**Selecting “View Text” allowed me to examine various aspects of the poem and the poet. (I found the actual poem by typing “Blighters” into Google.)**

**Note: These databases do NOT contain the actual short stories or poems.**

- **Type the story or poem title (in quotes) into Google**
- **Go to <http://www.online-literature.com/>**
- **Go to [www.poetryfoundation.org](http://www.poetryfoundation.org)**

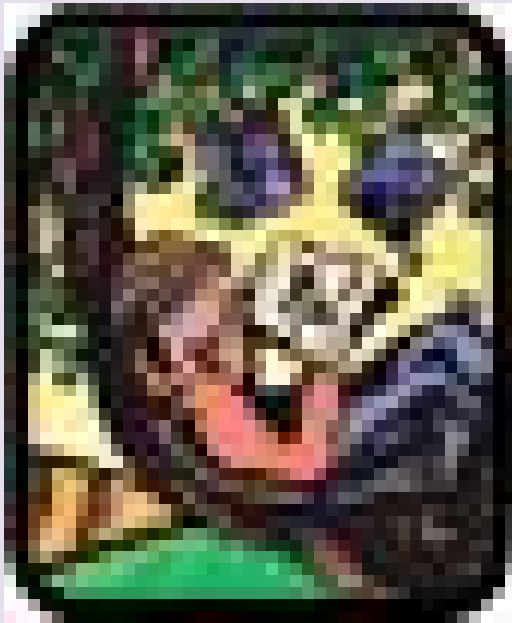


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novel as a  
companion piece.**



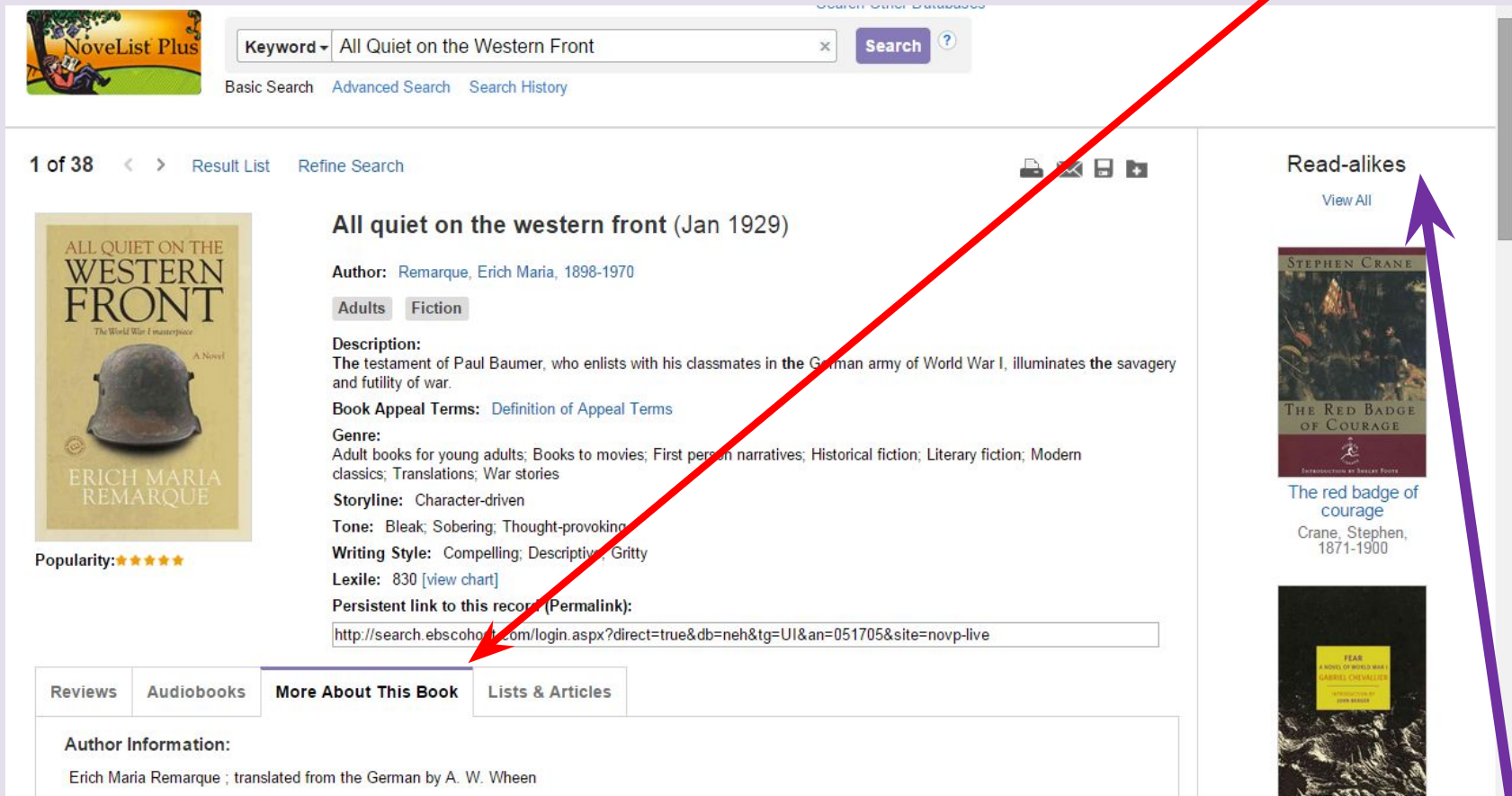
**Wait...you're telling  
me that I have to  
read ANOTHER  
book?????**

**There is a fantastic database  
on the Virtual Library that is  
highly recommended for  
those students looking for  
another similar book.**



**Novelist  
Plus**

**Firstly, find your original novel using the Search Bar at the top of the site. Now, click on the tab, “More About This Book”.**



The screenshot shows the Novelist Plus website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Keyword: All Quiet on the Western Front" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History". The main content area displays the search results for "All quiet on the western front (Jan 1929)". On the left is the book cover, and on the right is the book's metadata, including author information, description, and genre. A red arrow points from the top right of the page down to the "More About This Book" tab. Below the tabs is the "Author Information" section. On the right side of the page, there is a "Read-alikes" section with a "View All" link and a list of recommended books, including "The red badge of courage" by Stephen Crane. A purple arrow points from the "Read-alikes" section up towards the top right of the page.

Novelist Plus

Keyword: All Quiet on the Western Front

Search

Basic Search Advanced Search Search History

1 of 38 < > Result List Refine Search

**All quiet on the western front (Jan 1929)**

Author: Remarque, Erich Maria, 1898-1970

Adults Fiction

**Description:**  
The testament of Paul Baumer, who enlists with his classmates in the German army of World War I, illuminates the savagery and futility of war.

**Book Appeal Terms:** [Definition of Appeal Terms](#)

**Genre:**  
Adult books for young adults; Books to movies; First person narratives; Historical fiction; Literary fiction; Modern classics; Translations; War stories

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Tone:** Bleak; Sobering; Thought-provoking

**Writing Style:** Compelling; Descriptive; Gritty

**Lexile:** 830 [\[view chart\]](#)

**Persistent link to this record (Permalink):**  
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=neh&tg=UI&an=051705&site=novp-live>

Reviews Audiobooks **More About This Book** Lists & Articles

**Author Information:**  
Erich Maria Remarque ; translated from the German by A. W. When

**Read-alikes**  
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STEPHEN CRANE  
THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE  
Introduction by Robert Taft

The red badge of courage  
Crane, Stephen,  
1871-1900

FEAR  
A NOVEL OF WORLD WAR I  
GABRIEL CHEVALIERE  
Introduction by John Burt Foster

**(Also, please note the “Read-Alike” suggestions that appear on the right)**

# The “More About This Book” section takes you to many other books related to Genre, Storyline, Tone, Writing Style, Location, and Subject Headings.

Originally published: Berlin: Ullstein Verlag, 1936.

## Genre:

War stories  
Literary fiction  
Historical fiction  
Translations -- German to English  
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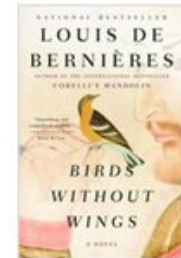
## Location:

Germany -- Social life and customs -- 20th century

## Subject headings:

World War I.  
Soldiers -- Germany -- History -- 20th century  
Teenage boys  
War and society  
War -- Psychological aspects  
Growing up  
Duty  
Justice  
Trench warfare  
Teenagers and death  
Germans in France  
Life change events  
Friends' death  
Loss (Psychology)

Wayfaring stranger  
Burke, James Lee,  
1936-



Birds without wings  
De Bernieres, Louis



Birdsong  
Faulks, Sebastian



The wars  
Findley, Timothy

**If you end up selecting a second book to read, don't forget to use NoveList to better understand the literary aspects of the novel.**

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- Book Lists and Award Winners**

