



Historical Fiction Especially For Teens

The abbreviations after the title indicate where the books can be found:
YA – Young Adult Fiction **TEEN** – Teen Room **J** – Children's Room

Please note: Books vary widely in maturity level and content.

*****L denotes the Lexile Level**

Always Emily: a Novel of Intrigue and Romance Michaela MacColl (YA) L= 650

Young Emily and Charlotte Brontë solve a mystery.

Anna and the Swallow Man Gavriel Savit (YA) L= 1160

When her university professor father is sent by the Gestapo to a concentration camp, seven-year-old Anna travels the Polish countryside with the mysterious Swallow Man during World War II.

Annie's Promise Sonia Levitin (YA) L= 680

As a young refugee from Nazi Germany, Annie Platt seizes the opportunity to attend Quaker Pines, a camp for people of different backgrounds.

Assassin Anna Myers (YA) L= 790

In alternating passages, a young White House seamstress named Bella and the actor John Wilkes Booth describe the events that lead to the latter's assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation: The Pox Party M.T. Anderson (YA/Teen) L=1090

Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.

The Bad Queen Carolyn Meyer (Teen) L=990

In eighteenth-century France, Marie Antoinette rails against the rules of etiquette that govern her life even as she tries to fulfill her greatest obligation, giving birth to the next king, but she finds diversion in spending money on clothing, parties, and gambling despite her family's warnings and the whispers of courtiers.

The Berlin Boxing Club Robert Sharenow (YA) L=880

In 1936 Berlin, 14-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

Between Shades of Gray Ruta Sepetys (YA/Teen)

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 her by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.

Beyond the Burning Time Kathryn Lasky (J) L= 970

A courageous young girl confronts the hysterical townspeople of Salem when her mother is accused of witchcraft and condemned to death, in an exploration of the motives behind a dark period in American history.

Black Dove, White Raven Elizabeth Wein (YA) L= 900

Having moved to Ethiopia to avoid the prejudices of 1930s America, Emilia Menotti, her black adoptive brother Teo, and their mother Rhoda, a stunt pilot, are devoted to their new country even after war with Italy looms.

Blood Red Snow White Marcus Sedgwick (YA/Teen) L=840

A novel based on the life of children's book author Arthur Ransome, who left his home, his wife, and daughter and fell in love with Russia and a Russian woman and was suspected, by both sides, of being a spy.

Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy L.A. Meyer (YA/Teen) L=1120

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

Bone By Bone By Bone Tony Johnston (YA) L= 680

Determined to see his son become a doctor, David's father teaches him the study of human bones at an early age, but when he discovers that his son is teaching his black friend the lessons he is learning, David's father uses threats and violence to end their relationship, in a moving tale set in Tennessee in the 1950s.

Book Thief Marcus Zusak (YA/Teen) L= 730

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Booth's Daughter Raymond Wemmlinger (YA) L=810

In nineteenth-century New York City, Edwina, daughter of the famous actor Edwin Booth and niece of John Wilkes Booth, finds it difficult to escape the family tragedy and to meet the needs of a demanding father while maintaining her independence.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: a fable John Boyne (Teen) L= 1080

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.

Boy Who Dared Susan Campbell Bartoletti (YA) L= 760

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

Bread and Roses, Too Katherine Paterson (Teen) L= 810

Jake and Rosa, two children, form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

A Brief History of Montmaray Michelle Cooper (Teen) L= 1000

On her sixteenth birthday in 1936, Sophia begins a diary of life in a fictional island country off the coast of Spain, where she is among the last descendants of an impoverished royal family trying to hold their nation together on the eve of the Second World War.

Burn Baby Burn Meg Medina (YA) L= 680

Nora Lopez is seventeen during the infamous New York summer of 1977, when the city is besieged by arson, a massive blackout, and a serial killer named Son of Sam who shoots young women on the streets. Award-winning author Meg Medina transports us to a time when New York seemed balanced on a knife-edge, with tempers and temperatures running high, to share the story of a young woman who discovers that the greatest dangers are often closer than we like to admit — and the hardest to accept.

The Caged Graves Dianne K. Salerni (YA) L= 840

Returning to her hometown of Catawissa, Pennsylvania, in 1867 to marry a man she has never met, seventeen-year-old Verity Boone gets caught up in the mystery surrounding the graves of her mother and aunt and a dangerous hunt for Revolutionary-era gold.

The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis & Clark Tribe Roland Smith (J) L=890

Captain Meriwether Lewis's dog Seaman describes his experiences as he accompanies his master on the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the uncharted western wilderness.

Catherine, Called Birdy Karen Cushman (J) L= 1170

The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married.

Cleopatra's Moon Vicky Alvear Shecter (YA) L= 730

Cleopatra Selene, the only surviving daughter of Cleopatra and Marc Antony, recalls her life of pomp and splendor in Egypt and, after her parents' deaths, captivity and treachery in Rome.

Code Name Verity Elizabeth Wein (YA/Teen) L= 1020

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of WWII Joseph Bruchach (YA/Teen/J) L= 910

Using their native language, the Navajo Marines played an invaluable part in World War II as they sent messages, did maneuvers, and completed tasks with words that couldn't be deciphered by the enemy.

Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam Cynthia Kadohata (J) L= 730

Trained to sniff out bombs and traps, Cracker the German Shepherd is prepared for action in Vietnam, but when she is teamed up with Rick, a young man whose family doubts he can handle infantry life, the new soldier must find a way to build trust between the two so that they can do their jobs well and make it back alive.

Curse of the Romanovs Staton Rabin (YA)

In 1916, teenaged hemophiliac and heir to the Russian throne, Alexei Romanov, escapes into the future to elude the murderous Rasputin, and meets his modern-day cousin, fifteen-year-old Varda, who is working on a cure for hemophilia and who wants to help change history by saving his family.

Curses and Smoke: a Novel of Pompeii Vicky Alvear Shecter (YA) L=720

Tagus is a medical slave who wants to be a gladiator, Lucia is the daughter of Tag's owner and betrothed to an older man, and the two teenagers are in love with each other--but it is the year 79 and soon Vesuvius will alter their lives forever.

Daniel, Half Human and the Good Nazi David Cotjewitz (YA) L= 740

In 1933, best friends Daniel and Armin admire Hitler, but as anti-Semitism buoys Hitler to power, Daniel learns he is half Jewish, threatening the friendship even as life in their beloved Hamburg, Germany, is becoming nightmarish. Also details Daniel and Armin's reunion in 1945 in interspersed chapters.

Da Vinci's Tiger Laura Elliott (YA)

In fifteenth-century Florence, the dashing Venetian ambassador commissions young Leonardo da Vinci to paint a portrait of his platonic love, Ginevra de' Benci, a well-educated, teenaged poet in a passionless marriage, propelling her into the world of art, politics, and romance, with all of its complications.

A Death-Struck Year Makiia Lucier (YA) L= 600

When the Spanish influenza epidemic reaches Portland, Oregon, in 1918, seventeen-year-old Cleo leaves behind the comfort of her boarding school to work for the Red Cross.

Duchessina: A Novel of Catherine De Medici Carolyn Meyer (YA) L= 950

Having lived her entire childhood locked away in a convent, Catherine, heiress to the entire fortune of the Medici family and one of France's most powerful queens, must muster the courage needed to find her voice and make her own opinions known in order to avoid a disastrous marriage and unhappy future.

Elephant Run Roland Smith (YA) L= 750

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

Elijah of Buxton Christopher Paul Curtis (J) L= 1070

As the first child born into freedom in a Canadian town for runaway slaves, eleven-year-old Elijah finds himself on a dangerous journey to America to track down an unscrupulous former slave who stole the money from his friend, Mr. Leroy, that was intended to buy his family their freedom from slavery.

The Emperor of Any Place Tim Wynne-Jones (YA) L= 790

Evan finds a hand-bound yellow book on his desk- the book his dad had been reading when he passed away. The book is the diary of a Japanese soldier stranded on a small Pacific island in WWII.

Emperors of the Ice: a True Story of Disaster and Survival in the Antarctic, 1910-13 Richard Farr (YA) L= 1050

Apsley Cherry-Garrard shares his adventures as the youngest member of Robert Scott's expedition to Antarctica in the 1910s, during which he and Edward Wilson try to learn the history of emperor penguins.

The Falconer, Book 1 Elizabeth May (YA) L= 690

In 1844 Edinburgh, 18 year old Lady Aileana Kameron is neither an ordinary debutante, nor a murderess--she is a Falconer, a female warrior born with the gift for hunting and killing faeries who prey on mankind.

Fallout Todd Strasser (YA) L= 740

When a nuclear attack occurs in an alternate 1962, Scott is forced into his father's bomb shelter with his family and neighbors, where they rapidly consume limited supplies and fear the worst about the fate of the world outside.

Fever, 1793 Laurie Halse Anderson (Teen) L= 580

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Flygirl Sherri Smith (YA) L= 680

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl poses as white to join the Women Air Force Service Pilots.

Ghost Canoe Will Hobbs (JM) L= 900

Amid the wilderness of the Pacific Northwest, a fourteen-year-old boy and a Makah Indian fisherman brave the choppy Pacific to investigate a shipwreck, in a case of ancient treasure, betrayal, and murder.

Gideon the Cutpurse: Being the First Part of the Gideon Trilogy Linda Buckley-Archer (J SCI F) L= 960

Ignored by his father and sent to Derbyshire for the weekend, twelve-year-old Peter and his new friend, Kate, are accidentally transported back in time to 1763 England where they are befriended by a reformed cutpurse.

Girl in a Cage Jane Yolen & Robert J. Harris (J) L=690

As English armies invade Scotland in 1306, eleven-year-old Princess Marjorie, daughter of the newly crowned Scottish king, Robert the Bruce, is captured by England's King Edward Longshanks and held in a cage on display.

Girl in the Blue Coat Monica Hesse (YA) L=720

In 1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, teenage Hanneke--a 'finder' of black market goods--is tasked with finding a Jewish girl a customer had been hiding, who has seemingly vanished into thin air, and is pulled into a web of resistance activities and secrets as she attempts to solve the mystery and save the missing girl.

Going Over Beth Kephart (YA Kepha) L= 720

In the early 1980s Ada and Stefan are young, would-be lovers living on opposite sides of the Berlin Wall--Ada lives with her mother and grandmother and paints graffiti on the Wall, and Stefan lives with his grandmother in the East and dreams of escaping to the West.

The Good Earth Pearl S. Buck (Adult Fic/Classics) L= 1530

A Chinese peasant overcomes the forces of nature and the frailties of human nature to become a wealthy landowner.

The Great War: stories inspired by items from the First World War David Almond (YA) L=820

Writers of this collection of short stories were inspired to write about the First World War by physical objects associated with the war.

The Green Glass Sea Ellen Klages (YA/J) L= 790

Dewey Kerrigan is living with her scientist father, who is working on a top secret government program, the Manhattan Project, just as she befriends an aspiring artist who is a misfit just like her.

Hattie Big Sky Kirby Larson (Teen) L= 700

After inheriting her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana, sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks travels from Iowa in 1917 to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war being fought in Europe.

Heart of a Samurai based on the true story of Nakahama Manjiro Margi Preus (J) L= 760

In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro, who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.

The Hired Girl Laura Amy Schlitz (YA) L= 810

Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, yearns for real life and true love. Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself - because maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of - a woman with a future.

Hunt For the Bamboo Rat Graham Salisbury (YA) L= 510

Zenji Watanabe, seventeen, is sent from Hawaii to the Philippines to spy on the Japanese during World War II and, after he is captured and tortured, must find a way to survive months of being lost in the jungle behind enemy lines.

I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree: A Memoir of a Schindler's List Survivor Laura Hillman (YA) L= 740

Presents the true story of a girl from a Polish ghetto who was sent to a series of concentration camps and survived the war after being placed on Schindler's List, finally marrying a fellow survivor.

Incantation Alice Hoffman (YA) L= 730

Hiding her faith in kabbalah during a time in Spain when living openly as a Jew was a dangerous thing to do, Estrella struggles with her identity and her faith as events unfold around her that force her to come to terms with who she really wants to be in life.

Letters from the Corrugated Castle: a Novel of Gold Rush California, 1850 – 1852 Joan W. Blos (Teen) L= 1000

A series of letters and newspaper articles reveals life in California in the 1850s, especially for thirteen-year-old Eldora, who was raised in Massachusetts as an orphan only to meet her influential mother in San Francisco, and Luke, who hopes to find a fortune in gold.

The Lie Tree Frances Hardringe (YA) L=860

On an island off the south coast of Victorian England, fourteen-year-old Faith investigates the mysterious death of her father, who was involved in a scandal, and discovers a tree that feeds upon lies and gives those who eat its fruit visions of truth.

Love Disguised Lisa Klein (YA)

After a mixed-up courtship with the Hathaway sisters ends badly, eighteen-year-old Will Shakespeare jumps at the chance to go to London, where he can pursue his dream of becoming an actor and where he is about to meet the girl who will change his life forever.

Lyddie Katherine Patterson (J) L= 860

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

A Mad, Wicked folly Sharon Biggs Waller (YA) L= 740

In 1909 London, as the world of debutante balls and high society obligations closes in around her, seventeen-year-old Victoria must figure out just how much is she willing to sacrifice to pursue her dream of becoming an artist.

The Midwife's Apprentice Karen Cushman (J) L= 1240

In a small village in medieval England, a young homeless girl acquires a home and a new career when she becomes the apprentice to a sharp-tempered midwife.

Milkweed Jerry Spinelli (Teen) L=510

The hardship and cruelty of life in the ghettos of Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of World War II is captured through the eyes of a young orphan who must use all his wits and courage to survive challenging events and circumstances.

A Moment Comes Jennifer Bradbury (YA) L=770

As the partition of India nears in 1947 bringing violence even to Jalandhar, Tariq, a Muslim, finds himself caught between his forbidden interest in Anupreet, a Sikh girl, and Margaret, a British girl whose affection for him might help with his dream of studying at Oxford.

Monkey Town: The Summer of the Scopes Trial Ronald Kidd (YA) L= 740

When her father hatches a plan to bring publicity to their small Tennessee town by arresting a local high school teacher for teaching about evolution, the resulting 1925 Scopes trial prompts fifteen-year-old Frances to rethink many of her beliefs about religion and truth, as well as her relationship with her father.

Moriarty Anthony Horowitz (Adult Mystery)

Days after the encounter at the Swiss waterfall that claimed the lives of Sherlock Holmes and criminal mastermind Professor Moriarty, Pinkerton detective agent Frederick Chase and Scotland Yard Inspector Athelney Jones must track down a sinister figure who is determined to stake his claim as Moriarty's successor.

Namesake Sue MacLeod (Teen) L= 570

Working on a history project about her namesake, Lady Jane Grey, Jane finds herself drawn to the Tower of London and to 1553, especially when the present becomes unbearable.

New Boy Julian Houston (Teen) L= 990

As a new African-American sophomore at an exclusive, all-white boarding school, fifteen-year-old Rob Garrett is witness to the persecution of another student with bad acne who is also Jewish.

Nobody's Princess Esther Friesner (YA/Teen) L= 910

Helen of Sparta, a beautiful princess, makes friends with huntress Atalanta and the young priestess who is the Oracle of Delphi when she sets out to define who she is and what she can accomplish.

Number the Stars Lois Lowry (J/Teen) L= 670

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, a 10-year-old girl learns how to be courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Out of Darkness Ashley Hope Perez (YA) L= 660

Loosely based on a school explosion that took place in New London, Texas in 1937, this is the story of two teenagers: Naomi, who is Mexican, and Wash, who is black, and their dealings with race, segregation, love, and the forces that destroy people.

Outrun the Moon Stacy Lee (YA) L= 780

Fifteen-year-old Mercy Wong is determined to break from poverty in Chinatown, and she gains admittance to a prestigious finishing school through a mix of cunning and bribery. She soon discovers that getting in was the easiest part, and must carve a niche among the spoiled heiresses. When the earthquake strikes on April 18, Mercy and her classmates are forced to a survivor encampment, but her quick-witted leadership rallies them to help in the tragedy's aftermath.

Passion of Dolssa: a novel Julie Berry (YA) L= 650

Rescuing a mystic healer who is being violently pursued by a rogue monk in thirteenth-century Provença, scrappy matchmaker Bofille is challenged to protect the entire village against the monks' crusade to burn heretics.

Phantoms in the Snow Kathleen Benner Duple (YA) L= 710

In 1944, fifteen-year-old Noah Garrett, recently orphaned, is sent to live at Camp Hale, Colorado, with an uncle he has never met, and there he finds his pacifist views put to the test.

Power of One Bryce Courtenay (Adult Fic) L= 940

Growing up in South Africa during the apartheid era, Peekay understood at an early age that learning English well would be an asset in his later years and so, despite growing up to be the welterweight champion of the world, used the power of his words to make the changes he deemed important when just the right moment presented itself.

Prisoner of Night and Fog Anne Blankman (YA) L= 860

When Thomas Peaceful's older brother is forced to join the British Army, Thomas decides to sign up as well, although he is only fourteen years old, to prove himself to his country, his family, his childhood love, Molly, and himself.

Private Peaceful Michael Morpurgo (YA) L= 860

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The Red Badge of Courage Stephen Crane (J/Adult Fic) L= 900

During his service in the Civil War a young Union soldier matures to manhood and finds peace of mind as he comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war.

The Red Queen's Daughter Jacqueline Kolosov (Teen) L= 960

The orphaned daughter of Katherine Parr and Henry VIII, sixteen-year-old Mary Seymour vies to gain acceptance and fend off her jealous relatives and castle-mates as she enters into Queen Elizabeth's court.

Revelation of Louisa May Michaela MacColl (YA) L= 640

Louisa May Alcott has problems--her mother is taking a job over a hundred miles away to earn some money, leaving to it to Louisa to care for the family, her father refuses to work for money, a fugitive slave is seeking refuge in their house, and a slave catcher has been killed, making the Underground Railroad more dangerous.

Revolution is Not a Dinner Party Ying Chang Compestine (Teen) L= 740

Starting in 1972, nine year old Ling, the daughter of two doctors, struggles to make sense of the communists' Cultural Revolution, which empties stores of food, homes of appliances deemed "bourgeois," and people of laughter.

The Rifle Gary Paulsen (Teen, J) L= 1480

A priceless, handcrafted rifle, fired throughout the American Revolution, is passed down through the years until it fires on a fateful Christmas Eve of 1994.

Salt to the Sea Ruta Sepetys (YA) L= 560

As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry Mildred D. Taylor (J) L= 920

Young Cassie Logan endures humiliation and witnesses the racism of the KKK as they embark on a cross-burning rampage, before she fully understands the importance her family attributes to having land of their own.

September 17: a Novel Amanda West Lewis (Teen)

In September 1940, a luxury liner named The City of Benares is chosen to bring 90 British children to safety in Canada, but disaster occurs when the Benares is torpedoed by a German U-boat and sinks in just half an hour, with tragic results for the children. This is the true story of the catastrophe and the few children who survived.

The Shakespeare Stealer Gary Blackwood (J) L= 840

A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe and steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.

A Single Shard Linda Sue Park (Teen/J) L= 920

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

Soldier's Heart: Being the Story of the Enlistment and Due Service of the Boy Charley Goddard in the First Minnesota Volunteers: a Novel of the Civil War Gary Paulsen (YA) L= 1000

Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat.

Soldier's Secret - The story of Deborah Sampson Sheila Solomon Klass (YA) L=790

During the Revolutionary War, a young woman named Deborah Sampson disguises herself as a man in order to serve in the Continental Army.

Something Remains Inge Barth-Grozinger (Teen)

In 1933, as Hitler becomes Chancellor, twelve-year-old Erich and his family, who are Jewish, find they need to make changes in their everyday lives as hatred of the Jews grows.

Sphinx's Princess Esther M. Friesner (YA) L= 830

Nefertiti's dancing abilities, remarkable beauty, and intelligence garner attention, so much so that her family is summoned to the Egyptian royal court, where she becomes a pawn in the hands of her scheming aunt, Queen Tiye.

A Spy in the House Y. S. Lee (Teen) L= 680

Rescued from the gallows in 1850s London, orphan and thief Mary Quinn is offered a place at Miss Scrimshaw's Academy for Girls where she is trained to be in an all-female investigative unit called The Agency.

Sunrise over Fallujah Walter Dean Meyers (Teen) L= 780

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civil Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

Tamar Mal Peet (YA/Teen) L= 780

In the final winter of the World War II, two very young Dutchmen, trained in England by the Special Operations Executive, parachute into the heart of the occupied Netherlands, one charged with coordinating the resistance groups in the area, the other a wireless operator maintaining contact with London.

This Monstrous Thing Mackenzi Lee (YA)

When a talented mechanic in 1818 Geneva brings his brother back from the dead using clockwork parts, the citizens of Geneva think they may have inspired the recently published novel Frankenstein.

Threads and Flames Esther Friesner (YA) L= 840

After recovering from typhus, thirteen-year-old Raisa leaves her Polish shtetl for America to join her older sister, and goes to work at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory.

Tsarina J. Nelle Patrick (YA)

Within the walls of Russia's Winter Palace, Natalya seeks a Faberge egg containing the power of the land and the mystics, that promises a life of love for her and Alexei Romanov and the preservation of Romanov Russia.

A Tyranny of Petticoats: 15 Stories of Belles, Bank robbers and Other Badass Girls edited by Jessica Spotswood (YA) L= 830

An anthology of historical fiction and fantasy short stories features a diverse array of daring heroines making their way in often-hostile lands, using every weapon in their arsenals to face down everything from murderers to marriage proposals.

Under a Painted Sky Stacey Lee (YA) L= 730

It's 1849 and Samantha dreams of moving back to New York to be a professional. But an accident dashes any hope of fulfilling her dream and, instead, leaves her fearing for her life. With the help of a runaway slave named Annamae, Samantha flees town for the frontier. The Oregon Trail is unsafe, so they disguise themselves as two boys headed for the California gold rush.

Under the Blood Red Sun Graham Salisbury (Teen) L= 640

Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

Uprising Margaret Peterson Haddix (YA) L= 790

In 1927, at the urging of twenty-one-year-old Harriet, Mrs. Livingston reluctantly recalls her experiences at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory, including miserable working conditions that led to a strike, then the fire that took the lives of her two best friends, when Harriet, the boss's daughter, was only five years old.

The Wednesday Wars Gary D. Schmidt (YA/Teen/J) L= 990

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

When My Name Was Keoko Linda Sue Park (YA/Teen) L= 610

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.

What We Hide Marthe Jocelyn (YA) L= 720

Told from multiple viewpoints, high school junior Jenny of Philadelphia spends a semester at a Quaker boarding school in Sheffield, England, near where her brother is avoiding the Vietnam draft, and where everyone carries close-held secrets.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond Elizabeth George Speare (J) L= 850

A young girl from Barbados visits her Puritan relatives in Connecticut only to become the object of a seventeenth-century witch hunt.

Wolf By Wolf Ryan Graudin (YA) L= 870

The first book in a duology about an alternate version of 1956 where the Axis powers won WWII, and hold an annual motorcycle race across their conjoined continents to commemorate their victory.

Woods Runner Gary Paulsen (YA/Teen) L= 870

From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, thirteen-year-old Samuel, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Indians who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community.

X: a novel Ilyasah Shabazz (YA) L= 580

Co-written by Malcolm X's third daughter, this vivid, fictionalized account of the activist's early life draws on stories from his family and childhood friends and neighbors.

The Year We Were Famous Carole Estby Dagg (YA) L= 950

A novel based on the true story of seventeen-year-old Clara Estby's walk across America with her mother Helga in 1896, to win a ten thousand dollar prize and save their home from foreclosure.

Yellow Star Jennifer Roy (YA/J) L= 710

From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

Additional historical fiction books can be found in the YA and Teen sections. Historical fiction titles in the YA collection have green and white spine labels that say "Historical Fiction". You can also search the catalog by specific subject, such as "United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Juvenile fiction.").

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