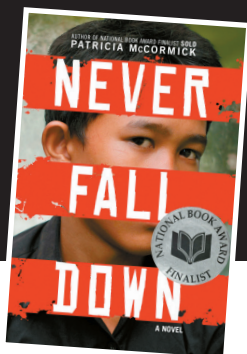




# Never Fall Down

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**Who is your favorite Author.**

I like Dav Pilkey books; he is very funny.

**What genre do you prefer to read?**

Fiction.

**Where do you learn about books.**

From friends at school.

**Where do you like to read best?**

In my bed before I go to sleep.

**When is your favorite time to read?**

I like reading at night when everything is quiet.

Arn Chorn-Pond is a poor boy who lives in Cambodia who will do anything to make money. One day he gets captured by soldiers who march into town. They send him to a Vietnam prison camp. Once there, Arn Chorn-Pond spends his entire day working in the rice fields.

One day, the soldiers ask the kids if anyone can play an instrument. Even though Arn has never played an instrument before, he still volunteers. Arn now plays the khim, a violin-type instrument, and joins the band. After the first band instructor is killed, a new one comes who is very shy. Arn then takes control of the band. The band is a success and Arn is the star. The soldiers send Arn and some other kids to a new camp. There, he plays in a band and again is a star. The soldiers then force Arn to go war. Arn has one motto while at war - never fall down.

Will Arn survive, or will he die like so many others?

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