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"Instantly gripping." (*VOYA on Search and Destroy*)

"Well-written, realistic, and engrossing." (*School Library Journal on Search and Destroy*)

"[A] compelling, insightful story about the emotional, physical, and psychological scars that wars leave upon soldiers." (*Booklist on Search and Destroy*)

* "Compassionate and tragic.... This book may linger in the reader's mind for quite some time." (*The Horn Book on Soldier Boys, *STARRED REVIEW**)

"[A] realistically harrowing depiction of the pointlessness of war." (*Publishers Weekly on Soldier Boys*)

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About the Author

Dean Hughes is the author of more than eighty books for young readers, including the popular sports series Angel Park All-Stars, the Scrappers series, the Nutty series, the widely acclaimed companion novels *Family Pose* and *Team Picture*, *Search and Destroy*, and *Four-Four-Two*. His novel *Soldier Boys* was selected for the 2001 New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age list. Dean Hughes and his wife, Kathleen, have three children and nine grandchildren. They live in Midway, Utah.

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