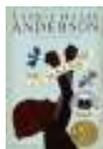


Historical Fiction

Teen Fiction Suggested Reading List

Titles located in YA Fiction or YA paperbacks by the author's last name

**Series*



Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
When her owner dies at the start of the Revolution, a greedy nephew keeps Isabel and her younger sister enslaved and sells them to Loyalists in New York, where Isabel is offered the chance to spy for the Patriots. (Grade 8+)



Copper Sun by Sharon Draper
Two 15 year old girls, one a slave and the other an indentured servant, escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves. (Grade 9+)



The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
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. (Grade 8+)



The Pale Assassin by Patricia Elliott
In early 1790s Paris, young and sheltered Eugenie de Boncoeur finds it difficult to tell friend from foe as she and the royalist brother she relies on become the focus of a sinister spymaster with a grudge against their family. (Grades 7+)



Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac
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. (Grade 7+)



Luxe by Anna Godbersen
In Manhattan in 1899, five teens of different social classes lead dangerously scandalous lives, despite the strict rules of society and the best-laid plans of parents and others. (Grades 8+)



Ringside 1925 by Jennifer Bryant
In the summer of 1925, a whirlwind of press, lawyers, scientists, and religious leaders comes to town to prosecute and defend their science teacher Mr. Scopes, who was arrested for presenting Darwin's theory of evolution to his students. (Grade 8+)



How the Hangman Lost His Heart by K.M. Grant
When her Uncle Frank severed head is mounted on a pike for public viewing, daring Alice tries to reclaim the head for a proper burial, finding an unlikely ally in the soft-hearted executioner, while incurring the wrath of the royal guard. (Grade 8+)



Daniel, Half-Human: And the Good Nazi by David Chotjewitz
Daniel and his friends dream of joining the Hitler Youth in 1930s Germany, but when Daniel learns his mother is Jewish his connections to the Nazis will have fateful consequences. (Grade 7+)



An Innocent Soldier by Josef Holub
A sixteen-year-old farmhand is tricked into fighting in the Napoleonic Wars by the farmer for whom he works, who secretly substitutes him for the farmer's own son. (Grade 8+)



Amaryllis by Craig Crist-Evans
Jimmy and his older brother Frank share a love of surfing and their problems with a drunken father, until Frank turns eighteen and goes to Vietnam. (Grade 8+)



Five 4ths of July by Pat Hughes
Celebrating the first anniversary of the Fourth of July, 14-year-old Jake longs for adventure away from his strict father and endures life-risking hardship as a soldier and prisoner throughout the Revolutionary War. (Grades 7+)



Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
During her 14th year, in the year 1290, Catherine keeps a diary in which she details her family's activities and conflicts, the life of their medieval English manor, and her own coming to maturity. (Grade 7+)



A Million Shades of Gray by Cynthia Kadohata
In 1975 after American troops pull out of Vietnam, a thirteen-year-old boy and his beloved elephant escape into the jungle when the Viet Cong attack his village. (Grades 7+)



A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly
In 1906, 16 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. (Grades 8+)



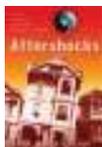
Monkey Town by Ronald Kidd
After falling for her young teacher, 15 year student Frances finds herself in the middle of the biggest trial of the era when her teacher is arrested by her father for teaching evolution in the classroom. (Grade 7+)



Cate of the Lost Colony by Lisa Klein
Losing her favored status with Queen Elizabeth I when her forbidden romance with Sir Walter Raleigh is discovered, Lady Catherine is banished to the doomed colony of Roanoke, where she suspects Raleigh's unfaithfulness and falls for Native American, Manteo. (Grades 7+)



Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson
After inheriting her uncle's homesteading claim, orphan Hattie tries to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war being fought in Europe in 1917. (Grade 7+)



Aftershocks by William Lavender
While trying to uncover a family secret in Chinatown in 1906, Jessie gets close to unraveling the mystery when a major earthquake hits and she experiences the nightmare conditions the Chinese immigrants must face after their homes are destroyed. (Grade 8+)



Good Night, Mr. Tom by Michelle Magorian
A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during the Second World War. (Grade 7+)



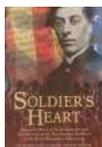
Loving Will Shakespeare by Caroline Meyer
In Stratford-upon-Avon in the sixteenth century, Anne Hathaway suffers her stepmother's cruelty and yearns for love and escape, finally finding it in the arms of a boy she has grown up with, William Shakespeare. (Grade 8+)



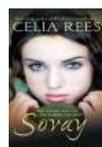
Riot by Walter Dean Myers
In 1863, Claire, the daughter of an Irish mother and a black father, faces ugly truths and great danger when Irish immigrants, enraged by the Civil War and the draft, lash out against blacks and wealthy "swells" of New York City. (Grade 8+)



Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
Tree-ear, a 13 year old orphan in medieval Korea, longs to learn how to create the delicate ceramics himself after he watches master potter Min making his beautiful pottery. (Grade 7+)



Soldier's Heart by Gary Paulsen
Eager to enlist, 15 year old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat. (Grades 8+)



Sovay by Celia Rees
In 1794 England, the beautiful Sovay, disguised as a highwayman, acquires papers that could lead to her father's arrest for treason, and soon her political consciousness leads her and a compatriot to France during the Revolution. (Grade 9+)



Eyes of the Emperor by Graham Salibury
Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II by being the dogs' bait. (Grade 8+)



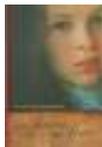
Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepstys
In 1941, Lina and her family are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers. (Grades 8+)



Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
During the 1967 school year, 7th grader Holling stays after school in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of Shakespeare and he learns much of value about the world he lives in. (Grade 7+)



Flygirl by Sherri Smith
During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Air Force Service Pilots. (Grade 7+)



No Shame, No Fear by Anne Turnbull
In England in 1662, a time of religious persecution, 15 year old Susanna, a poor country girl and a Quaker, and 17 year old William, a wealthy Anglican, meet and fall in love against all odds. (Grade 7+)



Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein
In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must survive while keeping secret all that she can. (Grades 9+)



Booth's Daughter by Raymond Wemmlinger
Edwina, niece of Lincoln assassin John Wilkes Booth and fiancée to the son of architect Calvert Vaux, must leave America with her father when President Garfield is assassinated, forcing her to choose between her father and the man she loves. (Grade 7+)

