

## Historical Fiction: Gr. 4-6

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#### **CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD**

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenthcentury England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret

## Barrett, Tracy ANNA OF BYZANTIUM

In the eleventh century the teenage princess Anna Comnena fights for her birthright, the throne to the Byzantine Empire, which she fears will be taken from her by her younger brother John because he is a boy.

### Burg, Shana A THOUSAND NEVER EVERS

In 1963, as the civil rights movement gains momentum and violence against African Americans increases, the black residents of Kuckachoo, Mississippi, including young Addie Ann Pickett, begin their own struggle for racial justice.

# Collier, James MY BROTHER SAM IS DEAD

Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

# Curtis, Christopher Paul THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM –1963

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.

# Cushman, Karen THE BALLAD OF LUCY WHIPPLE

In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town.

# DeFelice, Cynthia THE APPRENTICESHIP OF LUCAS WHITAKER

After his family dies of consumption in 1849, twelve-year-old Lucas becomes a doctor's apprentice and learns the difference between superstition and scientific reasoning.

# Erdrich, Louise THE BIRCHBARK HOUSE

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

#### Fleischman, Sid BY THE GREAT HORN SPOON!

In order to help his aunt pay off her debt to keep her home, Jack and the butler stow away on a side-wheeler bound for California where they join the Gold Rush of 1849.

### Giff, Patricia Reilly NORY RYAN'S SONG

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

### Hesse, Karen OUT OF THE DUST

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

### Lowry, Lois NUMBER THE STARS

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

#### Park, Linda Sue THE KITE FIGHTERS

In Korea in 1473, 11 year-old Young-sup overcomes his rivalry with his older brother Kee-sup, who as the first-born son receives special treatment from their father, and combines his kite-flying skill with Kee-sup's kite-making skill in an attempt to win the New Year kite-fighting competition.

#### Peck, Richard A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO

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

#### Ryan, Pam Munoz RIDING FREEDOM

A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

## Salisbury, Graham UNDER THE BLOOD-RED SUN

Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

# Smith, Roland THE CAPTAIN'S DOG: MY JOURNEY WITH THE LEWIS AND

**CLARK TRIBE**Captain Meriwether Lewis's dog Seaman describes his experiences as he accompanies his master on the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the

# Speare, Elizabeth THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER

uncharted western wilderness.

In the late-eighteenth century, eleven-year-old Matt befriends an Indian boy of the Beaver clan who helps him survive alone in the wilderness.

# Speare, Elizabeth THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND

A young girl rebels against the bigotry of her Puritan surroundings in the seventeenth century colony of Connecticut.

# Spinelli, Jerry MILKWEED

Captures the hardships and cruelty of life in the ghettos of Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of World War II, through the eyes of a Jewish orphan who must use all his wits and courage to survive unimaginable events and circumstances.

# Taylor, Mildred ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY

The story of one African American family fighting to stay together and strong in the face of brutal racist attacks, illness, poverty, and betrayal in the Deep South of the 1930s.

#### Uchida, Yoshiko JOURNEY HOME

After their release from an American concentration camp, a Japanese-American girl and her family try to reconstruct their lives amidst strong anti-Japanese feelings which breed fear, distrust, and violence.

## Wilder, Laura Ingalls LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE \*

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# Yep, Laurence DRAGONWINGS

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