

Military Brats in Hawaii

This is a fun true story about two military brat sisters (4th and 6th grades) who normally were good kids but who slipped up one time.

- Perfect for upper elementary.
- Discussion questions and vocabulary words included.

“On the Other Side”

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The bottom line: I was a good kid. I’m not kidding.

I followed every rule, obeyed every command, and did everything my parents and teachers expected me to do. My older sister was even better – a model of perfection in every way. An alpha-angel.

But there was one instance. One time when a bit of curiosity led us to defy a clearly-written warning – and a military one at that.

My dad worked for the Air Force and we moved around. One of those moves deposited my family off-base in a mountain community on Oahu where double rainbows appeared on cue every afternoon.

Fourth grade in the mountains was my first experience being one of a few *haoles* – or white kids, at school. I watched as native students speaking *pidgin* gathered in cliques....

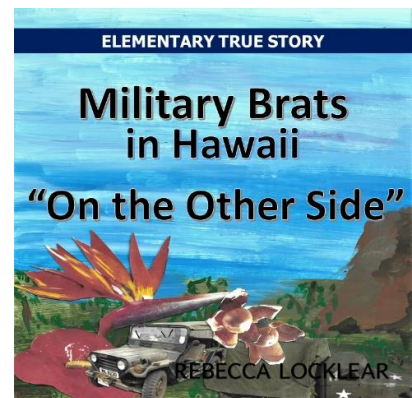
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“I adore your story. It’s such an authentic scoop of a rather exotic childhood.”

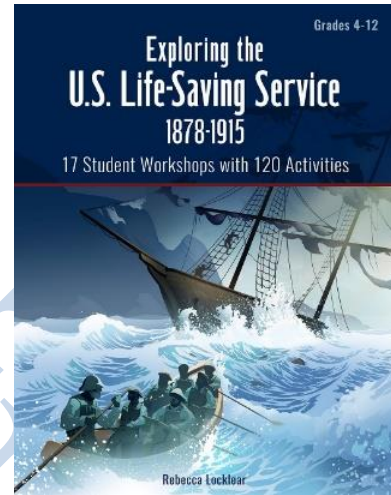
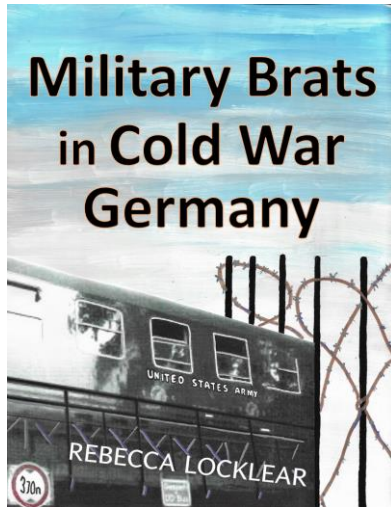
--David Greenberg, author of *A Tugging String*

“You captured that childhood sense of forbidden adventure and curiosity that got us into all sorts of hairbreadth ‘scapes.’”

--David Ervin, Editor in Chief, Military Experience & the Arts



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