

## AFRICA

Combres, Elisabeth. ***Broken Memory: a Novel of Rwanda***

Emma is a young girl when she witnesses her mother's murder by Hutu soldiers during the Rwandan genocide. She is able to escape and takes refuge with a kind, older woman, but memories of the war still haunt her.

Farmer, Nancy. ***A Girl Named Disaster***

While fleeing from Mozambique to Zimbabwe to escape an unwanted marriage, Nhamo, an eleven-year-old Shona girl, struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

Friesner, Esther. ***Nobody's Princess***

Determined to fend for herself in a world where only men have real freedom, headstrong Helen, who will be called queen of Sparta and Helen of Troy one day, learns to fight, hunt, and ride horses while disguised as a boy, and goes on an adventure throughout the Mediterranean world.

Jansen, Hanna. ***Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You***

During the genocide in Rwanda, a Tutsi family must flee threatening Hutu soldiers.

Naji, Shenaaz. ***Child of Dandelions***

In Uganda in 1972, President Idi Amin, also known as the Last King of Scotland, announces that foreign Indians must be "weeded" out of Uganda in ninety days. Fifteen-year-old Sabine realizes she is in serious danger.

Park, Linda Sue. ***A Long Walk to Water\****

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. \***J FICTION**

Wallace, Jason. ***Out of Shadows***

In 1983, at an elite boys' boarding school in Zimbabwe, thirteen-year-old English lad Robert Jacklin finds himself torn between his black roommate and the white bullies still bitter over losing power through the recent civil war.

## ASIA

Park, Linda Sue. ***When My Name Was Keoko***

With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

Sepetys, Ruta.

***Between Shades of Gray***

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.

Smith, Roland.

***Elephant Run***

Nick endures servitude, beatings, and more after his British father's plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, and when his father and others are taken prisoner and Nick is stranded with his friend Mya, they plan a daring escape on elephants, risking their lives to save Nick's father and Mya's brother from a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

Watkins, Yoko Kawashima. ***So Far from the Bamboo Grove***

A fictionalized autobiography in which eleven-year-old Yoko escapes from Korea to Japan with her mother and sister at the end of World War II.

Venkatraman, Padma.

***Climbing the Stairs***

In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, fifteen-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.

Yang, Dori Jones.

***Daughter of Xanadu***

Princess Emmajin's determined to become a warrior in the army of her grandfather, the Great Khan Khubilai. The last thing she wants is the distraction of the foreigner Marco Polo, who challenges her beliefs in the gardens of Xanadu.

## CARIBBEAN/SOUTH AMERICAN

Alvarez, Julia.

***Before We Were Free***

Twelve-year-old Anita shares her family's personal and political struggles under the Dominican Republic's ruthless dictator in 1960.

Berry, James.

***Ajeemah and His Son***

A father and his eighteen-year-old son are each affected differently by their experiences as slaves in Jamaica in the early nineteenth century.

Flores-Galbis, Enrique.

***Raining Sardines***

In pre-Castro Cuba, the artistic Ernestina and the analytical Enriquito use their ingenuity to save a herd of wild horses and stop an evil landowner from spoiling their Cuban village.

Gonzalez, Christina Diaz.

***The Red Umbrella***

In 1961 after Castro has come to power in Cuba, fourteen-year-old Lucia and her seven-year-old brother are sent to the United States when her parents, who are not in favor of the new regime, fear that the children will be taken away from them as others have been.

## EUROPE

Boyne, John. ***The Boy in the Striped Pajamas***

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

Bunting, Eve.

***S.O.S. Titanic***

Fifteen-year-old Barry O'Neill, traveling from Ireland to America on the maiden voyage of the Titanic, finds his life endangered when the ship hits an iceberg and begins to sink.

Cullen, Lynn.

***I Am Rembrandt's Daughter***

In Amsterdam in the mid-1600s, Cornelia's life as the illegitimate child of renowned painter Rembrandt is marked by plague, poverty, and despair at ever earning her father's love, until she sees hope for a better future in the eyes of a wealthy suitor.

Cushman, Karen.

***The Midwife's Apprentice***

In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.

Dogar, Sharon.

***Annexed***

Anne Frank's powerful *Diary of a Young Girl* is re-imagined here through the eyes of Peter van Pels, following him from the cramped attic in Amsterdam to the death camps at Auschwitz.

Gardner, Sally.

***Red Necklace: a Story of***

***the French Revolution***

In the late eighteenth-century, Sido, the twelve-year-old daughter of a self-indulgent marquis, and Yann, a fourteen-year-old Gypsy orphan raised to perform in a magic show, face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution.

Hoffman, Mary.

***Falconer's Knot: a Story of***

***Friars, Flirtation and Foul Play***

Silvano and Chiara, teens sent to live in a friary and a nunnery in Renaissance Italy, are drawn to one another and dream of a future together, but when murders are committed in the friary, they must discover who is behind the crimes before they can realize their love.

Jocelyn, Marthe.

***Folly***

Two intertwining stories chronicle the experiences of a teenage girl who becomes pregnant while working in an upper-class London household in the 1800s, and her baby boy who recalls being raised years later at London's Foundling Hospital.

# WORLD HISTORICAL FICTION

## Teen Booklist

Meyer, Carolyn. ***Duchessina: a Novel of Catherine de Medici***

While her tyrannical family is out of favor in Italy, young Catherine de Medici is raised in convents, then in 1533, when she is fourteen, her uncle, Pope Clement VII, arranges for her marriage to prince Henri of France, who is destined to become king.

Morpurgo, Michael. ***Private Peaceful***

When Thomas (Tommo) Peaceful lied about his age to join the British Army and fight alongside his brother in World War I, he had no idea he'd witness such horrific violence, death, and destruction.

Sepetys, Ruta. ***Between Shades of Gray***

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Whitney, Kim. ***The Other Half of Life: a Novel Based on the True Story of the MS St. Louis***

In 1939, fifteen-year-old Thomas sails on a German ship bound for Cuba with more than nine hundred German Jews expecting to be granted safe haven in Cuba.

Yolen, Jane. ***The Queen's Own Fool***

When twelve-year-old Nicola leaves Troupe Brufort and serves as the fool for Mary, Queen of Scots, she experiences the political and religious upheavals in both France and Scotland.

Zusak, Markus. ***Book Thief***

During World War II, a young German girl steals books and shares them with both her neighbors and the Jewish man hiding in her basement.

## MEXICO

Jiménez, Francisco. ***Breaking Through***

Having come from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields but fighting to improve his life and complete his education.

Landman, Tanya. ***Goldsmith's Daughter***

In the golden city of Tenochtitlan, the people live in awe of Emperor Montezuma and in fear of blood-hungry gods. Under an ill-fated sky, a girl is born, facing a life of submission and domestic drudgery. But Itacate has a secret passion for goldwork, forbidden to women, and is forced to disguise her identity to protect herself and her family.

Resau, Laura.

***Red Glass***

Sixteen-year-old Sophie has been frail and delicate since her premature birth, but discovers her true strength during a journey through Mexico, where the six-year-old orphan her family hopes to adopt was born, and to Guatemala, where her would-be boyfriend hopes to find his mother and plans to remain.

## MIDDLE EAST

Bagdasarian, Adam.

***Forgotten Fire***

Vahan is the spoiled youngest son of an Armenian family living in Turkey in 1915, but he must grow up quickly when Armenians begin being arrested and killed by the Turkish government.

Fletcher, Susan.

***Alphabet of Dreams***

Fourteen-year-old Mitra, of royal Persian lineage, and her five-year-old brother Babak, whose dreams foretell the future, flee for their lives in the company of the magus Melchior and two other Zoroastrian priests, traveling through Persia as they follow star signs leading to a newly-born king in Bethlehem.

Ellis, Deborah.

***Breadwinner***

Parvana must masquerade as a boy to support her mother and sister in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, which forbids women to leave home without a male escort.

Geras, Adèle.

***Ithaka***

The island of Ithaka is overrun with uncouth suitors demanding that Penelope choose a new husband, as she patiently awaits the return of Odysseus from the Trojan War.

Meyer, Carolyn.

***Cleopatra Confesses***

Princess Cleopatra, the third (and favorite) daughter of King Ptolemy XII, comes of age in ancient Egypt, accumulating power and discovering love.

Roberts, Katherine.

***I Am the Great Horse***

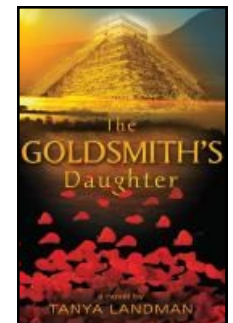
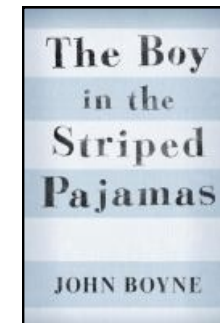
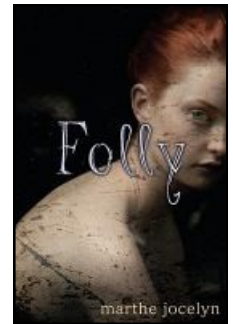
The war horse Bucephalus recounts his adventures from 344-323 B.C. with Alexander the Great and his relationship with a groom who has prophetic dreams.

Sayres, Meghan Nuttall. ***Anahita's Woven Riddle***

In Iran, more than 100 years ago, a young girl with three suitors gets permission from her father and a holy man to weave into her wedding rug a riddle to be solved by her future husband, which will ensure that he has wit to match hers.

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