

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker J
The Lacemaker and the Princess (French Revolution)
In 1788, eleven-year-old Isabelle, living with her lacemaker grandmother and mother near the palace of Versailles, becomes close friends with Marie Antoinette's daughter, Princess Therese. 199 pages

Hesse, Karen J/Y
Stowaway (Voyage around the world, 1793)
A fictionalized journal relates the experiences of a young stowaway from 1768 to 1771 aboard the Endeavor which sailed around the world under Captain James Cook. 319 pages

Williams, Marcia J
Archie's War (WWI London)
When Archie is given a scrapbook for his tenth birthday in 1914, he chronicles the next four years of his life using documents, artifacts and comic strips. 45 pages

Barth-Grozingler, Inge J/Y
Something Remains (WWII Germany)
In 1933, as Hitler becomes Chancellor, twelve-year-old Erich and his family, who are Jewish, find they need to make changes in their everyday lives as hatred of Jews grows. 390 pages

Roy, Jennifer J
Yellow Star (WWII Poland)
From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation. 227 pages

North, Central and South America (not including U.S.)

Kirwan, Anna J
Lady of Palenque: Flower of Bacal (8th century Central America)
In 749 the Maya Princess Green Jay, of the Kingdom of Bacal, writes in her diary about her arduous journey to Xukpip to meet King Fire Keeper, her future husband. 204 pages

O'Dell, Scott J
The Captive (16th century Mexico)
As part of a Spanish expedition to the New World, a Jesuit seminarian witnesses the enslavement and exploitation of the Mayas and his own seduction by greed and ambition. 210 pages

Durango, Julia J
The Walls of Cartagena (17th century Colombia)
Thirteen-year-old Calepino, an African slave in the Caribbean city of Cartagena, works as a translator for a Jesuit priest who tends to newly-arrived slaves. After working for a Jewish doctor in a leper colony and helping an Angolan boy and his mother escape, he realizes his true calling. 152 pages

Durbin, William J
The Broken Blade (18th century Canada)
When an injury prevents his father from going into northern Canada with fur traders, thirteen-year-old Pierre decides to take his father's place as a voyageur. 163 pages

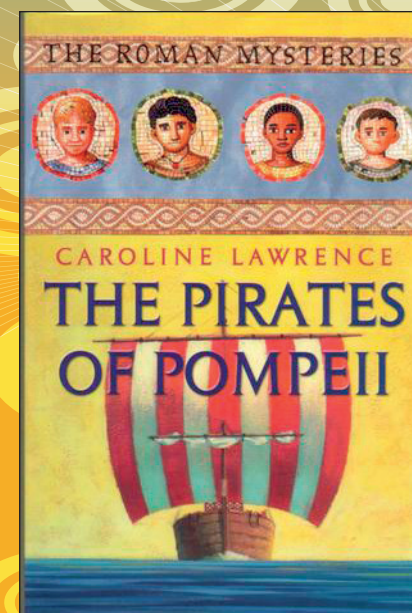
Lawrence, Iain J/Y
The Buccaneers (18th century Caribbean)
Sixteen-year-old John Spencer sails from England in his schooner, the Dragon, to the Caribbean, where he and the crew encounter pirates, fierce storms, fever and a strange man who some fear may be cursed. 244 pages

Jocelyn, Marthe J
Mable Riley: A Reliable Record of Humdrum, Peril, and Romance (Canada, 1901)
Mable Riley dreams of being a writer and having adventures while stuck in Perth County, Ontario, assisting her sister in teaching school and secretly becoming friends with a neighbor who holds scandalous opinions on women's rights. 279 pages

Ibbotson, Eva J
Journey to the River Sea (Brazil, 1910)
Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River. 298 pages

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within each geographical area*

Africa and the Middle East

Cowley, Marjorie J/Y

The Golden Bull (Ancient Mesopotamia)

During a severe drought in Mesopotamia in 2600 B.C.E., when their parents can no longer support them, Jomar and his sister Zefa are sent to the city of Ur to survive on their own. 206 pages

McGraw, Eloise Jarvis J/Y

Mara, Daughter of the Nile (Ancient Egypt)

An ingenious Egyptian slave girl undertakes a dangerous assignment as a spy in the royal palace of Thebes during the days when Queen Hatshepsut ruled. 279 pages

Kehret, Peg J

The Secret Journey (19th century Africa)

In 1834 when a storm at sea destroys the leave ship on which she is a stowaway, twelve-year-old Emma musters all her resourcefulness to survive in the African jungle. 135 pages

Whelan, Gloria J/Y

Parade of Shadows (Ottoman Empire, 1907)

Sixteen-year-old Julia Hamilton, happy to accompany her diplomat father on a tour of Ottoman-controlled cities including Istanbul and Damascus, finds the journey increasingly dangerous as she begins to uncover her father's true mission. 295 pages

Mwangi, Meja J

The Mzungu Boy (Kenya, 1950s)

For Kariuki, life in his small Kenyan village is one great adventure, which becomes even more interesting when he meets Nigel, an English boy who is visiting his grandfather. Kariuki befriends Nigel even though the rest of the villagers fear him and call him "the mzungu boy." 150 pages

Marsden, Carolyn J

Sahwira: An African Friendship (Zimbabwe, 1964)

The strong friendship between two boys, one black and one white, who live on a mission in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, begins to unravel as protests against white colonial rule intensify. 189 pages

Mead, Alice J/Y

Dawn and Dusk (Iran/Iraq, 1980s)

As thirteen-year-old Azad tries desperately to cling to the life he has known, the political situation in Iran during the war with Iraq finally forces his family to flee their home and seek safety elsewhere. 151 pages

Asia

Park, Linda Sue J/Y

A Single Shard (12th century Korea)

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself. 152 pages

McCaughrean, Geraldine J/Y

The Kite Rider (13th century China)

After trying to save his widowed mother from a horrendous second marriage, twelve-year-old Haoyou has life-changing adventures when he takes to the sky as a circus kite rider and ends up meeting the great Mongol ruler Kublai Khan. 272 pages

Watkins, Yoko Kawashima J

So Far From the Bamboo Grove (WWII Korea/Japan)

This fictionalized autobiography tells the story of eleven-year-old Yoko who escapes from Korea and travels to Japan with her mother and sister at the end of World War II. 183 pages

Park, Linda Sue J/Y

When My Name Was Keoko (WWII Korea)

With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely. 199 pages

Yue, Guo J

Little Leap Forward: A Boy in Beijing (China, 1966)

In Communist China in 1966, eight-year-old Leap Forward learns about freedom while flying kites with his best friend, by trying to get a caged wild bird to sing, and through the music he is learning to play on a bamboo flute. 126 pages

Europe

Hartnett, Sonya J

The Silver Donkey (France)

In France during World War I, four French children learn about honesty, loyalty and courage from an English army deserter who tells them a series of stories related to his small, silver donkey charm. 266 pages

Lawrence, Caroline J

The Pirates of Pompeii (Ancient Rome)

At a refugee camp following the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius which buried Pompeii, Flavia and her friends discover that children are disappearing and a very powerful citizen might be involved. 161 pages

Love, D. Anne J

The Puppeteer's Apprentice (Medieval England)

A medieval orphan girl called Mouse gains the courage she needs to follow her dreams of learning puppetry. 185 pages

Springer, Nancy J

Wild Boy, A Tale of Rowan Hood (12th century England)

Determined to avenge the death of his swineherd father at the hands of the Sheriff of Nottingham, Rook finally gets his chance when the Sheriff's son is captured by Robin Hood. 115 pages

Shulevitz, Uri J

The Travels of Benjamin of Tudela (12th century Mediterranean, Spain)

A fictionalized account of the travels of Benjamin, a Jewish man from Tudela, Spain, who in 1159 set out on a fourteen-year-long journey that took him to Italy, Greece, Palestine, Persia, China, Egypt and Sicily. Unpaged.

Avi J/Y

Crispin: The Cross of Lead (14th century England)

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret. 262 pages

Meyer, Carolyn J/Y

Mary, Bloody Mary (16th century England)

Mary Tudor, who would reign briefly as Queen of England, tells the story of her troubled childhood as daughter of King Henry VIII. 227 pages

Blackwood, Gary L. J/Y

Shakespeare's Spy (16th century England)

Widge, an orphan boy turned actor, must play the spy to find out who has been stealing from Shakespeare's acting company. He also starts to write a play of his own, hoping it will bring him the fortune that a fortune-teller promised. 281 pages

Gregory, Kristiana J

Catherine: The Great Journey (18th century Russia)

A fictional diary of Princess Sophie, later named Catherine, from 1743 until 1745, when at age fifteen she is married to her second cousin Peter, Grand Duke of Russia, who will one day be Emperor. 169 pages

Woodruff, Elvira J

The Ravenmaster's Secret: Escape from the Tower of London (18th century England)

The eleven-year-old son of the Ravenmaster at the Tower of London befriends a Scottish rebel being held prisoner there. 225 pages