

## **Juvenile Historical Fiction**

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### **The Middle Ages and Renaissance (400 – 1600 AD)**

Blood Red Horse Grant, K.M.

A special horse named Hosanna changes the lives of two English brothers and those around them as they fight with King Richard I against Saladin's armies during the Third Crusades. [Check library catalog.](#)

Catherine Called Birdy Cushman, Karen

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 off. [Check library catalog.](#)

Chengli and the Silk Road Caravan Kang, Hildi

Called to follow the wind and search for information about his father who disappeared many years ago, thirteen-year-old Chengli, carrying a piece of jade with strange writing that had belonged to his father, joins a caravan charged with giving safe passage to the Emperor's daughter as it navigates the constant dangers of the Silk Road in 630 A.D. [Check library catalog.](#)

Crispin: The Cross of Lead (Crispin series; book 1) Avi

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! : Voices From a Medieval Village Schlitz, Laura Amy

A collection of short one-person plays featuring characters, between ten and fifteen years old, who live in or near a thirteenth-century English manor. [Check library catalog.](#)

Feast of Fools Crowley, Bridget

In England in the late thirteenth century, a young chorister at the Cathedral of Saint Aelred, outcast because of his crippled foot, sympathizes with the city's other outcasts, the Jews, and sets out to prove their leader innocent of murder. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Midwife's Apprentice Cushman, Karen

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Parsifal's Page Morris, Gerald

In medieval England, eleven-year-old Piers' dream comes true when he becomes page to Parsifal, a peasant whose quest for knighthood reveals important secrets about both of their families. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Puppeteer's Apprentice Love, D. Anne

A medieval orphan girl called Mouse gains the courage she needs to follow her dreams of becoming a puppeteer's apprentice. [Check library catalog.](#)

Rowan Hood, Outlaw Girl of Sherwood Forest (Rowan Hood series; book 1) Springer, Nancy

In her quest to connect with Robin Hood, the father she has never met, thirteen-year-old Rosemary disguises herself as a boy, befriends a half-wolf, half-dog, a runaway princess, and an overgrown boy whose singing is hypnotic, and makes peace with her elfin heritage. [Check library catalog.](#)

Shakespeare's Scribe Blackwood, Gary

In plague-ridden 1602 England, a fifteen-year-old orphan boy, who has become an apprentice actor, goes on the road with Shakespeare's troupe, and finds out more about his parents along the way. [Check library catalog.](#)

A Single Shard Park, Linda Sue

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Queen's Own Fool Yolen, Jane

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

### **Colonial America (1620 – 1789)**

A Break With Charity: A Story About the Salem Witch Trials Rinaldi, Ann

While waiting for a church meeting in 1706, Susanna English, daughter of a wealthy Salem merchant, recalls the malice, fear, and accusations of witchcraft that tore her village apart in 1692. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Courage of Sarah Nobel Dalglish, Alice

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 wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father must go back to bring the rest of the family. [Check library catalog.](#)

Guests Dorris, Michael

Moss and Trouble, an Algonquin boy and girl, struggle with the problems of growing up in the Massachusetts area during the time of the first Thanksgiving. [Check library catalog.](#)

James Printer: A Novel of Rebellion Jacobs, Paul Samuel

Although he has lived and worked as a printer's apprentice with the Green family in Cambridge Massachusetts, for many years, James, a Nipmuck Indian, finds himself caught up in the events that lead to a horrible war. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Sacrifice Duple, Kathleen Benner

Two sisters, aged ten and twelve, are accused of witchcraft in Andover, Massachusetts, in 1692 and await trial in a miserable prison while their mother desperately searches for some way to obtain their freedom. [Check library catalog.](#)

Saturnalia Fleischman, Paul

In 1681 in Boston, fourteen-year-old William, a Narraganset Indian captured in a raid six years earlier, leads a productive and contented life as a printer's

apprentice but is increasingly anxious to make some connection with his Indian past. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Witch of Blackbird Pond Speare, Elizabeth George

Kit Tyler must leave behind shimmering Caribbean islands to join the stern Puritan community of her relatives. She soon feels caged, until she meets the old woman known as the Witch of Blackbird Pond. But when their friendship is discovered, Kit herself is accused of witchcraft! [Check library catalog.](#)

Worlds Apart Karr, Kathleen

In 1670, soon after arriving in the Carolinas with a group of colonists from England, fifteen-year-old Christopher West befriends a young Sewee Indian, Asha-po, and learns some hard lessons about survival, slavery, and friendship. [Check library catalog.](#)

**The American Revolution (1775-1783)**

Adam and the Golden Cock Dalglish, Alice

When French troops under Rochambeau camp near a young boy's town in Connecticut, the boy makes the acquaintance of a young French soldier and is faced with a questionable relationship with a friend whose father is a Tory. [Check library catalog.](#)

Betrayal at Cross Creek Ernst, Kathleen

Twelve-year-old Elspeth Monroe, a Scottish settler and weaver's apprentice on the North Carolina frontier in 1775, must find out who is betraying her Loyalist family during the months before the start of the Revolutionary War. [Check library catalog.](#)

Captain Grey Avi

Following the Revolution, an eleven-year-old boy becomes the captive of a ruthless man who has set up his own "nation," supported by piracy, on a remote part of the New Jersey coast. [Check library catalog.](#)

Chains: Seeds of America Anderson, Laurie Halse

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Fighting Ground Avi

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself. [Check library catalog.](#)

Forge Anderson, Laurie Halse

Separated from his friend Isabel after their daring escape from slavery, fifteen-year-old Curzon serves as a free man in the Continental Army at Valley Forge until he and Isabel are thrown together again, as slaves once more. [Check library catalog.](#)

I'm Deborah Sampson Clapp, Patricia

Relates the experiences of the woman who disguised herself as a man in order to enlist and fight in the American Revolution. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Incredible Deborah; a story based on the life of Deborah Sampson Cheney, Cora

A fictional account of the life of a colonial girl, who, anxious to escape the narrow prescribed life of a female, disguises herself and serves with the Continental Army for three years during the Revolution. [Check library catalog.](#)

My Brother Sam Is Dead Collier, James Lincoln

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Redcoat in Boston Finlayson, Ann

A thirteen-year-old joins the British Army and is sent to Boston where he is exposed to the growing resentment toward the crown and witnesses other forces that are part of the Revolutionary fervor. [Check library catalog.](#)

Ride of Courage Felder, Deborah G.

In 1781, twelve-year-old Molly Randall, living with her family in Yorktown, Virginia, finds her courage tested when she must ride a powerful Arabian horse to get help for a neighbor about to be executed for treason by the British. [Check library catalog.](#)

A Spy in the King's Colony Banim, Lisa

In British-occupied Boston in 1776, eleven-year-old Emily Parker is determined to find out if a family friend is a traitor to the American patriots. [Check library catalog.](#)

War Comes to Willy Freeman Collier, James Lincoln

A free thirteen-year-old black girl in Connecticut is caught up in the horror of the Revolutionary War and the danger of being returned to slavery when her patriot father is killed by the British and her mother disappears. [Check library catalog.](#)

## **Nineteenth Century America**

### The Birchbark House Erdrich, Louise

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

### Bound for Oregon Van Leeuwen, Jean

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Boston Jane (sequels Wilderness Days and The Claim) Holm, Jennifer  
Schooled in the lessons of etiquette for young ladies of 1854, Miss Jane Peck of Philadelphia finds little use for manners during her long sea voyage to the Pacific Northwest and while living among the American traders and Chinook Indians of Washington Territory. [Check library catalog.](#)

### The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate Kelly, Jacqueline

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

### The Final Freedom Wallace, Bill

When thirteen-year-old Will Burke and the famed Apache chief, Geronimo, forge a unique bond of friendship, each wins a special kind of freedom. [Check library catalog.](#)

### The Great Brain Fitzgerald, John D.

The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah, are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money. [Check library catalog.](#)

### A House of Tailors Giff, Patricia Reilly

When thirteen-year-old Dina emigrates from Germany to America in 1871, her only wish is to return home as soon as she can, but as the months pass and she survives a multitude of hardships living with her uncle and his young wife and baby, she finds herself thinking of Brooklyn as her home. [Check library catalog.](#)

Little Women Alcott, Louisa May

Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England. [Check library catalog.](#)

The King of Mulberry Street Napoli, Donna Jo

In 1892, Dom, a nine-year old stowaway from Naples, Italy, arrives in New York and must learn to survive the perils of street life in the big city. [Check library catalog.](#)

Lyddie Paterson, Katherine

Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s. [Check library catalog.](#)

May B. Rose, Caroline

When a failed wheat crop nearly bankrupts the Betterly family, Pa pulls twelve-year-old May from school and hires her out to a couple new to the Kansas frontier. [Check library catalog.](#)

Our Only May Amelia Holm, Jennifer L.

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Preacher's Boy Paterson, Katherine

In 1899, ten-year-old Robbie, son of a preacher in a small Vermont town, gets himself into all kinds of trouble when he decides to give up being Christian in order to make the most of his life before the end of the world. [Check library catalog.](#)

Sing Down the Moon O'Dell, Scott

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Weasel DeFelice, Cynthia

Alone in the frontier wilderness in the winter of 1839 while his father is recovering from an injury, eleven-year-old Nathan runs afoul of the renegade killer known as Weasel and makes a surprising discovery about the concept of revenge. [Check library catalog.](#)

**Slavery and the American Civil War (1861-1865)**

Across Five Aprils Hunt, Irene

Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War. [Check library catalog.](#)

Bull Run Fleischman, Sid

Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War. [Check library catalog.](#)

A Dangerous Promise (The Orphan Train Adventures series) Nixon, Joan Lowery

After being taken in by Captain Taylor and his wife in Kansas, twelve-year-old Mike Kelly and his friend Todd Blakely join the Union army as musicians and see the horrors of war firsthand in Missouri. [Check library catalog.](#)

Dear Ellen Bee: A Civil War Scrapbook of Two Union Spies Lyons, Mary E. and Muriel M. Branch

A scrapbook kept by a young black girl details her experiences and those of the older white woman, "Miss Bet," who had freed her and her family, sent her north from Richmond to get an education, and then worked to bring an end to slavery. Based on the life of Elizabeth Van Lew. [Check library catalog.](#)

Charley Skedaddle Beatty, Patricia

During the Civil War, a twelve-year-old Bowery Boy from New York City joins the Union Army as a drummer, deserts during a battle in Virginia, and encounters a hostile old mountain woman. [Check library catalog.](#)

Elijah of Buxton Curtis, Christopher Paul

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Jayhawker Beatty, Patricia

In the early years of the Civil War, teenage Kansan farm boy Lije Tulley becomes a Jayhawker, an abolitionist raider freeing slaves from the neighboring state of Missouri, and then goes undercover there as a spy. [Check library catalog.](#)

Jip: His Story Paterson, Katherine

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Legend of Bass Reeves Paulsen, Gary

Recreates the mythology of U.S. Marshal Bass Reeves, a black man born into slavery who became the most successful lawman of the Wild West, bringing hundreds of fugitives to justice with such courage and honor that he became a legend. [Check library catalog.](#)

Numbering All the Bones Rinaldi, Ann

It is 1864, the Civil War is moving toward an end. President Lincoln has proclaimed his 'great measure,' and Southern slaves are slowly gaining their freedom. But for thirteen-year-old Eulinda, a house slave on a Georgia plantation, it is the most difficult time of her life... [Check library catalog.](#)

Out From This Place Hansen, Joyce

A fourteen-year-old black girl tries to find a fellow ex-slave, who had joined the Union army during the Civil War, during the confusing times after the emancipation of the slaves. [Check library catalog.](#)

Stealing Freedom Carbone, Elisa

A novel based on the events in the life of a young slave girl from Maryland who endures all kinds of mistreatment and cruelty, including being separated from her family, but who eventually escapes to freedom in Canada. [Check library catalog.](#)

Trouble Don't Last Pearsall, Shelley

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Turn Homeward, Hannalee Beatty, Patricia

Twelve-year-old Hannalee Reed, forced to relocate in Indiana along with other Georgia millworkers during the Civil War, leaves her mother with a promise to return home as soon as the war ends. [Check library catalog.](#)

**Early Twentieth Century America (1900-1939)**

Al Capone Does My Shirts (sequel Al Capone Shines My Shoes) Choldenko, Gennifer

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

All of a Kind Family (All of a Kind Family series; book 1) Taylor, Sydney  
The adventures of five sisters growing up in a Jewish family in New York in the early twentieth century. [Check library catalog.](#)

Bread and Roses, Too Paterson, Katherine  
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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Bud, Not Buddy Curtis, Christopher Paul  
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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Dave at Night Levine, Gail Carson  
When orphaned Dave is sent to the Hebrew Home for Boys where he is treated cruelly, he sneaks out at night and is welcomed into the music- and culture-filled world of the Harlem Renaissance. [Check library catalog.](#)

Esperanza Rising Ryan, Pam Munoz  
Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Grape Thief Franklin, Kristine L.  
In 1925, in a small Washington State community made up of families from different ethnic backgrounds, twelve-year-old Cuss tries to stay in school as he watches those around him struggle with various financial difficulties. [Check library catalog.](#)

Letters From Rifka Hesse, Karen  
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 immigrate to America. [Check library catalog.](#)

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy Schmidt, Gary D.  
In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but

things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Locked Garden Whelan, Gloria

After their mother dies of typhoid, Verna and her younger sister Carlie move with their father, a psychiatrist, and stern Aunt Maude to an asylum for the mentally ill in early-twentieth-century Michigan, where new ideas in the treatment of mental illness are being proposed, but old prejudices still hold sway. [Check library catalog.](#)

A Long Way From Chicago: A Novel in Stories Peck, Richard

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother. [Check library catalog.](#)

Moon Over Manifest Vanderpool, Clare

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past. [Check library catalog.](#)

Out of the Dust Hesse, Karen

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry Taylor, Mildred

A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand. [Check library catalog.](#)

Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs Birney, Betty

Eben McCallister is fascinated by the Seven Wonders of the World and wishes he could escape the small farming community of Sassafras Springs to do some exploring. No one else in Sassafras Springs seems to want to leave. Eben's father, tired of his moping, challenges him to find seven wonders in Sassafras Springs that can compare with the Seven Wonders of the World. If he does, he will get the adventure he's been wanting - a trip out West. Eben doesn't expect to have much luck, but he has to give it a try. [Check library catalog.](#)

### Smuggler's Island Avi

Living on a poor island in 1932, a young boy determines, despite his family's bitter opposition, to identify and somehow bring to justice the liquor smugglers who have been terrorizing the island. [Check library catalog.](#)

### Souder Armstrong, William

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and through his relationship with his devoted dog Souder. [Check library catalog.](#)

### Turtle in Paradise Holm, Jennifer L.

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida. [Check library catalog.](#)

## **World War I**

### Tree By Leaf Voigt, Cynthia

A father's return home following World War I creates problems for his family, especially for twelve-year-old Clothilde, who struggles to accept his horrible disfigurement and opposes her mother's plan to sell Clothilde's land, a peninsula off the coast of Maine, to help pay the family's expenses. [Check library catalog.](#)

## **The Holocaust (1939-1945)**

### The Broken Mirror Douglas, Kirk

After the Nazis destroy his family, twelve-year-old Moishe gives up his Jewish faith, calls himself Danny, and is taken to New York where he tries to make the best of his life in a Catholic orphanage. [Check library catalog.](#)

### Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi Chotjewitz, David

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

### The Devil's Arithmetic Yolen, Jane

Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her

in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Entertainer and the Dybbuk Fleischman, Sid

A struggling American ventriloquist in post-World War II Europe is possessed by the mischievous spirit of a young Jewish boy killed in the Holocaust. Author's note details the murder of over one million children by the Nazis during the 1930s and 1940s. [Check library catalog.](#)

Escape From Warsaw Serrailier, Ian

During the Nazi occupation of Poland, three children who have been separated from their family flee Warsaw. [Check library catalog.](#)

In My Enemy's House Matas, Carol

When German soldiers arrive in Zloczow during World War II, a young Jewish girl must decide whether or not to conceal her identity and work for a Nazi in Germany in order to survive. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Island on Bird Street Orlev, Uri

During World War II a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions. [Check library catalog.](#)

Jacob's Rescue Drucker, Malka

In answer to his daughter's questions, a man recalls the terrifying years of his childhood when a brave Polish couple, Alex and Mela Roslan, hid him and other Jewish children from the Nazis. Based on a true story. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Night Crossing Ackerman, Karen

In 1938, having begun to feel the persecution that all Jews are experiencing in their Austrian city, Clara and her family escape over the mountains into Switzerland. [Check library catalog.](#)

Number the Stars Lowry, Lois

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Run, Boy, Run Orlev, Uri

Based on the true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto

and must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside. [Check library catalog.](#)

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit Kerr, Judith

Recounts the adventures of a nine-year-old Jewish girl and her family in the early 1930's as they travel from Germany to England. [Check library catalog.](#)

## **World War II**

Aleutian Sparrow Hesse, Karen

An Aleutian Islander recounts her suffering during World War II in American internment camps designed to "protect" the population from the invading Japanese. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Art of Keeping Cool Lisle, Janet Taylor

In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets while staying in their grandparents' Rhode Island town, where they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy. [Check library catalog.](#)

Bat 6 Wolff, Virginia Euwer

In small town, post-World War Oregon, twenty-one 6th grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface. [Check library catalog.](#)

Codetalker Bruchac, Joseph

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 Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Green Glass Sea (sequel White Sands, Red Menace) Klages, Ellen

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

Lily's Crossing (companion Willow Run) Giff, Patricia Reilly

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

My Brother, My Sister and I Watkins, Yoko Kawashima

Living as refugees in Japan in 1947 while trying to locate their missing father, thirteen-year-old Yoko and her older brother and sister must endure a bad fire, injury, and false charges of arson, theft, and murder. [Check library catalog.](#)

Snow Treasure McSwigan, Marie

In 1940, when the Nazi invasion of Norway reaches their village in the far north, twelve-year-old Peter and his friends use their sleds to transport nine million dollars worth of gold bullion past the German soldiers to the secret harbor where Peter's uncle keeps his ship ready to take the gold for safekeeping in the United States. [Check library catalog.](#)

Stepping on the Cracks Hahn, Mary

In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, eleven-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him. [Check library catalog.](#)

A Traitor Among Us Van Steenwyck, Elizabeth

In occupied Holland in 1944, thirteen-year-old Pieter becomes increasingly involved in the work of the Dutch Resistance even though he knows the risk of being discovered by the Nazi informer who lives in his village. [Check library catalog.](#)

Where the Ground Meets the Sky Davies, Jacqueline

During World War II, a twelve-year-old girl is uprooted from her quiet, East coast life and moved to a secluded army post in the New Mexico desert where her father and other scientists are working on a top secret project. [Check library catalog.](#)

Weedflower Kadohata, Cynthia

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

**Mid Twentieth Century America (1950-1975)**

Beyond Mayfield Nelson, Vandeux Micheaux

In 1961 the children of Mayfield are concerned with air-raid drills and fallout

shelters, but the civil rights movement becomes real when a neighbor joins the Freedom Riders. [Check library catalog.](#)

Glory Be Scattergood, Augusta

In the summer of 1964 as she is about to turn twelve, Glory's town of Hanging Moss, Mississippi, is beset by racial tension when town leaders close her beloved public pool rather than desegregating it. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Liberation of Gabriel King Goings, K.L.

In Georgia during the summer of 1976, Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African American girl who is facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Rising Star of Rusty Nail Blume, Lesley M.M.

In the small town of Rusty Nail, Minnesota, in the early 1950s, musically talented ten-year-old Franny wants to take advanced piano lessons from newcomer Olga Malenkov, a famous Russian musician suspected of being a communist spy by gossipy members of the community. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963 Curtis, Christopher Paul

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

### **The Vietnam War (1961-1975)**

Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam Kadohata, Cynthia

A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog. [Check library catalog.](#)

The Wednesday Wars Schmidt, Gary

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. [Check library catalog.](#)

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town Holt, Kimberly Willis

During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world. [Check library catalog.](#)



