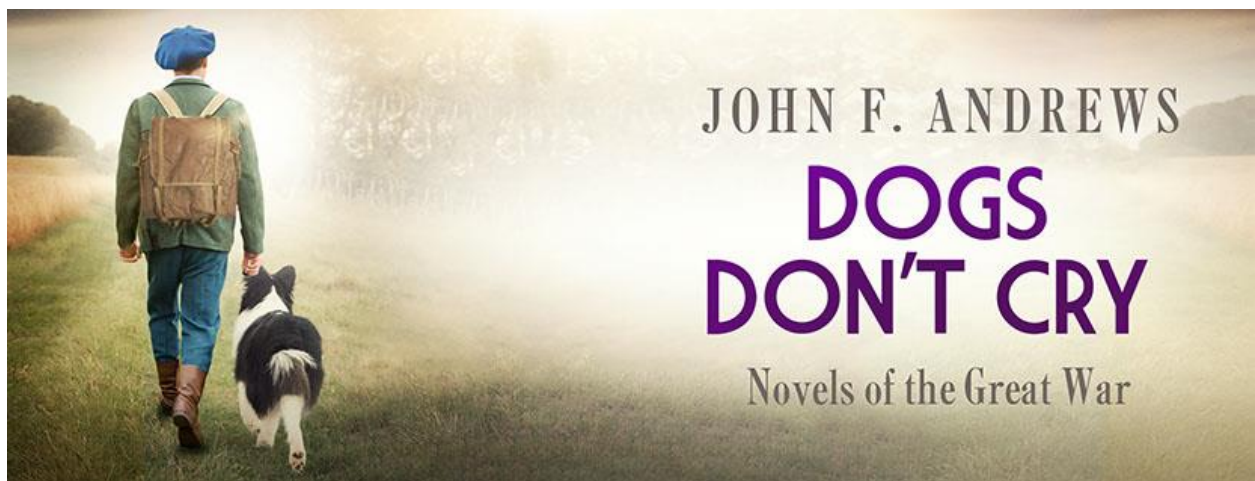
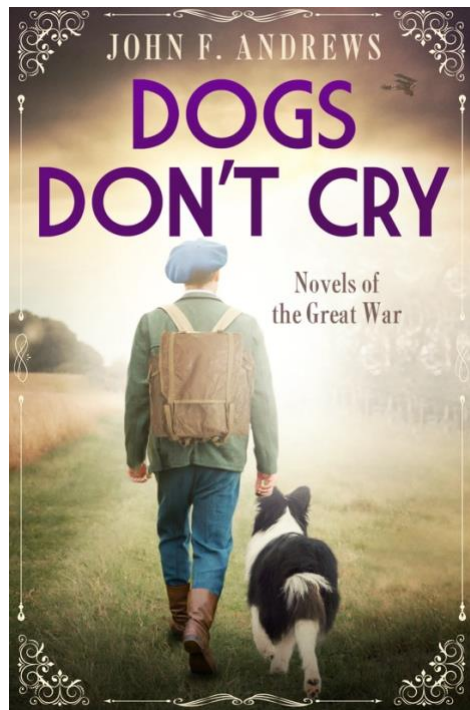
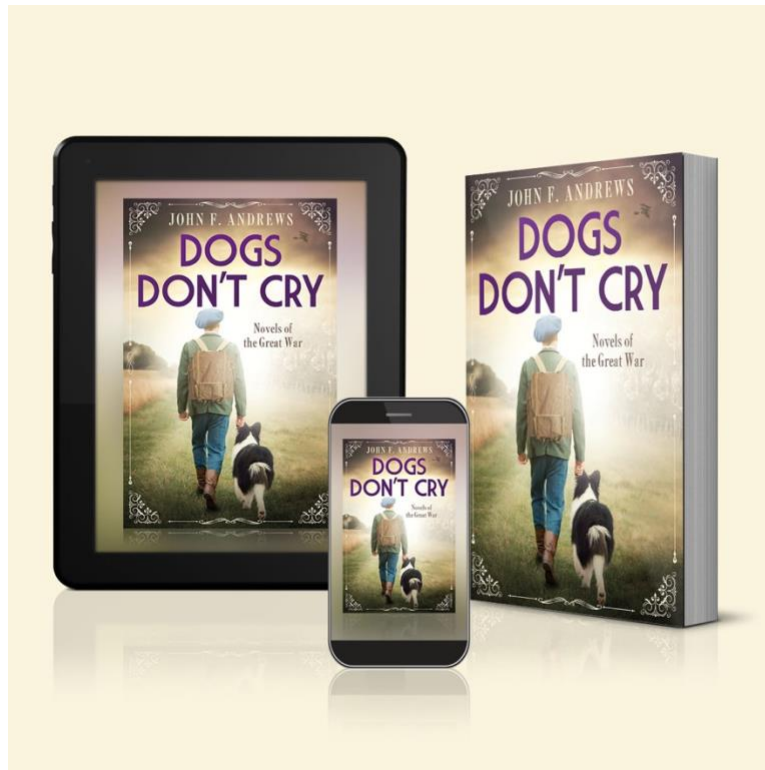


Dogs Don't Cry – Novels of the Great War
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NOVELS OF THE GREAT WAR

HEROES REMEMBERED

From award winning author
JOHN F. ANDREWS

This section features three book covers from the 'Novels of the Great War' series by John F. Andrews. From left to right: 'OUR DESPERATE HOUR' shows a soldier on a bicycle; 'DOGS DON'T CRY' shows a man walking a dog in a field; and 'AMERICAN NURSE IN PARIS' shows a woman in a blue uniform. The background of the entire section is a soft-focus image of a cloudy sky.

AWARDS

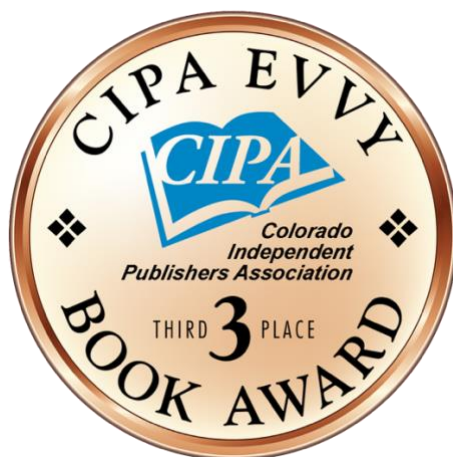
2025 Colorado Authors' League Book Awards:
Winner: Young Adult Fiction

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Bronze Third Place Winner in Animal-Adult Category

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Finalist in Animal/Pet Fiction





REVIEWS

This . . . is as emotionally affecting as it is historically authentic. A remarkably sensitive depiction of the teenage psyche under unthinkable pressure.

“GET IT” recommendation.

----*Kirkus Reviews*

An absolutely exemplary story . . . This story is a must-publish and must read.

-----Judge, 32nd Annual Writer’s Digest Self-Published Book Awards

Dogs Don’t Cry is a poignant and heartwarming novel about the plight of French refugee children during World War I . . . Andrews’ description of their journey and the hardships they face is powerful. I highly recommend this book.

---- **EDITOR’S CHOICE**

---- *Historical Novel Society Magazine*, Reviewer: Vicki Kondelik

Here is what Amazon readers said:

5.0 out of 5 stars Dogs Rule

This was undoubtedly the most heart warming book I have read in The Great War/World War 2 genre. It was overall an uplifting book written with sensitivity. Oh, there was sadness which brought the tears & giggles/laughter throughout the book. I will not spill any beans, but trust me, once you read it, you'll thank me. If you are a dog lover, this is a must read book. At this time this was a perfect read for me.

5.0 out of 5 stars Wonderful

This book provides the perspective of two children and a dog during the first world war in France. The chapters are short and told in the voice of each of those characters. It is light and easy to read. I think it is a good introduction to this period for middle and high school readers as well as adults.

5.0 out of 5 stars a wonderful story of courage

I couldn’t stop reading this book. Told thru the eyes of children and dogs. A wonderful way of sharing the tragedies and heroics. A must read

5.0 out of 5 stars Poignant & Inspiring Coming of Age during WW1, Great Dog character, too!

During World War One, two orphaned teen siblings and their border collie set out across France to find their only remaining relative. Unfortunately for them (fortunately for the reader!), the kids don't know his full name or exact whereabouts. First, they must get to Paris, then rely on the dog Abby to find their uncle. In this charming, touching story, the kids and the dog are brave, clever heroes. Adding to the fun, we get to see the adventure from the dog's Point of View. It's beautifully written by an author who's expert in the time and place. Highly recommended for teen and pre-teen readers, plus adults. ---Margaret Rodenberg, Author of *Finding Napoleon*

BLURB

A dog's devotion, courage, and intelligence stand between two French teens and despair. Love and determination sustain the threesome as they flee the tidal wave of war. A story of hardship, peril, resilience, and hope.

Abby is the Durand family dog, a companion for fifteen-year-old Marcel and his sister, Geneviève. Marcel is plagued by doubts about his courage as he approaches military age. Geneviève has severe pneumonia and is convinced she will soon die. Evacuation is ordered as the German army barrels toward their home village. The doctor tending to Geneviève warns their mother that the rigors of evacuation will kill the young girl on the eve of her thirteenth birthday. Their mother waits until the last moment to leave their home in search of shelter.

A disastrous escape leaves them orphaned and alone.

Marcel and Geneviève must find a distant relative, Cousin Henri, who lives near Paris. However, they have never met him, are not sure of his last name, and don't know his address. Abby is the key—Henri is her former owner, though she begs to differ on the “owner” concept. If anyone can find him, she can. The teens confront their worst fears while seeking refuge amid the chaos of war, armed only with their faith in Abby.

SHORT DESCRIPTION

This is a dog novel wrapped inside a coming of age story about two orphaned French teens fleeing a war that is about to engulf their village. It is a story about courage, hardship, peril, resilience, and hope.

FROM THE AUTHOR

Dogs Don't Cry - Novels of the Great War is a dog novel wrapped inside a coming of age story about two orphaned French teenagers making a desperate escape from the tidal wave of the First World War.

My border collie, Abby, and stories I read about the fate of the children of France during World War I inspired me to write this novel. It was a delight to write. Whenever I was stuck on a problem, I'd figure out a way to "ask" Abby a question. Her answers helped, though they tended to involve her Green Ball and bacon. Readers from their teens to the eighties rave about this novel, and I hope you will enjoy it too. Spoiler Alert: no dogs die in this novel.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Short:

John F. Andrews is the award-winning author of the *Novels of the Great War Series*, including *Our Desperate Hour*, *An American Nurse in Paris*, and *Dogs Don't Cry*. He writes from the perspective of a service family member and critical care physician to craft unique stories based on real events. His characters struggle shoulder-to-shoulder with some of the real heroes of WWI as well as showing the plight of civilians caught in one of the most horrible conflicts in human history. His novels are stories of struggle, survival, hope, resilience, and love.

Expanded:

John F. Andrews began writing fiction in 2012. His *Novels of the Great War* leverage his fascination with history along with his knowledge and experience as a physician and a Marine Corps father. The latter has given him an intimate understanding of what it is like to be a service

family member. This series includes: *An American Nurse in Paris*, *Dogs Don't Cry*, and *Our Desperate Hour*, with three more novels on the way.

Andrews was born in Chicago and raised and worked in Wisconsin and Minnesota. After earning a BA in psychology, he completed medical school at the University of Minnesota. He trained in internal medicine at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, and then completed a pulmonary medicine fellowship at the University of Chicago. He earned board certifications in Internal, Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine. After a successful practice in Green Bay, Wisconsin, he and his wife, Sue, retired to Manhattan, Montana. He became involved in the fire service and worked as an EMT, firefighter, and medical officer. John and Sue then moved to Arvada, Colorado, where they enjoy family and the magnificent Rocky Mountains.

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