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Historical Fiction for Teens

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BCE-1200s

***Sphinx's Princess* - Friesner, Esther M. (T)**

Sequel: *Sphinx's Queen*

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

***Scarlet* - Gaughen, A.C. (T)**

Sequels: *Lady Thief* & *Lion Heart*

Will Scarlet shadows Robin Hood, with an eye for finding treasures to steal and throwing daggers with deadly accuracy, but when Gisbourne, a ruthless bounty hunter, is hired by the sheriff to capture Robin and his band of thieves, Robin must become Will's protector risking his own life in the process.

***Forbidden* - Little, Kimberley Griffiths (T)**

Devastated by her betrothal to a violent boy she does not love, Jayden is forced to accept her fate as her ancient Mesopotamian tribe moves to the Summer Lands, where she falls for a mysterious youth from the Southern Lands.

1400s-1700s

***Revolution* - Donnelly, Jennifer (T)**

An angry, grieving seventeen-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy — Louis Charles, the lost king of France.

Through

the Ages

from BCE to the 1980s

***Grave Mercy* - LaFevers, Robin (T, E)**

Sequels: *Dark Triumph* & *Mortal Heart*

In the fifteenth-century kingdom of Brittany, seventeen-year-old Ismae escapes from the brutality of an arranged marriage into the sanctuary of the convent of St. Mortain, where she learns that the god of Death has blessed her with dangerous gifts — and a violent destiny.

***Bloody Jack* - Meyer, L.A. (E)**

Sequels: *Curse of the Blue Tattoo* & 10 more!

Life as a ship's boy aboard HMS Dolphin is a dream come true for Jacky Faber. Gone are the days of scavenging for food on the streets of eighteenth-century London. Instead, Jacky is becoming a skilled and respected sailor as the crew pursues pirates on the high seas. There's only one problem: Jacky is a girl. And she will have to use every bit of her spirit, wit, and courage to keep the crew from discovering her secret.

Also try these from the 1400s-1800s:

Fever, 1793 - Anderson, Laurie Halse (T, E)

A Great and Terrible Beauty - Bray, Libba (T, E)

The Girl in the Steel Corset - Cross, Kady (E)

Newes from the Dead - Hooper, Mary (T)

Winterspell - Legrand, Claire (T)

Pirates! - Rees, Celia (E)

Key to Locations:

T = teen fiction

A = adult fiction

J = juvenile fiction

S = sound recording

E = e-book or e-audio

TG = teen graphic

AG = adult graphic

M = made into movie

Ordered by author's
last name unless
otherwise marked.

1800s

***Etiquette and Espionage* - Carriger, Gail (T)**

Sequels: *Curtsies and Conspiracies* &
Waistcoats and Weaponry

In an alternate England of 1851, spirited fourteen-year-old Sophronia is enrolled in a finishing school where, she is surprised to learn, lessons include not only the fine arts of dance, dress, and etiquette, but also diversion, deceit, and espionage.

***Ripper* - Petrucha, Stefan (T)**

Adopted by famous Pinkerton Agency Detective Hawking in 1895 New York, fourteen-year-old Carver Young hopes to find his birth father, but when he becomes involved in the pursuit of notorious killer Jack the Ripper, Carver discovers that finding the truth can be worse than ignorance.

***The Madman's Daughter* - Shepherd, Megan (T)**

Sequels: *Her Dark Curiosity* & *A Cold Legacy*

Dr. Moreau's daughter, Juliet, travels to her estranged father's island, only to encounter murder, medical horrors, and a love triangle.

***Illusions of Fate* - White, Kiersten (T)**

An outcast since moving from her island home of Melei to the dreary country of Albion, Jessamin meets the gorgeous, enigmatic Finn who introduces her to the secret world of Albion's nobility — a world of money, status, and magic — but Finn has a powerful enemy who only Jessamin can stop.

1900s

***Audacity* - Crowder, Melanie (T)**

A historical fiction novel in verse detailing the life of Clara Lemlich and her struggle for women's labor rights in the early 20th century in New York.

***Eleanor and Park* - Rowell, Rainbow (T, S, E)**

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits — smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

***Never Fall Down* - McCormick, Patricia (T)**

Cambodian child soldier Arn Chorn-Pond defied the odds and used all of his courage and wits to survive the murderous regime of the Khmer Rouge.

***Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* - Sáenz, Benjamin Alire (T)**

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

***Between Shades of Gray* - Sepetys, Ruta (T)**

Also try: *Out of the Easy*

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.

***Cody Name Verity* - Wein, Elizabeth (T)**

Sequel: *Rose Under Fire*

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 to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

***The Book Thief* - Zusak, Markus (T, E, M)**

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.

Also try these from the 1900s:

Prisoner of Night and Fog - Blankman, Anne (T)

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas - Boyne, John (T, E)

The Diviners - Bray, Libba (T, E)

The Luxe series - Godbersen, Anna (T)

A Death-Struck Year - Lucier, Makiia (T)

The Summer I Learned to Fly - Reinhardt, Dana (T)

Other Words for Love - Rosenthal, Lorraine Zago (T)

Flygirl - Smith, Sherri L. (T)

Born Wicked - Spotswood, Jessica (T)

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