

Historical Fiction

Ancient History

Fletcher, Susan

Shadow Spinner

Teen Center Fiction

When Marjan, a thirteen-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in ancient Persia, she gathers for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen's life.

Friesner, Esther

Sphinx's Princess

Teen Center Fiction

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.

Galloway, Priscilla

The Courtesan's Daughter

Teen Center Fiction

From humble beginnings, Phano rises to become one of ancient Athens' most powerful citizens through her marriage to Theo, but they both have powerful enemies who don't share their political views.

Geras, Adele

Troy

Teen Center Fiction

Told from the point of view of the women of Troy, portrays the last weeks of the Trojan War, when women are sick of tending the wounded, men are tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses find ways to stir things up.

Gormley, Beatrice

Salome

Teen Center Fiction

Relates the life of a beautiful descendant of Herod the Great, and events leading up to her Dance of the Seven Veils, after which her cruel mother coerces her to ask for the head of John the Baptist, an innocent man, on a silver platter.

Lester, Julius

Pharaoh's Daughter

Teen Center Fiction

A fictionalized account of the Biblical tale in which a Hebrew infant, rescued by the daughter of the Pharaoh, passes through a turbulent adolescence to eventually become a prophet of his people while his sister finds her true self as a priestess to the Egyptian gods.

Levitin, Sonia

Escape from Egypt

Teen Center Fiction

When Moses comes to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land, Jesse, a Hebrew slave, finds his life changed by his growing faith in God and his attraction to the half-Egyptian, half-Syrian Jennat.

McLaren, Clemenice

Inside the Walls of Troy

Teen Center Fiction

The events surrounding the famous battle between the Greeks and the Trojans are told from the points of view of two women, the beautiful Helen and the prophetic Cassandra.

Medieval

Bosse, Malcolm

The Examination

Teen Center Fiction

Fifteen-year-old Hong and his older brother Chen face famine, flood, pirates, and jealous rivals on their journey through fifteenth century China as Chen pursues his calling as a scholar and Hong becomes involved with a secret society known as the White Lotus.

Cushman, Karen

Catherine, Called Birdy

Teen Center Fiction

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.

Cushman, Karen **Matilda Bone** **Teen Center Fiction**
Fourteen-year-old Matilda, an apprentice bonesetter and practitioner of medicine in a village in medieval England, tries to reconcile the various aspects of her life, both spiritual and practical.

Cushman, Karen **The Midwife's Apprentice** **Teen Center Fiction**
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.

De Angeli, Marguerite **Door in the Wall** **Children's Fiction**
The crippled son of a powerful nobleman in fourteenth-century England sets out to prove his courage and his right to be recognized by the King.

McCaffrey, Anne **Black Horses for the King** **Children's Fiction**
Galwyn, son of a Roman Celt, escapes from his tyrannical uncle and joins Lord Artos, later known as King Arthur, using his talent with languages and way with horses to help secure and care for the Libyan horses that Artos hopes to use in battle against the Saxons.

Morris, Gerald **The Squire's Tale** **Teen Center Fiction**
In medieval England, fourteen-year-old Terence finds his tranquil existence suddenly changed when he becomes the squire of the young Gawain of Orkney and accompanies him on a long quest, proving Gawain's worth as a knight and revealing an important secret about his own true identity.

Morris, Gerald **The Squire, His Knight
And His Lady** **Teen Center Fiction**
After several years at King Arthur's court, Terence, as Sir Gawain's squire and friend, accompanies him on a perilous quest that tests all their skills and whose successful completion could mean certain death for Gawain.

Pierce, Tamora **Alanna: The First Adventure** **Teen Center Pbk**
Eleven-year-old Alanna, who aspires to be a knight even though she is a girl, disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page, and learns many hard lessons along her path to high adventure.

Scott, Walter, Sir **Ivanhoe** **Teen Center Pbk**
Scott's classic historical romance, set in the twelfth-century England of Richard I, depicts the adventures of the heroic Wilfred of Ivanhoe in winning the hand of beautiful Lady Rowena.

Vining, E. Gray **Adam of the Road** **Children's Pbk**
The adventures of eleven-year-old Adam as he travels the open roads of thirteenth-century England searching for his missing father, a minstrel, and his stolen red spaniel, Nick.

Voigt, Cynthia **Jackaroo** **Children's Pbk**
When hard times among the People revive the old stories of the hero Jackaroo, an innkeeper's daughter follows her own quest to unlock the secret reality behind the legend.

Yolen, Jane **Girl in a Cage** **Teen Center Fiction**
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.

Slavery

Anderson, M. T.

**The Astonishing Life of
Octavian Nothing**

Teen Center Fiction

After escaping a death sentence in the summer of 1775, Octavian and his tutor find shelter but no safe harbor in British-occupied Boston and, persuaded by Lord Dunmore's proclamation offering freedom to slaves who join his counterrevolutionary Royal Ethiopian Regiment, Octavian and his friends soon find themselves engaged in naval raids on the Virginia coastline as the Revolutionary War breaks out in full force.

Fox, Paula

The Slave Dancer

Children's Pbk

Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo.

Hamilton, Virginia

The House of Dies Drear

Children's Fiction

A family of five moves into an enormous house once used as a hiding place for runaway slaves. Mysterious sounds and events and discoveries of secret passageways make the family believe they are in grave danger.

Lester, Julius

To be a Slave

Teen Center Pbk

A compilation, selected from various sources and arranged chronologically, of the reminiscences of slaves and ex-slaves about their experiences from the leaving of Africa through the Civil War and into the early twentieth century.

Lyons, Mary

Letters from a Slave Girl

Children's Fiction

A fictionalized version of the life of Harriet Jacobs, told in the form of letters that she might have written during her slavery in North Carolina and as she prepared for escape to the North in 1842.

Paterson, Katherine

Jip: His Story

Teen Center Fiction

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.

Paulsen, Gary

Nightjohn

Teen Center Fiction

Twelve-year-old Sarny's brutal life as a slave becomes even more dangerous when a newly arrived slave offers to teach her how to read.

Rinaldi, Ann

Numbering all the Bones

Teen Center Fiction

Eulinda is a young house slave on a plantation in Kentucky when the Civil War comes to an end and her family splits up and she is all alone.

Early & Mid 1800s

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**True Confessions of Charlotte
Doyle**

Teen Center Pbk

Accused and convicted of murder, thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle decides to reveal what really happened aboard the Seahawk--a ship piloted by a tyrannical captain and crewed by mutinous seamen--during the summer of 1832.

Paterson, Katherine

Lyddie

Children's Fiction

Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.

Yep, Lawrence

Dragon's Gate

Children's Fiction

When he accidentally kills a Manchu, a fifteen-year-old Chinese boy is sent to America to join his father, an uncle, and other Chinese working to build a tunnel for the transcontinental railroad through the Sierra Nevada mountains in 1867.

Civil War

Crane, Stephen

The Red Badge of Courage

Teen Center Fiction

In the spring of 1863, while engaged in the fierce battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia, a young Union soldier matures to manhood and finds peace of mind as he comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war.

Fleischman, Paul

Bull Run

Mariners only

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.

Paulsen, Gary

Soldier's Heart

Teen Center Fiction

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.

Rinaldi, Ann

The Last Silk Dress

Teen Center Pbk

During the Civil War, Susan finds a way to help the Confederate Army and uncovers a series of mysterious family secrets.

Frontier and Pioneer Life

Brink, Carol

Caddie Woodlawn

Children's Fiction

The adventures of an eleven-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.

Cather, Willa

My Antonia

Fiction

The reminiscences of New York lawyer Jim Burden's boyhood in Nebraska, especially about Antonia Shimerda, are set against the backdrop of the American assimilation of the immigrant.

Cooper, James

Last of the Mohicans

Teen Center Pbk

The tale of a disillusioned man who exiles himself from a society whose values he abhors. Despite this exile, he agrees to take two sisters through hostile Indian country with the help of a Mohican scout.

MacLachlan, Patricia

Sarah Plain and Tall

Children's Fiction

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.

Rinaldi, Ann

The Second Bend in the River

Teen Center Fiction

In 1798 Rebecca, a young settler in the Ohio territory, meets the Shawnee called Tecumseh and later develops a deep friendship with him.

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Early and Mid 1900s

Badgasarian, Adam

Forgotten Fire

Teen Center Fiction

In 1915, Vahan Kenderian's life of privilege is shattered when family and friends disappear or are shot before his eyes in the Armenian Genocide.

Curtis, Christopher

Bud, Not Buddy

Children's Fiction

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.

Gregory, Kristina

Earthquake at Dawn

Children's Pbk

A novelization of twenty-two-year-old photographer Edith Irvine's experiences in the aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, as seen through the eyes of fifteen-year-old Daisy, a fictitious traveling companion. Includes reader's guide and author interview.

Houston, Jeanne

Farewell to Manzanar

Teen Center Pbk

A true story of Japanese American experience during and after the World War II internment.

Peck, Richard

Amanda/Miranda

Teen Center Pbk

Miranda, a servant, assumes the identity of Amanda, her employer, after the sinking of the Titanic.

Taylor, Mildred

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Children's Fiction

Young Cassie Logan endures humiliation and witnesses the racism of the KKK as they embark on a cross-burning rampage, before she fully understands the importance her family attributes to having land of their own.

Yep, Lawrence

Dragonwings

Children's Pbk

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.

World War I and World War II have their own booklists in the "W" section

Vietnam Conflict

Myers, Walter Dean

Fallen Angels

Teen Center Pbk

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.

O'Brien, Tim

The Things They Carried

Fiction

Heroic young men carry the emotional weight of their lives to war in Vietnam in a patchwork account of a modern journey into the heart of darkness.

US Historical Fiction

Blackwood Gary

The Year of the Hangman

Teen Center Fiction

In 1777, having been kidnapped and taken forcibly from England to the American colonies, fifteen-year-old Creighton becomes part of developments in the political unrest there that may spell defeat for the patriots and change the course of history.

Collier, James

My Brother Sam is Dead

Children's Pbk

When Sam Meeker leaves his home in Redding, Connecticut, a town loyal to the king, to fight with the rebel army, he places his family in a very difficult position.

Holland, Isabelle

Behind the Lines

Teen Center Fiction

During the New York Draft Riot of 1863, a young Irish Catholic girl helps an African American make a daring escape from an angry mob.

Peck, Richard

A Long Way from Chicago

Teen Center Pbk

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

Rees, Celia

Witch Child

Teen Center Fiction

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.

Japanese Historical Fiction

Haugaard, Eric Christian

The Samurai's Tale

Teen Center Pbk

In turbulent sixteenth-century Japan, orphaned Taro is taken in by a general serving the great warlord Takeda Shingen and grows up to become a samurai fighting for the enemies of his dead family.

Uchida, Yoshiko

Picture Bride

Teen Center Fiction

Hana travels to America to escape the arranged marriages her sisters experienced in pre-World War II Japan, but the young businessman to whom she has corresponded turns out to be a middle-aged man who exaggerated his success

Native Americans

Bruchac, Joseph

Journal of Jesse Smoke

Children's Fiction

Jesse Smoke, a sixteen-year-old Cherokee, begins a journal in 1837 to record stories of his people and their difficulties as they face removal along the Trail of Tears. Includes a historical note giving details of the removal.

Bruchac, Joseph

Code Talker: a Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War II

Teen Center Fiction

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.

Kirkpatrick, Katherine

Trouble's Daughter

Children's Fiction

When her family is massacred by Lenape Indians in 1643, nine-year-old Susanna, daughter of Anne Hutchinson, is captured and raised as a Lenape.

Matcheck, Diane

The Sacrifice

Teen Center Fiction

When her father's death leaves her orphaned and an outcast among her Apsaalooka (Crow) people, a fifteen-year-old sets out to avenge his death and prove that she, not her dead twin brother, is destined to be the Great One.