

HISTORICAL FICTION

Ancient

Shecter, Vicky Alvear

Cleopatra's Moon

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.

Sutcliff, Rosemary

Outcast

Fifteen-year-old Beric feels increasingly bitter isolation when, because of his Roman birth, he is cast out by the Celtic tribe that raised him and, after reaching a Roman settlement, he is sold into slavery and sentenced to serve in a galley for the rest of his life.

William, Susan

Wind Rider

Fern, a teenager living in 4000 B.C., defies the expectations of her people by displaying a unique and new ability to tame horses and also by questioning many of the traditional activities of women.

Anglo-Saxon /// Middle Ages

Alder, Elizabeth

The King's Shadow

After he is orphaned and has his tongue cut out in a clash with the bullying sons of a Welsh noble, Eryn is sold as a slave and serves many masters, from the gracious Lady Swan Neck to the valiant Harold Godwinson, England's last Saxon king.

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Crispin: The Cross of Lead

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.

Barnes, Margaret Campbell

The Tudor Rose

Elizabeth of York marries the Lancastrian king Henry VII, hoping to help England, and becomes the mother of Henry VIII.

Cadnum, Michael

In a Dark Wood (and sequel)

On orders from the King, the Sheriff of Nottingham seeks to capture the outlaw Robin Hood, but he finds him to be a tricky and elusive foe.

Cadnum, Michael

The King's Arrow

In England's New Forest on the second day of August in 1100, eighteen-year-old Simon Foldre, delighted to be allowed to participate in a royal hunt as squire to the Anglo-Norman nobleman Walter Tirel, finds his future irrevocably altered when, during the hunt, he witnesses the possible murder of King William II.

Coats, J. Anderson

The Wicked and the Just

This story, set in medieval Wales, follows Cecily whose family is lured by cheap land and the duty of all Englishmen to help keep down the "vicious" Welshmen, and Gwenhwyfar, a Welsh girl who must wait hand and foot on her new English mistress.

Cooney, Caroline

Enter Three Witches: A Story of Macbeth

When her father betrays the Scottish king and is hung as a traitor, Lady Mary's future is bleak after she loses her only true protector and ends up locked away in the tower by the powerful and deadly Lord and Lady Macbeth.

Coventry, Susan

The Queen's Daughter

A fictionalized biography of Joan of England, the youngest child of King Henry II of England and his queen consort, Eleanor of Aquitaine, chronicling her complicated relationships with her warring parents and many siblings, particularly with her favorite brother Richard the Lionheart, her years as Queen consort of Sicily, and her second marriage to Raymond VI, Count of Toulouse.

Dickerson, Melanie

The Silent Songbird

In 1384 England, seventeen-year-old Evangeline, ward and cousin of King Richard II, tries to escape from an arranged marriage, dreaming of a life outside Berkhamsted Castle where she might be free to marry for love and not politics. When she runs away and joins a small band of servants on their way back to their home village, she finds herself embroiled in a tangled web that threatens England's monarch.

Follett, Ken

The Pillars of the Earth

Set in twelfth-century England, this epic of kings and peasants juxtaposes the building of a magnificent church with the violence and treachery that often characterized the Middle Ages. (973 pages)

Garwood, Haley

Swords Across the Thames

Princess Ethelfled has always dreamed of assisting her father and husband in battle. When an opportunity arises for her to enter the war with the Vikings, she fights along with them.

Gaughen, A. C.

Scarlet (and sequels)

Will Scarlet shadows Robin Hood, with an unerring eye for finding treasures to steal and throwing daggers with deadly accuracy. 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.

Grace, C. L.

The Merchant of Death

When Sir Reginald Erpingham dies inside a locked tavern room in Canterbury during the 15th century, Kathryn Swinbrooke and Colum Murtagh discover that many people had reasons to kill him.

Grant, K. M.

Blood Red Horse (and sequels)

1st book in the de Granville trilogy. 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.

Jordan, Sherryl

The Raging Quiet

Suspicious of sixteen-year-old Marnie, a newcomer to their village, the residents accuse her of witchcraft when she discovers that the village madman is not crazy but deaf, and she begins to communicate with him through hand gestures.

Klein, Lisa

Lady Macbeth's Daughter

In alternating chapters, ambitious Lady Macbeth tries to bear a son and win the throne of Scotland for her husband, and Albia, their daughter who was banished at birth and raised by three weird sisters, falls in love, learns of her parentage, and seeks to free Scotland from tyranny in this tale based on Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Llywelyn, Morgan

Strongbow

Aoife (Red Eva) MacMurrough, an Irish princess, and Richard (Strongbow) de Clare, a Norman knight, fall in love in the Middle Ages.

Malone, Patricia

The Legend of Lady Ilena

In sixth-century Great Britain, a fifteen-year-old girl seeking knowledge of her lineage is aided by one of King Arthur's knights as she is drawn into battle to defend the homeland she never knew.

Moran, Katy

Bloodline

While traveling through early seventh-century Britain trying to stop an impending war, Essa, who bears the blood of native British tribes and of the invading English, makes discoveries that divide his loyalties.

Morson, Ian

Falconer's Crusade

In 1264, Thomas Symon, a new student at Oxford, finds the corpse of a young girl, and his instructor, Master William Falconer, institutes an investigation.

Peters, Ellis

Mysteries featuring Brother Cadfael

Reisert, Rebecca

The Third Witch

Growing up in Birnam Wood sheltered by two wise women with powers of alchemy and prophecy, Gilly is haunted by fading memories of a past torn apart by tragedy and embarks on a quest for vengeance against Macbeth, the man she blames for destroying her life.

Roberts, Judson

Viking Warrior (and sequels)

1st book in the Strongbow saga. Despite being the son of a chieftain and a princess, fourteen-year-old Halfdan lives as a slave in Denmark in A.D. 84, but he gains his freedom through a tragic bargain and sets out to claim his birthright.

Scott, Sir Walter

Ivanhoe

Although the Jewish Rebecca loves Ivanhoe, he decides to marry his father's ward Rowena, even though his father wants Rowena to marry Athelstane, who has Saxon royal blood.

Stevenson, Robert Louis The Black Arrow

In fifteenth-century England, when his father's murderer is revealed to be his guardian, seventeen-year-old Richard Shelton joins the fellowship of the Black Arrow in avenging the death, rescuing the woman he loves, and participating in the struggle between the Yorks and Lancasters in the War of the Roses.

Sutcliff, Rosemary The Eagle of the Ninth (and sequels)

1st book in the Roman Britain trilogy. A young centurion ventures among the hostile tribes beyond the Roman Wall to recover the eagle standard of the Ninth, a legion which mysteriously disappeared under his father's command.

Tingle, Rebecca The Edge on the Sword

In ninth-century Britain, fifteen-year-old Aethelflaed, daughter of King Alfred of West Saxony, finds she must assume new responsibilities much sooner than expected when she is betrothed to Ethelred of Mercia in order to strengthen a strategic alliance against the Danes.

Tomlinson, Theresa The Forestwife

In England during the reign of King Richard I, fifteen-year-old Marian escapes from an arranged marriage to live with a community of forest folk that includes a daring young outlaw named Robert.

Watson, Elsa Maid Marian

Widowed under mysterious circumstances at a very young age, orphan Marian Fitzwater becomes a ward of the crusading King Richard and seeks the help of outlaw Robin Hood to escape the formidable Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine, who would make Marian a pawn in one of her devious schemes.

Yolen, Jane Girl in a Cage

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 public display.

Renaissance /// Pre-Victorian

Barnes, Margaret Campbell Brief Gaudy Hour

Although Anne Boleyn loves another, she marries Henry VIII and lives her short life in his court.

Barnes, Margaret Campbell My Lady of Cleves

Anne of Cleves, an intelligent and warm woman, divorced from Henry VIII after six months, remains his friend and advisor.

Brooks, Geraldine Year of Wonders

Through the eyes of a housemaid, the story of the plague is told as it ravages a small village in England in the year 1666.

Buckley, Fiona To Shield the Queen

Ursula Blanchard, lady-in-waiting to Queen Elizabeth in 1560, goes to visit the wife of Sir Robert Dudley who is supposedly being poisoned so that Dudley can marry Elizabeth. While Ursula is with her, Dudley's wife dies of a broken neck rather than from poison.

Burgess, Melvin Burning Issy

In seventeenth-century England, twelve-year-old Issy is accused of being a witch and struggles with the belief that she actually does have strange powers.

Caine, Rachel Prince of Shadows: A Novel of Romeo and Juliet

The star-crossed tale of Romeo and Juliet, told through the eyes of Romeo's cousin, Benvolio, a thief known as the Prince of Shadows.

Castor, H. M. VIII

Hal, a young man of extraordinary talents, skill on the battlefield, sharp intelligence, and virtue, believes he is destined for greatness but, haunted by his family's violent past, he embarks on a journey that leads to absolute power and brings him face to face with his demons as he grows to become Henry VIII.

Chase, Ella March The Virgin Queen's Daughter

A novel based on long-standing rumors that Elizabeth I had given birth to an illegitimate child follows young Elinor de Lacy—the purported daughter of Elizabeth and her married guardian, Thomas Seymour—who is sent to become a lady-in-waiting to the queen.

Chevalier, Tracy

Girl with a Pearl Earring

A poor seventeenth-century servant girl knows her place in the household of the painter Johannes Vermeer, but when he begins to paint her, nasty whispers and rumors circulate throughout the town.

Cullen, Lynne

I Am Rembrandt's Daughter

In Amsterdam in the mid-1600s, Cornelia's life as the illegitimate child of renowned painter Rembrandt is marked by plague, poverty, and despair at ever earning her father's love until she sees hope for a better future in the eyes of a wealthy suitor.

Edwards, Eve

The Other Countess (and sequel)

In the court of Queen Elizabeth I in 1582, Eleanor Hutton, an alchemist's daughter, and William Lacey, the financially ruined Earl of Dorset, fall in love just as Will is supposed to be courting a rich and socially acceptable heiress.

Erickson, Carolly

The Last Wife of Henry VIII

A fictional portrait of the sixth wife of Henry VIII, Catherine Parr, following this alluring and resourceful woman from the intrigues and perils of Henry's court to her rivalry with Princess Elizabeth for the affections of Thomas Seymour.

Gregory, Philippa

The Boleyn Inheritance

An only survivor of the ambitious Boleyn family, lady-in-waiting Jane Boleyn testifies against Henry VIII's latest queen, Anne of Cleves, and conspires to place her young cousin, Katherine Howard, on the throne.

Gregory, Philippa

The Constant Princess

A fictional portrait of Henry VIII's first wife, Katherine of Aragon, follows her through her youthful marriage to Henry's older brother, Arthur, her widowhood, her marriage to Henry, and the divorce that led to Henry's marriage to Anne Boleyn.

Grant, K. M.

How the Hangman Lost His Heart

While staying with her grandmother, Alice attends the hanging of her favorite uncle for treason. When his head is placed on a pike above London's Temple Bar, she is determined to retrieve it in order to bury it with his body. Treacherous climbs, horse chases, a stay in a dank prison, and other misadventures follow Alice and the head as they try to make their way home to her parents 250 miles away. Dan Skinslicer, the hangman, is inadvertently caught up in the action. This story is based upon the author's ancestor Frances Towneley, who was indeed the last man in England to be hanged, drawn, and quartered for his support of Bonnie Prince Charlie. Much of this strange adventure is based on fact.

Hearn, Julie

The Minister's Daughter

In 1645 in England, the daughters of the town minister successfully accuse a local healer and her granddaughter of witchcraft to conceal an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but their lie has unexpected repercussion years later during the 1692 Salem trials.

Holt, Victoria

My Enemy the Queen

Lettice Knollys, cousin of Elizabeth I and wife of the Earl of Essex, narrates her story.

Hooper, Mary

Newes from the Dead

In 1650, while Robert, a young medical student, steels himself to assist with her dissection, twenty-two-year-old housemaid Anne Green recalls her life as she lies in her coffin, presumed dead after being hanged for murdering her child that was, in fact, stillborn. Based on a true story.

Kolosov, Jacqueline

The Red Queen's Daughter

Historical fiction meets fantasy in the court of Queen Elizabeth I. The protagonist in this story is Mary Seymour, the real-life daughter of Queen Katherine Parr, Henry the VIII's last wife. While historians believe that the real Mary died around the age of two, the author of this novel resurrects her and gives her a new chance at life.

Laird, Elizabeth

The Betrayal of Maggie Blair

In seventeenth-century Scotland, sixteen-year-old Maggie Blair is sentenced to be hanged as a witch but escapes to the home of her uncle, placing him and his family in great danger as she risks her life to save them all from the King's men.

Meyer, Carolyn

Doomed Queen Anne

In 1520, thirteen-year-old Anne Boleyn, jealous of her older sister's beauty and position at court, declares that she will one day be queen of England and that her sister will kneel at her feet.

Meyer, Caroline

In Mozart's Shadow

In eighteenth-century Europe, Anna "Nannerl" Mozart, a musician whose talent and dedication is overshadowed by that of her gifted younger brother, Wolfgang, struggles to win the notice of her father and patrons who might further her career, despite her gender.

Meyer, Carolyn

Mary, Bloody Mary

Mary Tudor, who would reign briefly as Queen of England during the mid sixteenth century, tells the story of her troubled childhood as daughter of King Henry VIII.

Napoli, Donna Jo

Daughter of Venice

Frustrated with the restrictions her gender imposes on her life, fourteen-year-old Donata, disguised as a boy, sneaks out of her noble family's house to roam the streets of late sixteenth-century Venice and then must confront the repercussions of her actions.

Oppel, Kenneth

This Dark Endeavor (and sequel)

1st book in the Apprenticeship of Victor Frankenstein series. When his twin brother falls ill in the family's chateau in the independent republic of Geneva in the eighteenth century, sixteen-year-old Victor Frankenstein embarks on a dangerous and uncertain quest to create the forbidden Elixir of Life described in an ancient text in the family's secret Biblioteka Obscura.

Plaidy, Jean

The Rose without a Thorn

Catherine Howard becomes lady-in-waiting to Anne of Cleaves and enjoys being near Thomas Culpepper, but when Henry VIII decides to marry her, she has to give up her plans to marry Culpepper.

Rees, Celia

The Fool's Girl

Violetta and Feste have come to London to rescue a holy relic taken from a church in Illyria by the evil Malvolio. Once there, they tell the story of their adventures to playwright William Shakespeare, who turns it into a play.

Rees, Celia

Sovay

In 1794 England, the rich and beautiful Sovay, disguised as a highwayman, acquires papers that could lead to her father's arrest for treason, and soon her newly-awakened political consciousness leads her and a compatriot to France during the Revolution.

Rinaldi, Ann

Nine Days a Queen

Lady Jane Grey, who at sixteen was Queen of England for nine days before being executed, recounts her life story from the age of nine.

Sturtevant, Katherine

The Brothers Story

In the late seventeenth century, fifteen-year-old Kit, driven to desperation by the starvation of one brother and mistreatment of his own simple-minded twin, realizes his dream of becoming an apprentice in London but feels drawn by duty to return home to Essex.

Taub, Melinda

Still Star-Crossed

After the deaths of Romeo and Juliet, mysterious figures in Verona are determined to reignite the feud between the Montagues and Capulets. For the sake of peace, the Prince orders Romeo's best friend Benvolio to marry Juliet's cousin Rosaline.

Turnbull, Ann

No Shame, No Fear (and sequel)

In England in 1662, a time of religious persecution, fifteen-year-old Susanna, a poor country girl and a Quaker, and seventeen-year-old William, a wealthy Anglican, meet and fall in love against all odds.

Worsley, Lucy

Maid of the King's Court

Elizabeth Rose Camperdowne has understood her role in life since childhood: she is meant to marry a rich man who will bring wealth and stability to her once-great home. At first, the responsibility to strengthen her family name fills her with pride, but as she adjusts to the court of King Henry VIII, she becomes uncertain of what she wishes her future to be.

Zettel, Sarah

Palace of Spies (and sequels)

1st book in Palace of Spies series. In 1716 London, an orphaned sixteen-year-old girl from a good family impersonates a lady-in-waiting only to discover that the real girl was murdered, the court harbors a nest of spies, and the handsome young artist who is helping her solve the mystery might be a spy himself.

19th Century /// Victorian England

Baratz-Logsted, Lauren

The Twin's Daughter

In Victorian London, thirteen-year-old Lucy's comfortable world with her loving parents begins slowly to unravel the day that a bedraggled woman who looks exactly like her mother appears at their door.

Cameron, Sharon **The Dark Unwinding** (and sequel)

In 1852, when seventeen-year-old Katharine is sent to her family's estate to prove that her uncle is insane, she finds he is an inventor whose work creating ingenious clockwork figures supports hundreds of families, but strange occurrences soon have her doubting her own sanity.

Crichton, Michael **The Great Train Robbery**

The time is Victorian London with all of its lavish wealth and appalling poverty. In the thriving underworld of London, we meet Edward Pierce, a handsome young man of good breeding, who believes he can rob a fast moving train carrying the payroll for Crimean War troops.

Dotta, Jessica **Born of Persuasion**

In 1838, a time when women are legal property of their fathers, husbands, and guardians, seventeen-year-old Julia Elliston, orphaned and unmarried, finds herself at the mercy of an anonymous guardian who plans to establish her as a servant in far-off Scotland.

Dunlap, Susanne **In the Shadow of the Lamp**

Sixteen-year-old Molly Fraser works as a nurse with Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War to earn a salary to help her family survive in nineteenth-century England.

Fletcher, Susan **A Little in Love**

Eponine, the street girl from Les Misérables, tells the story of her life and her unrequited love for Marius, which ultimately leads to her death on the barricades during the short-lived rebellion of June 1832.

Giardina, Denise **Emily's Ghost**

Emily Bronte refuses to bow to the conventions of her day. She is distrustful of marriage, prefers freedom above all else, and walks alone at night on the moors above the isolated rural village of Haworth. But Emily's life, along with the rest of the Bronte family, is turned upside down with the arrival of an idealistic clergyman named Willam Weightman. An improbable friendship between Weightman and Emily develops into something deeper.

Kindl, Patrice **A School for Brides**

In the early 1800s, in a remote corner of England with almost no eligible young men, the eight students at the Winthrop Hopkins Female Academy uncover a mystery while learning all the skills necessary to become a good wife.

Lee, Ying S. **A Spy in the House** (and sequels)

1st book in the Agency series. Rescued from the gallows in 1850s London, young orphan and thief Mary Quinn is offered a place at Miss Scrimshaw's Academy for Girls where she is trained to be part of an all-female investigative unit called The Agency and, at age seventeen, she infiltrates a rich merchant's home in hopes of tracing his missing cargo ships.

MacColl, Michaela **Always Emily**

Young Emily and Charlotte Bronte solve a mystery.

MacLean, Sarah **The Season**

Showing no interest in the sumptuous balls, lavish dinner parties, and country weekends enjoyed by the rest of early nineteenth-century London society, seventeen-year-old Lady Alexandra Stafford seeks adventure as she investigates the puzzling murder of the Earl of Blackmoor, father of devilishly handsome Gavin.

Morgan, Nicola **Fleshmarket**

In nineteenth-century Scotland, following the death of his mother during surgery, Robbie decides to take revenge on the surgeon who performed the operation, Dr. Robert Knox, and, in the process, makes a gruesome discovery about the lengths the medical profession will go to advance its knowledge of anatomy.

O'Brian, Patrick **Master and Commander**

Captain Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin fight in the Napoleonic Wars.

Perry, Anne **The Cater Street Hangman**

Two determinedly unconventional young sisters ignore Victorian mores and actively join the police investigation into the murder of their servant girl.

Pratchett, Terry

Dodger

Dodger is an inhabitant of the worst stews of London, who makes a meager living as a tosher, a treasure hunter in the sewers under the city. His fortune changes, literally overnight, when he rescues a damsel in distress and comes to the attention of the not-yet-famous newspaperman Charlie Dickens. Together they embark on a mission to thwart the evildoers bent on recapturing the girl.

Ross, Elizabeth

Belle Epoque

Sixteen-year-old Maude Pichon, a plain, impoverished girl in Belle Epoque Paris, is hired by Countess Dubern to make her headstrong daughter, Isabelle, look more beautiful by comparison but soon Maude is enmeshed in a tangle of love, friendship, and deception.

Udiale, Eleanor

Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman? (and sequels)

1st book in the Montmorency series. In Victorian London, after his life is saved by a young physician, a thief utilizes the knowledge he gains in prison and from the scientific lectures he attends as the physician's case study exhibit to create a new, highly successful double life for himself.

Colonial / Pre-Civil War America

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Chains

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Fever 1793

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.

Avi

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

Draper, Sharon

Copper Sun

Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.

Klein, Lisa

Cate of the Lost Colony

When her dalliance with Sir Walter Raleigh is discovered by Queen Elizabeth in 1587, lady-in-waiting Catherine Archer is banished to the struggling colony of Roanoke where she and the other English settlers must rely on a Croatoan Indian for their survival.

Lee, Stacey

Under a Painted Sky

In 1845, Sammy, a Chinese American girl, and Annamae, an African American slave girl, disguise themselves as boys and travel on the Oregon Trail to California from Missouri.

Lester, Julius

Day of Tears

This story begins with a factual event--the largest slave auction in United States history that took place in 1859 on Pierce Butler's plantation in Georgia. The book introduces Butler, his abolitionist ex-wife Fanny Kemble, their two daughters, the auctioneer, and a number of slaves sold to pay off Butler's gambling debts. Emma, a fictional house slave, is the centerpiece of the novel. She cares for the master's daughters and has been promised that she will never be sold.

MacColl, Michaela

The Revelation of Louisa May

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 on the Underground Railroad, and a slave catcher has been murdered.

Mosley, Walter

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Number 47, a fourteen-year-old slave boy growing up under the watchful eye of a brutal master in 1832, meets the mysterious Tall John who introduces him to a magical science and also teaches him the meaning of freedom. Blend of historical fiction and science fiction.

Rees, Celia

Witch Child (and sequel)

In 1659, fourteen-year-old Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts.

Civil War

Mitchell, Margaret **Gone with the Wind**

Scarlett O'Hara faces and survives the Civil War and Reconstruction and marries Rhett Butler for his money because her true love has married someone else.

Myers, Walter Dean **Riot**

In 1863, fifteen-year-old Claire, the daughter of an Irish mother and a black father, faces ugly truths and great danger when Irish immigrants, enraged by the Civil War and a federal draft, lash out against blacks and wealthy "swells" of New York City. Written in screenplay format.

Paulsen, Gary **Soldier's Heart**

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.

Shaara, Michael **The Killer Angels**

Robert E. Lee and James Longstreet tell the Southern view of the battle at Gettysburg while Colonel Joshua Chamberlain and General John Buford present the Northern view.

Post-Civil-War / Pre-World-War-I America

Auch, Mary Jane **Ashes of Roses**

Sixteen-year-old Margaret Rose Nolan, newly arrived from Ireland, finds work at New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory shortly before the 1911 fire in which 146 employees died.

Chibbarro, Julie **Deadly**

In the early 1900s, sixteen-year-old Prudence Galewski leaves school to take a job assisting the head epidemiologist at New York's Department of Health and Sanitation, investigating the intriguing case of "Typhoid Mary," a seemingly healthy woman who is infecting others with typhoid fever.

Clark, Walter Van Tilburg **The Ox-Bow Incident**

When cattle rustlers murder a citizen of Bridger's Gulch, others form a posse and illegally lynch them.

Davies, Jacqueline **Lost**

In 1911 New York, sixteen-year-old Essie Rosenfeld must stop taking care of her irrepressible six-year-old sister when she goes to work at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company where she befriends a missing heiress who is in hiding from her family and who seems to understand the feelings of heartache and grief that Essie is trying desperately to escape.

Donnelly, Jennifer **A Northern Light**

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

Godbersen, Anna **The Luxe** (and sequels)

1st book in Luxe series. The story opens in 1899 with the funeral of Elizabeth Holland, a well-bred beauty said to have plunged to her death in the Hudson River. The narrative then travels back several weeks, tracing the relationships and events that have led to the somber assembly. This tangled web includes not one but two sets of star-crossed lovers, an upstairs/downstairs romance, a scheming social climber, a bitter servant girl, and oodles of money.

Kline, Christina Baker **Orphan Train**

Close to aging out of the foster care system, Molly Ayer takes a position helping an elderly woman named Vivian and discovers that they are more alike than different as she helps Vivian solve a mystery from her past.

L'Amour, Louis **Hondo**

Apaches capture a man traveling west.

L'Amour, Louis **The Shadow Riders**

In the aftermath of the Civil War, Dal and Mac Traven ride in search of the deadly band of raiders who kidnapped their sister.

Leaver, Trisha

Sweet Madness

Bridget Sullivan, a maid in the Borden household, describes the events leading up to the murder of Andrew Borden and his second wife, and how the youngest daughter, Lizzie, was put on trial for the crime.

Lee, Stacey

Outrun the Moon

On the eve of the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, Mercy Wong--daughter of Chinese immigrants--is struggling to hold her own among the spoiled heiresses at prestigious St. Clare's School. When tragedy strikes, everyone must band together to survive.

Petrucha, Stefan

Ripper

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.

Richards, Jame

Three Rivers Rising

Sixteen-year-old Celestia is a wealthy member of the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club, where she meets and falls in love with Peter, a hired hand who lives in the valley below. By the time of the torrential rains that lead to the disastrous Johnstown flood of 1889, she has been disowned by her family and is staying with him in Johnstown. Novel in verse.

Salerni, Dianne K.

The Caged Graves

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.

Wilson, Diane

Firehorse

Spirited fifteen-year-old horse lover Rachel Selby determines to become a veterinarian, despite the opposition of her rigid father, her proper mother, and the norms of Boston in 1872, while that city faces a serial arsonist and an epidemic spreading through its firehorse population.

World War I

Brown, Teri

Velvet Undercover

A World War I spy novel about a bright British girl who is sent undercover into the heart of enemy territory to rescue Britain's most valuable (and secret) spy.

Dowswell, Paul

Eleven Eleven

Set during the final 24 hours before the armistice at 11 a.m. on 11th November 1918, the story follows a German storm trooper, an American airman, and a British Tommy. Their destinies converge during the death throes of the first conflict to spread across the globe. War becomes incredibly personal as nationality and geography cease to matter to each of these teenagers on the Western Front, and friendship becomes the defining aspect of their encounter. But who will live and who will die before the end of the day?

Hooper, Mary

Poppy (and sequel)

In 1914-15 England, fifteen-year-old Poppy works as a parlor maid until she is transformed by forbidden love and a war that sends her to the front line as a nurse.

Miller, Sarah

The Lost Crown

At the beginning of World War I, Russia's grand duchesses, Olga (19), Tatiana (17), Maria (15) and Anastasia (13) lived privileged, protected lives with their mild-mannered father, Nicholas, their anxious mother, Alexandra, and their hemophiliac younger brother, Aleksei. Relying on letters, diaries and photographs of the imperial family as well as memoirs of people who shared their last years, Miller imagines how war and revolution irrevocably transported the Romanovs from their palace to house arrest in rural Tobolsk and to final captivity in Ekaterinburg.

Morpurgo, Michael

Private Peaceful

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.

Morpurgo, Michael

War Horse

Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.

Remarque, Erich **All Quiet on the Western Front**
Five German students are drafted into World War I.

Sedgwick, Marcus **The Foreshadowing**
Having always been able to know when someone is going to die, Alexandra poses as a nurse to go to France during World War I to locate her brother and to try to save him from the fate she has foreseen for him.

Spillebeen, Geert **Kipling's Choice**
In 1915, mortally wounded in Loos, France, eighteen-year-old John Kipling, son of writer Rudyard Kipling, remembers his boyhood and the events leading to what is to be his first and last World War I battle.

Wilson, John **And in the Morning**
When fifteen-year-old Jim Hay's father is killed in World War I, Jim is compelled to leave his native Scotland to fight and struggles with the horrors of war as he tries to survive in the trenches of France.

World War II

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell **The Boy Who Dared**
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.

Boyne, John **The Boy at the Top of the Mountain**
Set in 1935, when Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home in Paris for a new life with his Aunt Beatrix, a servant in a wealthy household at the top of the German mountains. This is no ordinary house, though, for this is the Berghof, home of Adolf Hitler, and the Second World War is fast approaching..

Boyne, John **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas**
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.

Bruchac, Joseph **Code Talker**
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 who send messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Chotjewitz, David **Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi**
In 1933, best friends Daniel and Armin admire Hitler, but as anti-Semitism buoys Hitler to power, Daniel learns he is half Jewish which threatens the friendship even as life in their beloved Hamburg is becoming nightmarish.

Cooper, Michelle **A Brief History of Montmaray (and sequels)**
1st book in the Montmaray Journals series. 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 World War II.

Doerr, Anthony **All the Light We Cannot See**
Marie-Laure is a sightless girl who lived with her father in Paris before the occupation. When German forces necessitate abandonment of the city, Marie-Laure's father moves himself and his daughter to his uncle's house in the coastal city of Saint-Malo. Young German soldier Werner is sent to Saint-Malo to track Resistance activity there, and eventually, and inevitably, Marie-Laure's and Werner's paths cross.

Dogar, Sharon **Annexed**
Retells the story of Anne Frank from the perspective of Peter, who overcomes an initial loathing for the precocious young diarist before falling in love with her and questioning his faith in light of frightening persecutions.

Elliott, Laura **Under a War-Torn Sky (and sequel)**
After his plane is shot down by Hitler's Luftwaffe, nineteen-year-old Henry Forester of Richmond, Virginia, strives to walk across occupied France, with the help of the French Resistance, in hopes of rejoining his unit.

Grant, Michael **Front Lines** (and sequel)

In this alternative version of history, a court decision declares women eligible for combat in World War II. California farmer's daughter Rio Richlin volunteers for the Army, partly to avenge her sister's death but mostly to keep her best friend company. Diminutive, compassionate, and determined African-American Frangie Marr enlists for the paycheck, but she also hopes for medical training. Jewish Rainy Schulterman just wants to pour all of her ferocious intelligence and steely will into killing Nazis.

Gratz, Alan **Projekt 1065**

It is 1943. Thirteen-year-old Michael O'Shaunessey, son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany in Berlin, is also a spy for the British Secret Service. He has joined the Hitler Youth. Pretending that he agrees with their violence and book-burning is hard enough--but when he is asked to find out more about Projekt 1065, both his and his parents' lives get a lot more dangerous.

Greene, Bette **Summer of My German Soldier** (and sequel)

Sheltering an escaped prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old girl in Arkansas.

Hesse, Monica **Girl in the Blue Coat**

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.

Hughes, Dean **Four-Four-Two**

Forced into an internment camp at the start of World War II, eighteen-year-old Yuki enlists in the Army to fight for the Allies as a member of the "Four-Four-Two," a segregated Japanese American regiment.

Hughes, Dean **Soldier Boys**

Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II, and their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge.

Lasky, Kathryn **The Extra**

Is the chance to serve as an extra for Hitler's favorite filmmaker a chance at life—or a detour on the path to inevitable extermination? In this chilling but ultimately uplifting novel, Kathryn Lasky imagines the lives of the Gypsies who worked as extras for the real Nazi filmmaker, Leni Riefenstahl, giving readers a story of survival unlike any other.

Lynch, Chris **The Right Fight** (and sequel)

When the draft board calls on the eve of World War II, Roman leaves behind a career in minor-league baseball to join the army and finds himself driving a tank in the North African campaign.

Myers, Walter Dean **Invasion**

Josiah Wedgewood and Marcus Perry were friends in Virginia, but now that they are both involved in the Normandy invasion, the differences in their positions is uncomfortable. Josiah is a white infantryman and Marcus is a black transport driver, the only role the segregated army will allow him.

Otsuka, Julie **When the Emperor Was Divine**

A story told from five different points of view chronicles the experiences of Japanese Americans caught up in the nightmare of the World War II internment camps.

Peet, Mal **Tamar**

In England in 1995, fifteen-year-old Tamar, grief-stricken by the puzzling death of her beloved grandfather, slowly begins to uncover the secrets of his life in the Dutch resistance during the last year of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands and the climactic events that forever cast a shadow on his life and that of his family.

Picoult, Jodi **The Storyteller**

Becoming friends with Josef Weber, an old man who's particularly loved in her community, Sage Singer is shocked when one day he asks her to kill him and reveals why he deserves to die, causing her to question her beliefs--and to wonder if his request would be murder or justice.

Rosnay, Tatiana de **Sarah's Key**

On the sixtieth anniversary of the 1942 roundup of Jews by the French police in the Vel d'Hiv section of Paris, American journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article on this dark episode during World War II and embarks on investigation that leads her to long-hidden family secrets and to the ordeal of Sarah, a young girl caught up in the raid.

Salisbury, Graham

Eyes of the Emperor

Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese-American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II.

Sepetys, Ruta

Between Shades of Gray

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. Based on the author's family.

Sepetys, Ruta

Salt to the Sea

*The war in Europe is in its end stages as German forces are beaten back by the Allied armies. To escape the Soviet advance on the eastern front, thousands of refugees flee to the Polish coast. In this desperate flight for freedom, four young people—each from very different backgrounds and each with dark secrets—connect as they vie for passage on the *Willhelm Gustloff*, a former pleasure cruiser used to evacuate the refugees. Packed to almost ten times its original capacity, the ship is hit by Soviet torpedoes less than 12 hours after leaving port. As the ship sinks into the icy waters of the Baltic Sea, what was supposed to be an avenue for escape quickly becomes another fight to survive.*

Shaffer, Mary Ann

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

In 1946, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey who tells her about the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a book club created as an alibi during German occupation.

Sharenow, Robert

The Berlin Boxing Club

In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-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.

Smith, Sherri L.

Flygirl

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Air Force Service Pilots.

Spradlin, Michael P.

Prisoner of War: A Novel of World War II

Fifteen-year-old Henry Forrest lies about his age and enlists in the Marines to escape from his abusive father. When he is immediately sent to the Philippines he finds himself in the middle of the Japanese invasion--and as he grows up, he will have to endure the Bataan Death March, overcrowded prisons, and the Japanese factory in Tokyo where he is eventually sent as slave labor.

Sullivan, Laura L.

Love by the Morning Star

Mistaken for one another when they are sent to the grand English country estate of Starkers on the brink of World War II, Hannah, a distant relative hoping to be welcomed by the family, and Anna, sent to spy for the Nazis, both unexpectedly fall in love.

Voorhoeve, Anne C.

My Family for the War

Before the start of World War II, ten-year-old Ziska Mangold, who has Jewish ancestors but has been raised as a Protestant, is taken out of Nazi Germany on one of the Kindertransport trains to live in London with a Jewish family. She learns about Judaism and endures the hardships of war while attempting to keep in touch with her parents, who are trying to survive in Holland.

Wein, Elizabeth

Code Name Verity (and sequel)

A British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France in 1943, 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.

Wouk, Herman

The Caine Mutiny

*An American mine sweeper, the *Caine*, patrols in the Pacific during World War II under a tyrannical skipper until an ensign leads a mutiny against him.*

Wulfson, Don

Soldier X

In 1943 sixteen-year-old Erik experiences the horrors of war when he is drafted into the German army and sent to fight on the Russian front.

Zusak, Markus

The Book Thief

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.

20th – 21st Century

Alexander, Robert **The Kitchen Boy**

Novel based on the 1918 Bolshevik revolutionary murder of Czar Nicholas II and the rest of the Russian royal family as told from the perspective of the event's only surviving witness, a young kitchen boy.

Bagdasarian, Adam **Forgotten Fire**

Based on the true story of a 12-year-old boy who survived the massacre that saw hundreds of thousands of Armenians murdered in Turkey's campaign of genocide against the Armenians in the early 1900s.

Blundell, Judy **What I Saw and How I Lied**

In 1947, with her jovial stepfather Joe back from the war and family life returning to normal, teenage Evie, smitten by the handsome young ex-GI who seems to have a secret hold on Joe, finds herself caught in a complicated web of lies whose devastating outcome changes her life and that of her family forever.

Dowd, Siobhan **Bog Child**

In 1981, the height of Ireland's "Troubles," eighteen-year-old Fergus is distracted from his upcoming A-level exams by his imprisoned brother's hunger strike, the stress of being a courier for Sinn Fein, and dreams of a murdered girl whose body he discovered in a bog.

Fletcher, Christine **Ten Cents a Dance**

In 1940s Chicago, fifteen-year-old Ruby hopes to escape poverty by becoming a taxi dancer in a nightclub, but the work has unforeseen dangers and hiding the truth from her family and friends becomes increasingly difficult.

Follett, Ken **Fall of Giants**

Five families become entangled in events from the beginning of the twentieth century--thirteen-year-old Billy begins working in the Welsh mining pits, an American law student gets a job with Woodrow Wilson's administration, two orphaned brothers try to leave their native Russia for the U.S., and Billy's sister's employer begins an affair with a spy at the German embassy in London.

Hosseini, Khaled **The Kite Runner**

Traces the unlikely friendship of a wealthy Afghan youth and a servant's son, in a tale that spans the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy through the atrocities of the present day.

Hughes, Dean **Search and Destroy**

Recent high school graduate Rick Ward, undecided about his future and eager to escape his unhappy home life, joins the army and experiences the horrors of the war in Vietnam.

Jones, K. S. **Shadow of the Hawk**

Life in western Arkansas in 1932 has just gotten harder for sixteen-year-old Sooze Williams. With debt mounting and both friends and family fleeing, Sooze is determined to "do the right thing." She promises her heart to a well-to-do man believing true love is just another loss along the way—but when her uncle is murdered and family is accused of the crime, Sooze vows not to be beaten. Is salvation within her grasp by relying solely on truth, or is it in the security of her intended's money?

Kadohata, Cynthia **Cracker**

A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

Latham, Jennifer **Dreamland Burning**

When Rowan finds a skeleton on her family's property, investigating the brutal, century-old murder leads to painful discoveries about the past. Alternating chapters reveal information that help solve the mystery of what happened through the telling of the story of William, a teen who lived through the racial firestorm leading up to the 1921 Tulsa race riot.

Lynch, Chris **I Pledge Allegiance (and sequels)**

1st book in the Vietnam series. Best friends Morris, Rudi, Ivan, and Beck, having been either drafted or enlisted in the military during the Vietnam War, pledge they will come home together, and Morris, a sailor on the USS "Boston," relies on that promise to stay strong while his courage and resolve are tested under attack.

Mason, Bobbie Ann **In Country**

Sam resents the effects of the Vietnam War, especially the death of her father and her uncle's suffering from Agent Orange ingestion.

Matthews, Beryl

Two Strangers

London, 1920. When 14-year-old Victoria Keats is thrown out of her home by her violent father, it seems likely she will starve, until two strangers provide her with no-strings-attached help. As Vicki's life improves, she can't help but think about the mystery of these good Samaritans—tracking them down may be more life-changing than she thinks.

Mazer, Harry

Somebody Please Tell Me Who I am

Wounded in Iraq while his Army unit is on convoy and treated for many months for traumatic brain injury, the first person Ben remembers from his earlier life is his autistic brother.

McCormick, Patricia

Never Fall Down

McCormick has blended personal recollections with extensive interviews, historical research, and her own imagination to create a powerful novel about Cambodian human-rights activist Arn Chorn Pond's remarkable story of his survival during the Khmer Rouge reign of terror and genocide.

McCormick, Patricia

Purple Heart

While recuperating in a Baghdad hospital from a traumatic brain injury sustained during the Iraq War, eighteen-year-old soldier Matt Duffy struggles to recall what happened to him and how it relates to his ten-year-old friend, Ali.

Mills, Wendy

All We Have Left

In interweaving stories of sixteen-year-olds, modern-day Jesse tries to cope with the ramifications of her brother's death on 9/11, while in 2001, Alia, a Muslim, gets trapped in one of the Twin Towers and meets a boy who changes everything for her as flames rage around them.

Moss, Miriam

Girl on a Plane

This is a fictionalized story based on the amazing real life experiences of Miriam Moss, a fifteen year old English school girl who was held hostage on a plane hijacked by the Palestinian Liberation Front in 1970.

Myers, Walter Dean

Fallen Angels

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.

Myers, Walter Dean

Sunrise Over Fallujah

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

Oppel, Kenneth

Half Brother

In 1973, when a renowned Canadian behavioral psychologist pursues his latest research project—an experiment to determine whether chimpanzees can acquire advanced language skills—he brings home a baby chimp named Zan and asks his thirteen-year-old son to treat Zan like a little brother. (Zan's story is similar to real chimpanzee studies of the 70s.)

Paulsen, Gary

The Crossing

Manny is an orphan who skitters along the border desperate to cross to the other side. Robert is a sergeant who crosses freely between Mexico and the U.S., but he is seeking another escape—into the bottle, in carefully controlled drunks to obliterate his memory of Vietnam.

Perera, Anna

Guantanamo Boy

Six months after the events of September 11, 2001, Khalid, a Muslim fifteen-year-old boy from England, is kidnapped during a family trip to Pakistan and imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he is held for two years for reasons unknown to him.

Polisner, Gae

The Memory of Things

On the morning of September 11, 2001, sixteen-year-old Kyle Donohue watches the first twin tower come down. While fleeing home to safety, he finds a girl covered in ash who has no memory.

Schreck, Karen

While He Was Away

When Penna Weaver's boyfriend goes off to Iraq, she's left facing life without him. Then David stops writing. She knows in her heart he will come home—but will he be the same boy she fell in love with?

Sepetys, Ruta

Out of the Easy

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.

Shabazz, Ilyasah

X: A Novel

Follows the childhood of the civil rights leader Malcolm X to his imprisonment at age twenty, where he found the faith that would lead him to his path towards activism and justice.

Smith, Dodie

I Capture the Castle

A novel of an eccentric and impoverished English family whose home is a ruined 14th century castle. The story is presented in the form of a diary by the family's teen daughter.

Steinbeck, John

Grapes of Wrath

The Joad family, Okie farmers forced from their dustbowl home during the Depression, try to find work as migrant fruitpickers in California.

Taylor, Theodore

The Bomb

Sorry Rinamu is happy to see the end of the Japanese occupation of his people's island of Bikini. But in the aftermath of Hiroshima, the U.S. military wants to test the atomic bomb further and have decided that the Bikini atoll is the perfect site. When Sorry's people agree to relocate, he makes his own plans to defy the military. Based on an historical event.

Winters, Cat

In the Shadow of Blackbirds (and sequel)

In San Diego in 1918, as deadly influenza and World War I take their toll, sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches desperate mourners flock to seances and spirit photographers for comfort and, despite her scientific leanings, must consider if ghosts are real when her first love, killed in battle, returns.

Woltz, Anna

A Hundred Hours of Night

Furious at her father, who is caught up in a sex scandal, and suffering from panic attacks and obsessive-compulsive disorder, fifteen-year-old Emilia December de Wit runs away from Amsterdam to New York City, where she meets sixteen-year-old Seth, and his eleven-year old sister Abby--and then Hurricane Sandy hits and the lights go out.