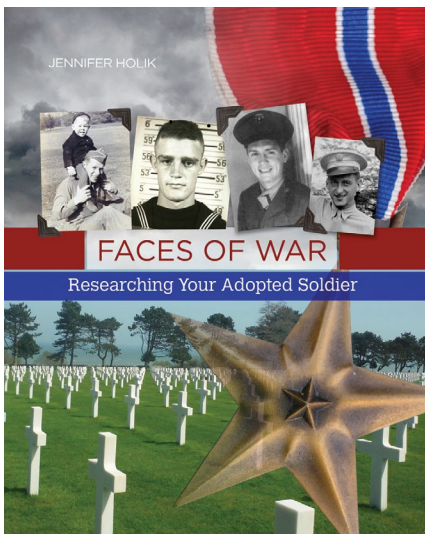


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Faces of War Researching Your Adopted Soldier By Jennifer Holik



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