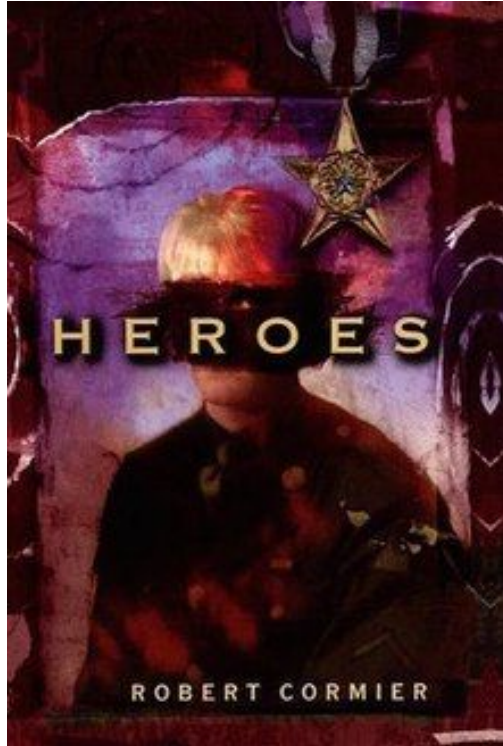


Heroes

Robert Cormier (1925-2000)









"Heroes" is a young adult novel written by Robert Cormier, published in 1998. The story is set in a small town and follows the life of Francis Cassavant, a young man who returns from serving in World War II with severe facial disfigurement due to a grenade explosion. The novel deals with themes of heroism, guilt, trauma, and the complex emotions that arise from Francis' experiences.

In the book, Francis has a deep-seated desire for revenge against his childhood hero, Larry LaSalle, who seemingly betrayed the town by abandoning his post as a soldier and later becoming involved in a scandal. The novel explores the moral ambiguity of heroism, the impact of war on individuals, and the struggles that come with personal demons and secrets.

As with many of Cormier's works, "Heroes" delves into the psychological and emotional complexities of its characters, offering a thought-provoking exploration of human nature and the effects of trauma.

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	Historical Interest
	Cultural Messages
	Sexual Content
	Violence
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	Controversial Issues

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- Robert Cormier, an American author, crafted dark and thought-provoking young adult novels. His works like "The Chocolate War" challenged norms, delving into the complexities of morality and adolescence.
- He said... "*Heroes get remembered, but legends never die.*" - Robert Cormier, from his novel "*The Rag and Bone Shop*"
- Did you know? In the book "Heroes" by Robert Cormier, the protagonist Francis Cassavant goes by the nickname "Frenchy." This nickname is given to him by his fellow soldiers during his time in the war, referencing his Canadian heritage.



St Ives School Tutor Reading: Routine

Ready Respectful Safe



- Ready – arrive promptly and settle quickly at the start of the session
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