

Lord, Bette Bao. In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

A Chinese girl learns to fit into her new home in Brooklyn when she falls in love with baseball in 1947.

McClure, Wendy. Wanderville

Three children leave bad conditions in New York and join the Orphan Trains across the country to Kansas, where they find a town called Wanderville just for orphan kids.

Nielsen, Jennifer. A Night Divided

When the Berlin Wall goes up, Gerta is on the East side with her mother and brother—but their father is on the West! Can they be reunited?

Park, Linda Sue. The Kite Fighters

Two brothers compete in a kite flying competition in the year 1473 in Korea.

Paterson, Katherine. Bread and Roses, Too
Rosa and Jake experience the mill strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1912 from two very different points of view.

Peck, Richard. A Long Way From Chicago

Joey and Mary Alice are sent to stay with their eccentric Grandma Dowdel during the Depression era summers, and find she is no ordinary old lady!

Pope, Elizabeth Marie. The Sherwood Ring
Ghosts bring the American Revolution alive when Peggy moves to the old family estate.

Rinaldi, Ann. The Redheaded Princess

Before Elizabeth became queen, she lived in constant fear of political intrigue against her. See what it was like to grow up a princess in uncertain times.

Russell, Christopher. Dogboy

In medieval Britain, Brind goes to war with his master and 40 mastiffs. But when the British are defeated, Brind must find his own way home with the help of one dog and a French girl.

Schmidt, Gary. The Wednesday Wars

In the late 1960's on Long Island, Holling Hoodhood learns about life, love and happiness during uncertain times.

Speare, Elizabeth George. The Witch of Blackbird Pond.

Kit moves to colonial Connecticut and is accused of being a witch when she befriends an old Quaker woman.

Stevens, Robin. Murder is Bad Manners

Best friends Daisy and Hazel establish a detective agency in their 1930s boarding school when their science teacher dies and her body mysteriously disappears.

Sutcliffe, Rosemary. The Eagle of the Ninth

A young centurion ventures beyond the Roman Wall to try and recover the eagle standard of the a legion which mysteriously disappeared.

Taylor, Mildred. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Cassie and her family struggle against prejudice in the rural American South in the 1930's.

Weston, Elise. The Coastwatcher

Hugh thinks Germans may be hiding in the old Spook House near his beach house during World War II.

Wiles, Deborah. Revolution

It's Freedom Summer in 1964 in Greenwood, Mississippi, and tensions flare in families when northerners arrive to help get the black population registered to vote.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. One Crazy Summer

Delphine and her 2 sisters are sent from Brooklyn to Oakland, California in 1968 to spend time with their mother for the summer and learn of her political alliance with the Black Panthers.

Yolen, Jane. The Devil's Arithmetic

A girl is magically transported to the 1940's to experience a Nazi concentration camp.

Check out the **Dear America, My America** or the **Royal Diaries** in the Series section for more Historical Sto-



Historical Fiction



Books are in order alphabetically by the author's last name in the J Fiction section

Armstrong, Alan. Whittington

Whittington the cat tells the story of his ancestor who helped the boy Dick Whittington earn fame and fortune as the Lord Mayor of London.

Avi. Crispin: The Cross of Lead (find in J Newbery section)

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.

Avi. The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

In 1832, Charlotte's sea voyage turns into a nightmare when the crew mutinies. Should she side with the captain or the crew?

Blackwood, Gary. The Shakespeare Stealer

Widge is sent by his master to steal Shakespeare's play "Hamlet" during the Elizabethan period in London.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. The War That Saved My Life

Ada & Jamie are sent away with other children out of London to avoid bombings during World War II, and begin to learn how life COULD be without being hungry or poor. But what will happen if their mother comes for them?

Bruchac, Joseph. The Winter People

An Abenaki boy must rescue his family after they are kidnapped by English rangers in 1759.

Calkhoven, Laurie. Daniel at the Siege of Boston, 1776

12 year old Daniel helps take care of his family while he spies and runs messages for the patriots in Boston, but things change when he witnesses the effects of war firsthand.

Carbone, Elisa. Blood on the River

See the fight for survival at James Town firsthand through the eyes of Captain John Smith's servant in 1607.

Choldenko, Gennifer. Al Capone Does My Shirts

Would you like to live on an island with dangerous prisoners? Join Moose as he experiences life on Alcatraz Island in 1935.

Collier, James Lincoln. War Comes to Willy Freeman

Willy disguises herself as a boy to try and save her family during the American Revolution.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. Bud Not Buddy

When Bud's mother dies, he sets off on a quest to find his father in Depression era Michigan.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. Elijah of Buxton

After a fellow villager makes off with some money, Elijah crosses the border to help hunt him down and learns the difference between being freeborn and a slave.

Cushman, Karen. Catherine, Called Birdy

Birdy keeps a journal of her life in medieval England, including trying to escape an arranged marriage.

DeFelice, Cynthia. The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker

After the death of his family from tuberculosis, Lucas becomes a doctor's apprentice in Vermont in 1849 and helps look for a cure for the disease.

Draper, Sharon. Stella by Starlight.

Stella lives somewhat peacefully in the segregated south during the Great Depression, until the KKK starts bothering her friends and neighbors.

Duble, Kathleen Benner . The Sacrifice

Two sisters 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.

Erdrich, Louise. The Birchbark House

This quiet story follows Omakayas' family, part of the Anishinabeg tribe (Ojibwa), and their life through a year on an island in Lake Superior in the mid-1800's, as they face famine, disease and the threat of the white man. Can their way of life survive?

Fleischman, Sid. The Whipping Boy

An unpleasant prince and his whipping boy trade places and get involved with dangerous outlaws in medieval times.

Holm, Jennifer. Turtle in Paradise

11 year old Turtle gets sent off to live with relatives on the Florida Keys during the Great Depression.

Hopkinson, Deborah. The Great Trouble

Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water, and not poisonous air, when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.

Kelkar, Supriya. Ahimsa

Anjali is shocked when her mother joins Ghandi's freedom movement in 1942.

Kelly, Jacqueline. The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

Calpurnia is 11 years old in 1899, and is working with her grandfather to learn about plants and animals, and hopes to be a scientist someday.

Krishnaswami, Uma. Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh

A Mexican-Indian-American girl enjoys softball while her struggling through World War II, the fight for India's independence, and trying to keep their farmland.

Larson, Kirby. Audacity Jones to the Rescue

Audacity is an 11 year old orphan whose life is very dull, until she gets brought to Washington D.C. and is wrapped up in a mystery involving President Taft.

Lawson, Robert. Mr. Revere and I

Hear about the famous midnight ride of Paul Revere from the viewpoint of his horse.

Levine, Gail Carson. Lions of Little Rock

The new school year isn't so scary for Marlee with her best friend by her side—until Liz disappears, and rumor has it she was really black and passing for white. Set in the days of segregation.

Lewis, Amanda. September 17

Tells the tale of the 90 children who were sent across the Atlantic from England to Canada to escape World War II, and what happens when a German U-Boat sinks their ship.

Lewis, Elizabeth Foreman. Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze

In the 1920's, a Chinese youth from the country comes to Chungking with his mother where the bustling city offers adventure, and his apprenticeship to a coppersmith brings good fortune.