

# Booktalk!

## Elephant Run

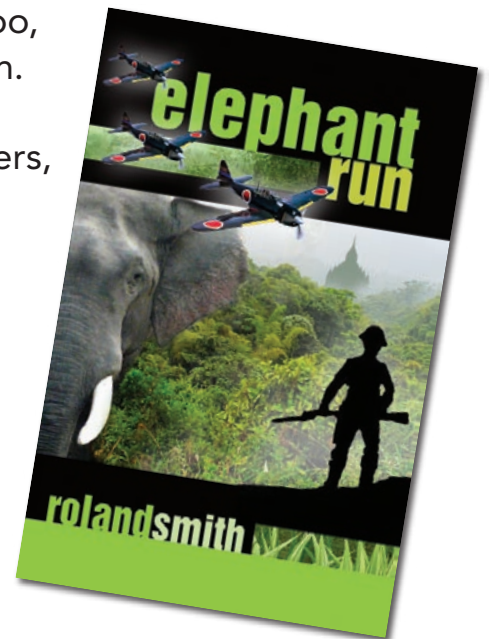
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Burma. How far away is that? As far as the moon? As far as the stars? Well, not really, but it sure seems that way. The Asian country now called Myanmar was once an important outpost of the British Empire, and it's where Nick Freestone is sent when bombs destroy his London home at the start of World War II. His dad lives in Burma, on a teak plantation, and both his parents think their son will be safe thousands and thousands of miles from the war in Europe.

But they're wrong. The war is knocking on Asia's door, too, and within days of Nick's arrival, it breaks that door down.

Author Roland Smith, no stranger to middle school readers, has fashioned a terrific teen hero in Nick. And author Roland Smith is no stranger to adventure. He whisks readers back in time to another world – exotic, exciting, and absolutely unforgettable.



Best for fifth grade and up