

Historical Fiction



REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND COLONIAL TIMES

Seeds of America Series by Laurie Halse Anderson (M,S)

Book 1: *Chains*: After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson (M)

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.

My Brother Sam is Dead by James Lincoln Collier (M)

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.

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes (M)

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.

A Ride into Morning : The Story of Tempe Wick by Ann Rinaldi (S)

When unrest spreads at the Revolutionary War camp in Morristown, New Jersey, under the command of General Anthony Wayne, a young woman cleverly hides her horse from the mutinous soldiers who have need of it.

WORLD WAR I AND II

Anne Frank and Me by Cherie Bennett and Jeff Gottesfeld (M,S)

After suffering a concussion while on a class trip to a Holocaust exhibit, Nicole finds herself living the life of a Jewish teenager in Paris during the Nazi occupation.

Prisoner of Night and Fog Series by Anne Blankman (S)

Book 1: *Prisoner of Night and Fog*: In 1930s Munich, the favorite niece of rising political leader Adolph Hitler is torn between duty and love after meeting a fearless and handsome young Jewish reporter.

London Calling by Edward Bloor (M,S)

Seventh-grader Martin Conway believes that his life is monotonous and dull until the night the antique radio he uses as a night-light transports him to the bombing of London in 1940.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne (M,S)

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.

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac (M,S)

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talker, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Is it Night or Day? By Fern Shumer Chapman (M)

In 1938, Edith Westerfeld, a young German Jew, is sent by her parents to Chicago, Illinois, where she lives with an aunt and uncle and tries to assimilate into American culture, while worrying about her parents and mourning the loss of everything she has ever known.

Guardian Angel House by Kathy Clark (M)

When Hungary is invaded by Nazi Germany during World War II, Jewish sisters Susan and Vera are sent to a Catholic convent to hide, and discover they are not the only girls in hiding there.

Escaping into the Night by D. Dina Friedman (M)

Thirteen-year-old Halina Rudowski narrowly escapes the Polish ghetto and flees to the forest, where she is taken by an encampment of Jews trying to survive World War II.

Summer of My German Soldier Series by Bette Greene (M, S)

Book 1: *Summer of My German Soldier*: When German prisoners of war are brought to her Arkansas town during World War II, twelve-year-old Patty, a Jewish girl, befriends one of them and must deal with the consequences of that friendship.

The Fighter by Jean-Jacques Greif (M,S)

Moshe Wisniak, a poor Polish Jew, uses his physical strength and cleverness, plus luck, to help him survive the horrors he is subjected to in the concentration camps of World War II. Based on the life of Moshe Garbarz.

The Dragonfly Pool by Eva Ibbotson (M)

Tally, a twelve-year-old English girl, and her classmates at Delderton, a progressive boarding school, help Karil, the young prince of Bergania, escape into England after the Nazis invade Bergania and kill the king.

The Green Glass Sea by Ellen Klages (M)

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.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (M)

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.

The Journal of Scott Pendleton by Walter Dean Myers(S)

A seventeen-year-old soldier from central Virginia records his experiences in a journal as his regiment takes part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and subsequent battles to liberate France.

If I Should Die Before I Wake by Han Nolan (S)

As Hilary, a Neo-Nazi initiate, lies in a coma, she is transported back to Poland at the onset of World War II, and into the life of a Jewish teenager.

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli (M, S)

Newbery Medalist Jerry Spinelli takes us to one of the most devastating settings imaginable – Nazi – occupied Warsaw of World War II – and tells a tale of heartbreak, hope, and survival through the bright eyes of a young orphan.



20TH CENTURY AMERICA

The Secret School by Avi (M)

In 1925, fourteen-year-old Ida Bidson secretly takes over as the teacher when the one-room schoolhouse in her remote Colorado area closes unexpectedly.

Al Capone at Altraz Series by Gennifer Choldenko(M)

Book 1: *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.

The Journal of Ben Uchida by Barry Denenberg (M,S)

Twelve-year-old Ben Uchida keeps a journal of his experiences as a prisoner in a Japanese internment camp in Mirror Lake, California, during World War II.

A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly (S)

In 1906, sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiance, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. Based on a true story.

The Teacher's Funeral : a Comedy in Three Parts by Richard Peck (M,S)

In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean old Myrt Arbuckle hauls off and dies.

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt (M)

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.

Out of the Easy by Ruta Sepetys (S)

Josie, the seventeen-year-old daughter of a French Quarter prostitute, is striving to escape 1950 New Orleans and enroll at prestigious Smith College when she becomes entangled in a murder investigation.

OTHER

Luxe Series by Anna Godbersen (S)

Book 1: *The Luxe*: In Manhattan in 1899, five teens of different social classes lead dangerously scandalous lives, despite the strict rules of society and the best-laid plans of parents and others.

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson (M)

Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River.

Pirates! by Celia Rees (S)

In 1722, after arriving in Jamaica where she is to be married off, sixteen-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.

Grade Level Interest

M Middle School (defined as grades 6-8).

S Senior High (defined as grades 9-12).

