



# Historical Fiction

These will all be found in J Fiction, under the author's last name, unless otherwise noted.\*

*Anderson, Rachel – Black Water*

Albert is an epileptic who lives a cloistered life with his mother in nineteenth-century England, and while she deludes herself searching for a miracle cure, Albert eventually begins to accept his condition and to become self-reliant. 168 p.

*Avi – Abigail Takes the Wheel*

When the first mate of the freight boat Neptune falls ill, it is up to Abigail, the captain's daughter, to steer the ship up the Hudson River from New Jersey to New York City. 45 p.

*Avi – Crispin: the Cross of the Lead*

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret. 262 p.

*Beatty, Patricia – Wait for Me, Watch for Me, Eula Bee*

With his father and brother serving in the Confederate Army and the rest of his family murdered in a Comanche raid of their west Texas farm, 13-year-old Lewallen seeks to free himself and his younger sister from their Indian captivity. 221 p.

*Bontemps, Arna and Langston Hughes – Boy of the Border*

Set against the backdrop of the Mexican Revolution, chronicles the adventures of a 12-year-old Mexican boy, Miguel Del Monte, who joins his uncle in herding wild broncos from northern Mexico to Los Angeles, learning important lessons along the way. 109 p.

*Brady, Esther – Toliver's Secret*

During the Revolutionary War, a ten-year-old girl crosses enemy lines to deliver a loaf of bread containing a message for the patriots. 166 p.

*Brink, Carol Ryrie – Caddie Woodlawn*

Chronicles the adventures of eleven-year-old Caddie growing up with her six brothers and sisters on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century. 272 p.

*Carter, Dorothy Sharp – His Majesty, Queen Hatshepsut*

A fictionalized account of the life of Hatshepsut, a queen in ancient Egypt who declared herself king and ruled as such for more than twenty years. 248 p.

*Collier, James Lincoln and Christopher Collier – My Brother Sam is Dead*

Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town. 216 p.



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*Conrad, Pam - Pedro's Journal: a Voyage with Christopher Columbus, August 3, 1492-February 14, 1493*  
The cabin boy on the "Santa Maria" keeps a diary which records his experiences when he sails with Columbus on his first voyage to the New World in 1492. 80 p.

*Cooper, Afua – My Name is Phillis Wheatley: a Story of Slavery and Freedom*  
The remarkable story of the young slave Phillis Wheatley, America's first black poet. 152 p.

*Curtis, Christopher Paul – Bud, Nut Buddy*  
Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. 245 p.

*Curtis, Christopher Paul – Elijah of Buxton*  
In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American south, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom. 341 p.

*Curtis, Christopher Paul – The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963*  
The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963. 210 p.

*Cushman, Karen – The Ballad of Lucy Whipple*  
In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town. 195 p.

*Cushman, Karen – Alchemy and Meggy Swann*  
In 1573, the crippled, scorned, and destitute Meggy Swann goes to London, where she meets her father, an impoverished alchemist, and eventually discovers that although her legs are bent and weak, she has many other strengths. 176 p.

*Choldenko, Gennifer – Al Capone Does My Shirts*  
A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister. 228 p.

*Danticat, Edwidge – Anacaona, Golden Flower\**  
Beginning in 1490, Anacaona keeps a record of her life as a possible successor to the supreme chief of Xaragua, as wife of the chief of Maguana, and as a warrior battling the first white men to arrive in the West Indies, ravenous for gold. 186 p. \*JS ROYAL DIARIES

*Dagliesh, Alice - The Courage of Sarah Noble*  
Remembering her mother's words, an eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family. 52 p.



*DeClements, Barthe – The Bite of the Gold Bug: A Story of the Alaskan Gold Rush\**

Bucky and his father, prospecting for gold in Alaska in 1898, must overcome storms, dangerous mountain trails, and wilderness predators before confronting the final challenge of human treachery. 56 p.

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*DeFelice, Cynthia – Nowhere to Call Home*

When her father kills himself after losing his money in the stock market crash, twelve-year-old Frances, now a penniless orphan, decides to hop aboard a freight train and live the life of a hobo. 200 p.

*Dorris, Michael – Morning Girl*

Morning Girl, who loves the day, and her younger brother Star Boy, who loves the night, take turns describing their life on an island in pre-Columbian America; in Morning Girl's last narrative, she witnesses the arrival of the first Europeans to her world. 74 p.

*Erdrich, Louise – The Birchbark House*

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847. 244 p.

*Erdrich, Louise – The Game of Silence*

Nine-year-old Omakayas, of the Ojibwa tribe, moves west with her family in 1849. 256 p.

*Fleischman, Paul – The Borning Room*

Lying at the end of her life in the room where she was born in 1851, Georgina remembers what it was like to grow up on the Ohio frontier. 101 p.

*Fletcher, Susan – Walk Across the Sea*

In late nineteenth-century California, when Chinese immigrants are being driven out or even killed for fear they will take jobs from whites, fifteen-year-old Eliza Jane McCully defies the townspeople and her lighthouse-keeper father to help a Chinese boy who has been kind to her. 223 p.

*Forbes, Esther – Johnny Tremain*

After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution. 293 p.

*Fox, Paula – Slave Dancer*

Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo. 176 p.

*Giff, Patricia Reilly – Lily's Crossing*

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently. 180 p.

*Giff, Patricia Reilly – Nory Ryan's Song*

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive. 148 p.

*Goodman, Susan – Hazelle Boxberg*

Hazelle has been living in the Grace Home, an orphanage in New York City, for almost a year. Now she and several other children have been put on a train headed for Texas, where they will be placed with families that want children. But Hazelle isn't an orphan, and her new home isn't what she expected. 60 p.



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*Gregory, Kristiana – Catherine: the Great Journey\**

A fictional diary of Princess Sophie, later named Catherine, from 1743 until 1745, when at age fifteen she is married to her second cousin Peter, Grand Duke of Russia, who will one day be Emperor. Includes historical notes on her later life. 169 p. \*JS ROYAL DIARIES.

*Hamilton, Virginia – The House of Dies Drear*

A black family of five moves into an enormous house once used as a hiding place for runaway slaves. Mysterious sounds and events as well as the discovery of secret passageways make the family believe they are in grave danger. 246 p.

*Harvey, Brett - Cassie's Journey: Going West in the 1860's*

A young girl relates the hardships and dangers of traveling with her family in a covered wagon from Illinois to California during the 1860's. 39 p.

*Hesse, Karen – Letters from Rifka*

In letters to her cousin, a young Jewish girl chronicles her family's flight from Russia in 1919 and her own experiences when she must be left in Belgium for a while when the others emigrate to America. 148 p.

*Hesse, Karen – Out of the Dust\**

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression. 227 p. \*J & YA FICTION

*Holm, Jennifer L. – Our Only May Amelia*

As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899. 253 p.

*Holm, Jennifer L. - Penny from Heaven*

As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death. 274 p.

*Hopkinson, Deborah – Into the Firestorm: a novel of San Francisco, 1906*

Days after arriving in San Francisco from Texas, eleven-year-old orphan Nicholas Dray tries to help his new neighbors survive the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and the subsequent fires. 200 p.

*Hunt, Irene - Across Five Aprils*

The Newbery Award-winning author of "Up a Road Slowly" presents the unforgettable story of Jethro Creighton, a brave boy who comes of age during the turbulent years of the Civil War. 223 p.

*Kadohata, Cynthia - Weedflower*

After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop. 260 p.

*Kelly, Jacqueline – The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery. 340 p.



*Klages, Ellen – The Green Glass Sea*

It is 1943, and 11-year-old Dewey Kerrigan is traveling west on a train to live with her scientist father--but no one will tell her exactly where he is. When she reaches Los Alamos, New Mexico, she learns why: he's working on a top secret government program. 321 p.

*LaFaye, A. – Worth*

After breaking his leg, eleven-year-old Nate feels useless because he cannot work on the family farm in nineteenth-century Nebraska, so when his father brings home an orphan boy to help with the chores, Nate feels even worse. 144 p.

*Lottridge, Celia Barker – The Wind Wagon*

Sam Peppard, a blacksmith in 1860s Kansas, builds a prairie schooner that sails to Denver, Colorado, powered by wind. 56 p.

*Lowry, Lois – Number the Stars*

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. 137 p.

*MacLachlan, Patricia – Sarah, Plain and Tall*

Born with a withered leg and hand, Pascal, who is about twelve years old, joins other former slaves in a search for a farm and the freedom which it promises. 58 p.

*Marsden, Carolyn – Take Me With You*

Raised in an Italian orphanage in the years following World War II, a biracial girl named Susanna and her best friend Pina want to be adopted but fear being separated. 160 p.

*McDonough, Yona Zeldis – The Doll with the Yellow Star*

When France falls to Germany at the start of World War II, nine-year-old Claudine must leave her beloved parents and friends to stay with relatives in America, accompanied by her doll, Violette. 90 p.

*McKissack, Patricia – The Homerun King (Scraps of Time series)*

During the Depression in Nashville, Tennessee, two baseball-loving brothers host Josh Gibson, a star of the Negro Leagues, in their home, and are motivated to get their own team started as well. 92 p.

*Meyer, Carolyn – Gideon's People*

Torn between youthful rebellion and their traditional heritages, two boys from very different cultures--one Amish, one Orthodox Jew--discover just how similar they really are. 297 p.

*Morrow, Honore - On to Oregon!*

Based on the actual mid-nineteenth century journey by covered wagon of seven children through two thousand miles of wilderness and hardship from Missouri to Oregon, 13-year-old John Sager becomes the head of his family when both parents die on the 1844 Oregon Trail. 239 p.

*Moss, Marissa – Rachel's Journal: the Story of a Pioneer Girl*

In her journal, Rachel chronicles her family's adventures traveling by covered wagon on the Oregon Trail in 1850. unpagged.



*Nixon, Joan Lowery – A Family Apart (Orphan Train Quartet series)*

When their mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri in 1860. 162 p.

*Odell, Scott – The King's Fifth*

Esteban de Sandoval awaits his trial for hoarding the king's fifth on his 17th birthday, September 27, 1541. 264 p.

*O'Dell, Scott – Sing Down the Moon*

A young Navajo girl recounts the events of 1864 when her tribe was forced to march to Fort Sumner as prisoners of the white soldiers. 137 p.

*Paterson, Katherine – Jip: His Story*

While living on a Vermont poor farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother and comes to understand how he arrived at this place. 181 p.

*Paterson, Katherine – Lyddie*

Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s. 182 p.

*Park, Linda Sue – Seesaw Girl*

Impatient with the constraints put on her as an aristocratic girl living in Korea during the seventeenth century, twelve-year-old Jade Blossom determines to see beyond her small world. 90 p.

*Paulsen, Gary – Mr. Tucket (series)*

In 1848, while on a wagon train headed for Oregon, fourteen-year-old Francis Tucket is kidnapped by Pawnee Indians and then falls in with a one-armed trapper who teaches him how to live in the wild. 166 p.

*Pearsall, Shelley – Trouble Don't Last*

Samuel, an eleven-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad. 237 p.

*Platt, Richard – Egyptian Diary: the Journal of Nakht*

In ancient Egypt, Nakht records his experiences as his family moves from small town Esna to the big, exciting city of Memphis, where he studies to be a scribe like his father and helps discover who has been robbing graves. Includes nonfiction information about Egyptian culture. 64 p.

*Ritter, John – The Desperado Who Stole Baseball*

In 1881, the scrappy, rough-and-tumble baseball team in a California mining town enlists the help of a quick-witted twelve-year-old orphan and the notorious outlaw Billy the Kid to win a big game against the National League Champion Chicago White Stockings. *Prequel to: The boy who saved baseball.* 260 p.

*Robinet, Hariett Gillem - Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule*

Born with a withered leg and hand, Pascal, who is about twelve years old, joins other former slaves in a search for a farm and the freedom which it promises. 132 p.

*Shulevitz, Uri – The Travels of Benjamin Tudel : Through Three Continents in the Twelfth Century*

A fictionalized account of the travels of Benjamin, a Jewish man from Tudela, Spain, who, in 1159, set out on a fourteen-year-long journey that took him to Italy, Greece, Palestine, Persia, China, Egypt, and Sicily. Unpaged.



*Skurzynski, Gloria – The Minstrel in the Tower*

In the year 1195, eleven-year-old Roger and his eight-year-old sister Alice travel through the French countryside in search of their ailing mother's estranged brother, a wealthy baron. 60 p.

*Speare, Elizabeth George – The Bronze Bow*

When the Romans brutally kill Daniel bar Jamin's father, the young Palestinian searches for a leader to drive them out, but comes to realize that love may be a more powerful weapon than hate. 255 p.

*Speare, Elizabeth George – The Witch of Blackbird Pond*

In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft. 249 p.

*Stanley, Diane – Elena*

A Mexican American girl recounts how her mother moved the family to America during the Mexican Revolution. 55 p.

*Taylor, Mildred D. – Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

A black family living in the South during the 1930's are faced with prejudice and discrimination which their children don't understand. 276 p.

*Van Leeuwen, Jean – Bound for Oregon*

A fictionalized account of the journey made by nine-year-old Mary Ellen Todd and her family from their home in Arkansas westward over the Oregon Trail in 1852. 167 p.

*Vos, Ida – Dancing on the Bridge of Avignon*

Relates the experiences of a young Jewish girl and her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. 183 p.

*Whelan, Gloria – Listening for Lions*

Left an orphan after the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1918, thirteen-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a deceased neighbor's identity to travel to England, where her only dream is to return to Africa and rebuild her parents' mission hospital. 194 p.

*White, Ruth – Belle Prater's Boy*

When Woodrow's mother suddenly disappears, he moves to his grandparents' home in a small Virginia town where he befriends his cousin and together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears in their lives. 196 p.

*Wilder, Laura Ingalls – Little House on the Prairie (series)*

A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire. 334 p.

*Yolen, Jane – Encounter*

A Taino Indian boy on the island of San Salvador recounts the landing of Columbus and his men in 1492. Unpaged.

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