



**Theme:
War and
family**

The book is based in the time of World War I. It's about a boy named Thomas Peaceful (Tommo) and his life from being a child up to being a brave Private in the army. He grew up in the country with his mum and two brothers: Charlie and Big Joe.

It is a personal story told from Thomas' viewpoint as he looks back over his life from the trenches. He follows his brother to war even though he was still too young. He thinks about the relationships he had with special people in his life like his father, mother, brothers and childhood love, Molly, and their ups and downs. It has happy and sad moments.

I think it is most suited for ages 11 upwards because it may have a few things that younger children could find inappropriate such as gore and swearing. I think both boys and girls would like it because it is about love, life, death, and courage.

I loved this book because it was mature and sweet plus I loved the fact it was set in another time period and a very interesting one at that. It has been made into a film.

This was the author's 100th book. He has been knighted by the Queen and was the 3rd ever Children's Laureate.