

Holm, J. J/Y
Our Only May Amelia
 As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899. (Local History)

Winthrop, E. J
Counting on Grace
 When twelve-year-old Grace and her friend Arthur are forced to leave school and work in the cotton mill, they send a letter to the Child Labor Board that brings a photographer to town to help them. (Early 20th Century)

Lasky, K. J
A Time for Courage:
The Suffragette Diary of Kathleen Bowen
 In 1917, in her Washington, D.C. home, Kathleen is concerned about the national battle for women's suffrage, the war in Europe and her own school work and family. Series. (World War I)

Hesse, K. J/Y
Witness
 A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town. (1920s)

Ryan, P. J/Y
Esperanza Rising
 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. (Great Depression)

Tripp, V. J
Meet Kit
 When her father's business closes because of the Depression, forcing Kit to make changes in her life, the nine-year-old responds with resourcefulness. Series. (Great Depression)

Salisbury, G. J/Y
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. (World War II)

Osborne, M. J
My Secret War:
The World War II Diary of Madeline Beck
 Thirteen-year-old Madeline's diaries for 1941 and 1942 reveal her experiences living on Long Island during the War while her father is away in the Navy. Series. (World War II)

Uchida, Y. J/Y
Journey to Topaz
 After the Pearl Harbor attack, an eleven-year-old girl and her family are forced to go an internment camp in Utah. (World War II)

Wolff, V. J/Y
Bat 6
 In a small town in Oregon, 21 6th grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface. (Post World War II)

Curtis, C. J/Y
The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963
 The everyday routine of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, is drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963. (Civil Rights)

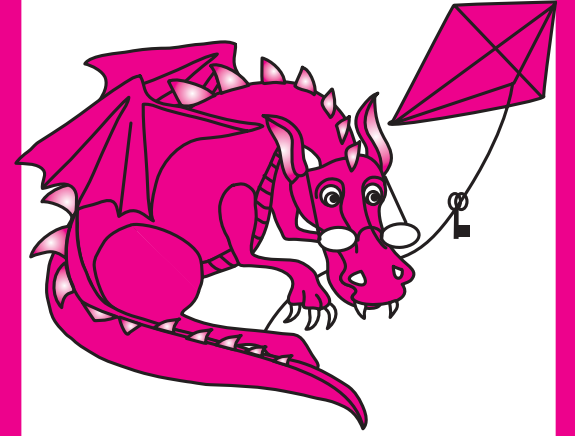
Nolan, H. Y
A Summer of Kings
 The summer of 1963 is a life-changing one for fourteen-year-old Esther Young when eighteen-year-old King-Roy Johnson, accused of murdering a white man in Alabama, comes to live with her family. (Civil Rights)



For more great reads, please visit the Kidspage at www.kcls.org.

6/07

American Historical Fiction Books for Children



Turn to us.
 The choices will surprise you.

Wistler, G. J
Red Cap
 A young Yankee drummer boy displays great courage when he's captured and sent to Andersonville Prison. (Civil War)

Nixon, J. J
David's Search
 After eleven-year-old orphan-train rider David Howard settles with a strict Texas farm family, his best friend, an ex-slave, is threatened by the growing presence of the Ku Klux Klan. Series. (Post-Civil War)

Taylor, M. J/Y
Land
 After the Civil War, Paul, the son of a white father and black mother, finds himself caught between the two worlds of colored folks and white folks as he pursues his dream of owning land. (Post-Civil War)

Myers, W. J
Journal of Joshua Loper: A Black Cowboy
 In 1871, Joshua Loper, a sixteen-year-old black cowboy, records his experiences while making his first cattle drive under an unsympathetic trail boss. (Post-Civil War)

Ryan, P. J
Riding Freedom
 A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance. (Frontier)

Paulsen, G. J/Y
The Legend of Bass Reeves
 Bass Reeves was born a slave, escaped to live with the Creek Indians, became a successful cattle rancher and later a federal marshal in the Indian Territory. This is the fictionalized life story of a true hero. (Frontier)

Peck, R. J/Y
Fair Weather
 In 1893, when Rosie and family members travel from their farm to visit Aunt Euterpe in Chicago, they have a life-changing experience at the World's Columbian Exposition. (Late 19th Century)

Defelice, C. J
Weasel
 Alone in the wilderness in the winter of 1839 while his father is recovering from an injury, eleven-year-old Nathan runs afoul of the renegade killer known as Weasel and makes a surprising discovery about the concept of revenge. (Frontier)

Gregory, K. J
Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie:
The Oregon Trail Diary of Hatlie Campbell
 Thirteen-year-old Hatlie chronicles her family's arduous 1847 journey from Missouri to Oregon on the Oregon Trail. Series. (Frontier)

Paulsen, G. J/Y
Mr. Tucket
 In 1848, while on a wagon train headed to Oregon, Francis Tucket is kidnapped by Pawnee Indians and then falls in with a one-armed trapper who teaches him how to live in the wild. (Frontier)

MacLachlan, P. J
Sarah, Plain and Tall
 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. (Frontier)

Yep, L. J
Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner
 A Chinese boy nicknamed Runt records his experiences as he travels from southern China to California in 1852 to join his uncle during the Gold Rush. Series. (Gold Rush)

Fleischman, S. J
Bandit's Moon
 Twelve-year-old Annyrose relates her adventures with Joaquin Murietta and his band of outlaws in the California gold-mining region during the mid-1800s. (Gold Rush)

Fleischman, P. J/Y
Bull Run
 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. (Civil War)

Osborne, M. J
Standing in the Light: The Captive Diary of Catherine Carey Logan
 A Quaker girl's diary reflects her experiences growing up in the Delaware River Valley of Pennsylvania and her capture by Lenape Indians in 1763. (Colonial)

Spear, E. J
Sign of the Beaver
 Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in 18th Century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills. (Frontier Life)

Woodruff, E. J
George Washington's Socks
 In the midst of a backyard campout, Matt and four other children find themselves transported back into the time of George Washington and the American Revolution, where they begin to live out history firsthand and learn the sober realities of war. (American Revolution)

Collier, J. J/Y
My Brother Sam is Dead
 Tragedy 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. (American Revolution)

Avi J
Fighting Ground
 Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought with himself. (American Revolution)

Smith, R. J
Captain's Dog:
My Journey with the Lewis & Clark Tribe
 Captain Meriwether Lewis' dog Seaman describes his experiences as he accompanies his master on the Lewis & Clark expedition to explore the western wilderness. (Frontier)

A Chronological List