

World War II: 1939 - 1945

The Gadget by Paul Zindel

In 1945, having joined his father at Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II, thirteen-year-old Stephen becomes caught in a web of secrecy and intrigue. (FIC Zin)

Slap Your Sides by M. E. Kerr

Pennsylvania

Life in their Pennsylvania hometown changes for Jubal Shoemaker and his family when his older brother witnesses to his Quaker beliefs by becoming a conscientious objector during World War II. (FIC Zus)

Miracle at St. Anna by James McBride

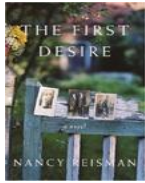
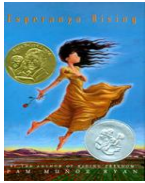
Tuscany

American soldiers seek refuge in the small village of St. Anna di Stazzema in Tuscany during World War II, never imagining how the events which take place there will change their lives forever. (FIC McB)

The Book thief by Markus Zusak

Germany

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. (FIC Zus)



Great Depression: 1929 - 1935

A Long way from Chicago: A Novel in stories by Richard Peck

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

The First Desire by Nancy Reisman

Siblings Sadie, Jo, Goldie, and Irving Cohen discover their father's affair with Lillian while their mother is on her death bed during the Great Depression. When Goldie disappears from their Buffalo, New York home, the siblings work to find her. (Fic Rei)

Esperanza rising by Pam Munoz

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression. (FIC Mun)

Vietnam War to Modern Iraq War: 1965 - Current

Stranded in Harmony by Barbara Shoup

While struggling with the changes he faces during his senior year in a small Indiana town, Lucas gains insight through a unique friendship with a former Vietnam War protester. (FIC Sho)

Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers

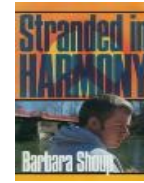
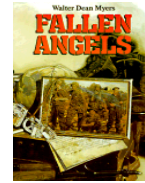
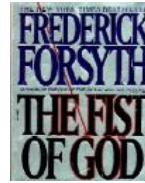
Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam. (FIC Mye)

The War Lord's Son by Dan Fesperman

As a correspondent covering the Afghanistan war, Skelly, in search of the big story, pairs up with an exiled warlord. (FIC Fes)

The Fist of God by Frederick Forsyth

During the Gulf War, a mysterious spy planted deep in the heart of Iraq becomes the key as Saddam Hussein threatens to unleash a secret, ultimate weapon on the Allied forces. (FIC For)



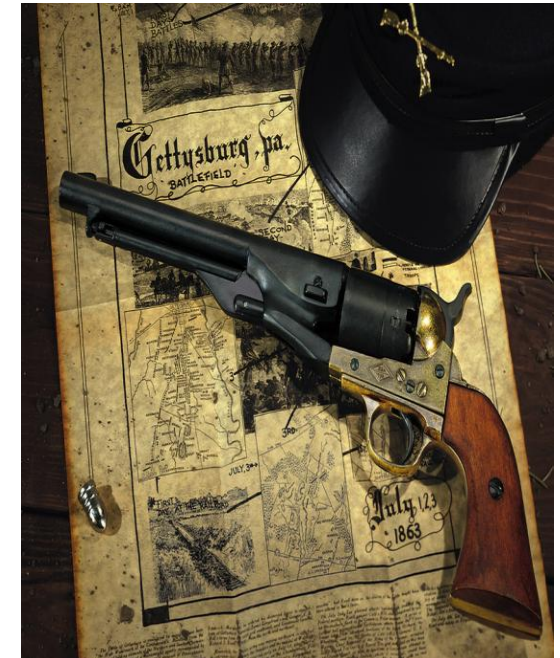
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The King's Shadow by Elizabeth Alder **England**

After he is orphaned and has his tongue cut out in a clash with the bullying sons of a Welsh noble, Evyn 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. (FIC Ald)

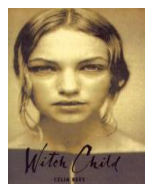
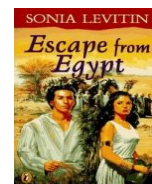
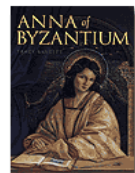
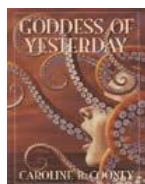
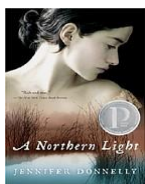
Goddess of Yesterday by Caroline Cooney **Greece**

Anaxandra is forced to pose as two different princesses in order to survive, before ending up in the company of Helen and Paris as they make their way to Troy. (FIC Co)

Escape from Egypt by Sonia Levitin **Egypt**

Miracles, plagues, and love are only part of what two teens--Jesse, a Hebrew slave, and Jennat, a half-Egyptian, half-Syrian girl--confront in this retelling of the biblical story of the Exodus. (FIC Lev)

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Middle Ages and the Renaissance: 400 - 1600

Anna of Byzantium by Tracy Barrett **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. (FIC Bar)

The Book of the Lion by Michael Cadum **England**

After his master, a maker of coins for the king, is brutally punished for alleged cheating, seventeen-year-old Edmund finds himself traveling to the Holy Land as squire to a knight crusader on his way to join the forces of Richard Lionheart. (FIC Cad)

The Ramsay Scallop by Frances Temple **Spain**

Betrothed, though they barely know each other, 14-year-old Elenor and 18-year-old Thomas are sent in 1299 by their castle priest on a pilgrimage from their English village through France to Spain. (FIC Sca)

Revolutionary Times: 1600's - 1800's

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson **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. (FIC And)

Winter People by Joseph Bruchac **Quebec**

Fourteen-year-old Saxso, a member of the Abenaki tribe in Canada, embarks on a dangerous rescue mission when his mother and two younger sisters are taken hostage during an attack by the British on their unprotected village in 1759. (FIC Bru)

Witch Child by Celia Reese **Massachusetts**

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. (Fic Ree)

Twentieth Century: 1900 - Current

A Place Called Freedom by Ken Follett **Scotland**

Hidden in the shadows of a Scottish river bank in the winter of 1767, a young woman watches a figure emerging from the icy water. Lizzie Hallim has never seen a naked man before; but her excitement is tinged with fear. The man is a slave, and she is helping him to escape. (FIC Fol)

Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly **New York**

Sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and boyfriend, takes a job at a hotel in 1906 where the death of a guest renews her determination to live her own life. (FIC Don)

An Ocean Apart, a World Away by Lensey Namioka
Yanyan, having always wanted to be a doctor, makes a difficult decision to leave the exciting Liang Baoshu behind in China and moves to New York to attend medical school. (FIC Nam)

American Civil War: 1850 - 1900

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane **Virginia**

This is a powerful story of a young Civil War soldier, whose dreams of honor and patriotism are shattered when he flees the field during the battle. (FIC Cra)

The River Between us by Richard Peck **Illinois**

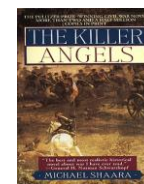
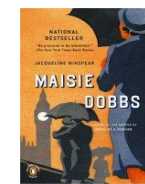
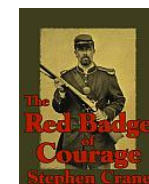
During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois. (FIC Pec)

The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara **Gettysburg**

This is a fictional account of four days in July, 1863 at the Battle of Gettysburg discussing tactics, plans, and preparations for battle from both the northern and southern points of view. (FIC Sha)

Enemy Women by Paulette Jiles

After the Union Militia arrives to set her house on fire, driving her brother into hiding and taking her widowed father away, Adair Colley sets out on foot with her two young sisters hoping to find a safe haven in the winter mountains. (FIC Jil)



World War I: 1914 - 1918

The Summer House by Alison McLeay

This historical novel set in England and Venice during the years just before the outbreak of the Great War, has everything; passion, tragedy, betrayal involving wartime treachery and blackmail. (FIC McL)

Maisie Dobbs: a novel by Jacqueline Winspear

After Maisie sets up a private investigation firm and deals with a case involving marital infidelity, she encounters a young soldier from the Retreat House, and learns that no one comes out of there alive. (FIC Win)

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

This story depicts the experiences of a group of young German soldiers fighting and suffering during the last days of World. (FIC Rem)