

# CHILDREN'S HISTORICAL FICTION

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***Stay Where You Are & Then Leave***

JFic Boyne

**by John Boyne**

*World War I*

Four years after his father goes missing while fighting in World War I, Alfie, a young shoe-shine boy at King's Cross Station, unexpectedly discovers his father in a nearby hospital and is introduced to the phenomenon of shell shock.

***Wolf Hollow***

JFic/JAK Wolk

**by Lauren Wolk**

*World War I*

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabell cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.

***Dash***

JFic/JAK Larson

**by Kirby Larson**

*World War II*

When her family is forced into an internment camp, Mitsi Kashino is separated from her home, her classmates, and her beloved dog Dash.

***So Far From the Sea***

coming soon

**by Eve Bunting & Chris K. Soentpiet**

*World War II*

When seven-year-old Laura and her family visit Grandfather's grave at the Manzanar War Relocation Center, the Japanese American child leaves behind a special symbol.

***The Bracelet***

coming soon

**by Yoshiko Uchida & Joanna Yardley**

*World War II*

Emi, a Japanese American in the second grade, is sent with her family to an internment camp during World War II, but the loss of the bracelet her best friend has given her proves that she does not need a physical reminder of that friendship.

***The Butterfly***

E Polacco

**by Patricia Polacco**

*World War II*

Ever since the Nazis marched into Monique's small French village, terrorizing it, nothing surprises her, until the night she encounters "the little ghost" sitting at the end of her bed.

***Saving Zasha***

JFic Barrow

**by Randi G. Barrow**

*World War II*

In 1945 Russia, those who own German shepherds are considered traitors, but thirteen-year-old Mikhail and his family are determined to keep the dog a dying man brought them, while his classmate, Katia, strives to learn his secret.

***The War That Saved My Life***

JFic/JAK Bradley

**by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**

*World War II*

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

***Number the Stars***

JFic Lowry

**by Lois Lowry**

*World War II*

Fifteen-year-old Barry O'Neil, traveling from Ireland to America on the maiden voyage of the Titanic, finds his life endangered when the ship hits an iceberg and begins to sink.

***Navigating Early***

JFic/JAK Vanderpool

**by Clare Vanderpool**

*World War II/1940s*

Odyssey-like adventure of two boys' incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail where they deal with pirates, buried secrets, and extraordinary encounters.

***The Arrow Over the Door*** coming soon  
**by Joseph Bruchac**  
*Revolutionary War*  
In the year 1777, a group of Quakers and a party of Indians have a memorable meeting.

***Dog Diaries: Sweetie*** coming soon  
**by Kate Kilmo**  
*Revolutionary War*  
"George Washington's foxhound Sweetlips narrates the story of her master's transformation from farmer to Father of our Country"

***The Fighting Ground*** coming soon  
**by Avi**  
*Revolutionary War*  
Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

***Johnny Tremain*** JFic Forbes  
**by Esther Forbes**  
*Revolutionary War*  
Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain, an apprentice silversmith with a bright future ahead of him, injures his hand in a tragic accident, forcing him to look for other work. Soon Johnny is involved in the pivotal events shaping the American Revolution from the Boston Tea Party to the first shots fired at Lexington.

***Dear Mr. Washington*** coming soon  
**by Lynn Cullen & Nancy Carpenter**  
*Revolutionary War*  
Charlotte, James, and baby John have promised to be on their very best behavior for when George Washington comes to have his portrait painted by their father, Gilbert Stuart. But, it seems like every time George Washington comes to visit, Charlotte has to write another apology letter, even when they try to follow George Washington's Rules of Good Behavior.

***The Witch of Blackbird Pond*** YAFic Speare  
**by Elizabeth George Speare**  
*Salem Witch Trials*  
In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

***The Bamboo Sword*** coming soon  
**by Margi Preus**  
*Samurai/Japan/1850s*  
In Japan in 1853, at the time of U.S. Commodore Matthew Perry's visit to Japan, Yoshi, a young Japanese boy who dreams of becoming a samurai one day, learns about America from Majiro and has adventures with Jack, a young cabin boy aboard one of the U.S. ships.

***Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story*** JFic Baskin  
**by Nora Raleigh Baskin**  
*September 11th*  
Presents the story of four middle schoolers whose lives are abruptly impacted by the September 11 attacks, describing how an abandoned boy, a boy whose mother has recently died, a Muslim girl and a girl whose mother is traveling in New York struggle with respective challenges in the days before the tragedy.

***SOS Titanic*** YAFic Bunting  
**by Eve Bunting**  
*Titanic*  
Fifteen-year-old Barry O'Neil, traveling from Ireland to America on the maiden voyage of the Titanic, finds his life endangered when the ship hits an iceberg and begins to sink.

***Dear America (series)*** various  
*various*  
Each book is written in the form of a diary of a young woman's life during an important event or time period in American history.

***My Name is America (series)*** various  
*various*  
Each book is written in the form of a journal of a young man's life during an important event or time period in American history

***American Girl (series)*** various  
*various*  
Each book is written from the viewpoints of a girl, focusing on various periods in history.

***Magic Tree House (series)*** JFic Osborne  
**by Mary Pope Osborne**  
*various*  
Jack and Annie discover a magical tree house that takes them on journeys through time and different places around the world.

***I Survived...(series)*** JFic Tarshis  
**by Lauren Tarshis**  
*various*  
Each book in this series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history, through the eyes of a boy who lived to tell the tale.

***The Wall*** coming soon  
**by Eve Bunting**  
*Vietnam War*  
A boy and his father visit the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, D.C., in a work about memory and loss.

***Inside Out & Back Again*** JFic Lai  
**by Thanhha Lai**  
*Vietnam War/Immigration*  
Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

***Full of Beans*** JFic/JAK Holm

by **Jennifer L. Holm**

*The Great Depression*

Ten-year-old Beans Curry, a member of the Keepsies, the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, Florida, engages in various schemes to earn money while "New Dealers" from Washington, D.C. arrive to turn run down Key West into a tourist resort.

***Moon Over Manifest*** JFic/JAK Vanderpool

by **Clare Vanderpool**

*The Great Depression*

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

***When Jessie Came Across the Sea*** E Hest

by **Amy Hest & P.J. Lynch**

*Ellis Island/Immigration*

A thirteen-year-old Jewish orphan reluctantly leaves her grandmother and immigrates to New York City, where she works for three years sewing lace and earning money to bring Grandmother to the United States, too.

***Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison***

JFic Lenski

by **Lois Lenski**

*French & Indian War*

A fictional retelling of the experiences of twelve-year-old Mary Jemison, who after being captured by a Shawnee war party during the French and Indian War, is rescued and subsequently adopted by two Seneca sisters with whom she chooses to stay.

***Calico Captive*** coming soon

by **Elizabeth George Speare & Witold T. Mars**

*French & Indian War*

Based on actual narrative, in 1754, on the brink of the French and Indian War, young Miriam Willard and her older sister's family are captured in an Indian raid on Charleston, New Hampshire where they are held for ransom

***Caddie Woodlawn*** JFic Brink

by **Carol Ryrie Brink**

*Frontier/Pioneers*

Chronicles the adventures of eleven-year-old Caddie growing up with her six brothers and sisters on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.

***Little House on the Prairie (series)*** JFic/JAK Wilder

by **Laura Ingalls Wilder**

*Frontier/Pioneers*

The life and adventures of the Ingalls family in the 19th century American Midwest

***Our Only May Amelia*** JFic Holm

by **Jennifer L. Holm**

*Frontier/Pioneers*

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.

***Sarah, Plain and Tall (series)*** JFic MacLachlan

by **Patricia MacLachlan**

*Frontier/Pioneers*

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

***The Sword of the Rightful King*** YAFic Yolen

by **Jane Yolen**

*Middle Ages*

The newly crowned King Arthur has yet to win the support of the people. Merlin must do something before the king is betrayed, or murdered, or--worst of all--gets married. So Merlin creates a trick: a sword magically placed into a slab of rock that only Arthur can withdraw. But then someone else pulls the sword out first..

***Crispin (series)*** JFic/YAFic Avi

by **Avi**

*Middle Ages*

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.

***A Proud Taste for Scarlet & Miniver*** YAFic Konigsburg

by **E.L. Konigsburg**

*Middle Ages*

While waiting in heaven for divine judgement to be passed on her second husband, Eleanor of Aquitaine and three of the people who knew her will recall the events of her life

***The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower, or John Howland's Good Fortune*** J92 Howland

by **P.J. Lynch**

*Pilgrims*

Beginning in 1620's London, John Howland tells the story of his fall overboard the Mayflower during a storm and his early experiences in the new world.

**Julius Zebra: Rumble with the Romans!** coming soon

by Gary Northfield

*Ancient Rome*

Julius Zebra and his friends have been captured and transported from the African savanna to the Roman Colosseum, where they must train to be gladiators and fight to win back their freedom

**Bandit's Moon** JFic Fleischman

by Sid Fleischman

*California Gold Rush*

Twelve-year-old Annyrose relates her adventures with Joaquin Murieta and his band of outlaws in the California gold-mining region during the mid-1800s.

**Freedom Summer: The 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi** J323.1 Rub

by Susan Goldman Rubin

*Civil Rights*

Joe and John Henry are a lot alike, but there's one important way way they're different.

**The Watsons Go to Birmingham**

JFic Curtis

by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Civil Rights*

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.

**Going North** coming soon

by Janice N. Harrington & Jerome Lagarrigue

*Civil Rights*

An African American family becomes a new kind of pioneer.

**Stella by Starlight** JFic/JAK Draper

by Sharon M. Draper

*Civil Rights*

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strenght to demand change in her segregated town.

**Ruby Lee & Me** JFic Hitchcock

by Shannon Hitchcock

*Civil Rights*

When a formerly segregated North Carolina town hires its first African-American teacher in 1969, two girls-one black, one white-confront the prejudice that challenges their friendship.

**Unspoken: A Story from the Underground**

E Cole

by Henry Cole

*Civil War*

A young girl's courage is tested in this haunting, wordless story.

**Pink and Say** E Polacco

by Patricia Polacco

*Civil War*

A young black soldier rescues a white soldier.

**Little Women (series)** JFic Alcott

by Louisa May Alcott

*Civil War*

The warmhearted story of the four March sisters growing up in 19th century America.

**Soldier's Heart: A Novel of the Civil War**

YAFic Paulsen

by Gary Paulsen

*Civil War*

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.

**Bull Run** JFic Fleischman

by Paul Fleischman

*Civil War*

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.

**Iron Thunder: The Battle Between the Monitor & the Merrimac: A Civil War**

**Novel** coming soon

by Avi

*Civil War*

After his father is killed during the Civil War, thirteen-year-old Tom takes on a job at the ironworks to support his family, and finds himself a target of ruthless spies when he begins assisting with the ironclad ship the "Monitor"

**Henry's Freedom Box** E Levine

by Ellen Levine & Kadir Nelson

*Civil War*

As a slave, Henry Brown, dreams about freedom all the time, but the dream seems farther and farther away as he gets torn away from his family and put to work in a warehouse. One day, Henry spots a crate in the warhouse and decides to mail himself to freedom.

**Turtle in Paradise** JFic/JAK Holm

by Jennifer L. Holm

*The Great Depression*

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

***Ox-Cart Man*** E Hall  
**by Donald Hall & Barbara Cooney**

*19th century*

Describes the day -to-day life throughout the changing seasons of an early 19th-century New England family.

***A Little Princess*** YAFic/JAK Burnett  
**by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

*19th Century*

Sara Crewe, a pupil at Miss Minchin's London School, is left in poverty when her father dies, but is later rescued by a mysterious benefactor.

***Mirette on the High Wire*** E McCully  
**by Emily Arnold McCully**

*19th Century/Paris*

Mirette helps "The Great Bellini" regain his confidence while he stays at her mother's boarding house and eventually the two are walking the high wire above the rooftops of Paris.

***One Came Home*** JFic/JAK Timberlake  
**by Amy Timberlake**

*19th Century*

In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in.

***The Great Trouble*** JAK/JMyst Hopkinson  
**by Deborah Hopkinson**

*19th Century*

Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water, and not poisonous air.

***Some Kind of Courage*** JFic Gemeinhart  
**by Dan Gemeinhart**

*19th Century/Western*

In 1980 Washington, the only family Joseph Johnson has left is his half-wild Indian pony, Sarah, so when she is sold by a man who has not right to do so, he sets out to get her back--and he plans to let nothing stop him.

***Bear Dance: The Story of a Ute Girl*** coming soon

**by Thelma Hatch Wyss**

*19th Century/Western*

In late nineteenth-century Colorado, Elk Dress Girl, sister of Ute chief Ouray, is captured by Cheyenne and Arapaho warriors, rescued by the white "enemy" and finally returned to her home.

***Rebel: A Tibetan Odyssey*** coming soon  
**by Cheryl Aylward Whitsel**

*20th Century*

Although he rebels against his life in the Tibetan Buddhist monastery where he had been sent, fourteen-year-old Thunder comes to some amazing realizations about himself.

***Molly's Pilgrim*** E Cohen  
**by Barbara Cohen & Daniel Mark Duffy**

*20th Century/Immigration*

Told to make a Pilgrim doll for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly is embarrassed when her mother tries to help her out by creating a doll dressed as she herself was dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom.

***Dragonwings*** JFic Yep  
**by Laurence Yep**

*20th Century/Immigration*

In the early twentieth century a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.

***Breaking Stalin's Nose*** JFic Yelchin  
**by Eugene Yelchin**

*20th Century/Stalinism*

In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, Ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.

***Julie of the Wolves*** JFic/YAFic George  
**by Jean Craighead George**

*Alaska*

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

***The Call of the Wild*** YAFic London  
**by Jack London**

*Alaska/Klondike*

A heroic dog thrust into the brutal life of the Alaska Gold Rush, facing a choice between living in a man's world or returning to the wild.

***White Fang*** JFic/YAFic London  
**by Jack London**

*Alaska/Klondike*

Part dog, part wolf, White Fang is a half-breed that has trouble finding his place in the world.

***Tales From Alcatraz (series)*** JFic Choldenko

**by Gennifer Choldenko**

*Alcatraz*

Set in 1935, twelve-year-old, Moose Flanagan, and his family move from Santa Monica to Alcatraz Island where his father gets a job as an electrician at the prison.