HISTORICAL FICTION SERIES

American Girl  J Fic American
Stories based on the American Girl dolls and set in various time periods.
Grades 2-3+

The Birchbark House  J Fic Erdrich
The Birchbark House Series is the story of one Ojibwe family’s journey through one hundred years in America.
Grades 3-7  5 books in series  LL. 800-970

Girls Survive  J Fic Girls
Girls surviving and living through historical events.
Grades 4-6  22 books in series  LL. 490-680

I Survived  J Fic Tarshis
Children surviving historical disasters
Grades 2-5  21 books in series  LL. 520-740

Napa County Library
Children Services-Napa Main Library
253-4070
www.napalibrary.org/kids

American Canyon Branch  300 Crawford Way  644-1136
Calistoga Branch  1108 Myrtle Street  942-4833
Yountville Branch  6516 Washington Street  944-1888
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Author</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Pages</th>
<th>Grade Range</th>
<th>Leveled Reading</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Crispin: the Cross of Lead</td>
<td>Avi</td>
<td>2002</td>
<td>Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret. (Book 1 in the Crispin Series) Newbery Award Winner: 2003</td>
<td>262</td>
<td>4-7</td>
<td>780</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The End of the World and Beyond</td>
<td>Avi</td>
<td></td>
<td>After his thievery conviction in 1724, Oliver Cromwell Pitts is sent from England across the Atlantic to America where he is enslaved on a tobacco farm, never giving up on finding his sister, Charity, brought to the colonies on a different ship.</td>
<td>337</td>
<td>3-7</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Blackbird Girls</td>
<td>Blankman, Anne</td>
<td>2020</td>
<td>Told in alternating perspectives among three girls--Valentina and Oksana in 1986 and Rifka in 1941--this story shows that hatred, intolerance, and oppression are no match for the power of true friendship even in the aftermath of Chernobyl.</td>
<td>352</td>
<td>4-7</td>
<td>560</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The War That Saved My Life</td>
<td>Bradley, Kimberly</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada’s twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn’t waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.</td>
<td>316</td>
<td>4-7</td>
<td>580</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stone River Crossing</td>
<td>Tingle, Tim</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>Martha Tom knows better than to cross the Bok Chitto River to pick blackberries. The river is the border for the Choctaw Nation. But when her friend Lil Mo and family escapes the plantation to the Choctaw Nation the adventure begins.</td>
<td>320</td>
<td>4-6</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beyond the Bright Sea</td>
<td>Wolk, Lauren</td>
<td>2017</td>
<td>Set adrift on the ocean in a small skiff as a newborn, twelve-year-old Crow embarks from the island she has known her whole life, on a quest to find the missing pieces of her history.</td>
<td>304</td>
<td>5-6</td>
<td>770</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Echo Mountain</td>
<td>Wolk, Lauren</td>
<td>2021</td>
<td>When twelve-year-old Ellie and her family lose their livelihood and move to a mountain cabin in 1934, she quickly learns to be an outdoors woman and, when needed, a healer.</td>
<td>368</td>
<td>5-6</td>
<td>690</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spy Runner</td>
<td>Yelchin, Eugene</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>A Cold War noir mystery by the Newbery Honor-winning author of Breaking Stalin’s Nose finds a 12-year-old boy targeting a Russian boarder in his home with suspicion in his determination to learn the fate of his father, who went missing in action during World War II.</td>
<td>352</td>
<td>3-6</td>
<td>900</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Paper Wishes**  
Sepahban, Lois (2016)

Near the start of World War II, young Manami, her parents, and Grandfather are evacuated from their home and sent to Manzanar, an ugly, dreary internment camp in the desert for Japanese-American citizens.

Pages: 181  
Gr: 4-6  
LL 550

**The Witch of Blackbird Pond**  
Speare, Elizabeth George (1958)

In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

Newbery Award Winner: 1959

Pages: 249  
Gr: 5-8  
LL 850

**Dawn Raid**  
Smith, Pauline Vaeluaga (2018)

It comes as a surprise to Sofia and her family when her big brother, Lenny, talks about protests, overstayers and injustices against Pacific Islanders. Through her spirited and heartfelt diary entries, we join Sofia as she navigates life in the 1970s and is inspired by the courageous work of the Polynesian Panthers as they encourage immigrant families across New Zealand to stand up for their rights.

Pages: 224  
Gr: 3-7  
LL 850

**The Warden’s Daughter**  
Spinelli, Jerry (2018)

Living with her warden father in an apartment above a 1950s prison, Cammie O’Reilly struggles to come to terms with the loss of her mother, who died saving her from harm when she was a baby, and interacts with some of the reformed inmates.

Pages: 368  
Gr: 4-7  
LL 550

**Clan**  
Brouwer, Sigmund (2020)

Clan follows the journey of Atlatl and the saber-toothed cub he rescues from a dire wolf attack. Injured as a child, Atlatl dreams of one day earning his father's respect as a hunter.

Pages: 256  
Gr: 4-7  
LL 810

**Al Capone Does My Shirts**  
Choldenko, Gennifer (2006)

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Pages: 285  
Gr: 5-6  
LL 600

**Suspect Red**  
Elliott, L. M. (2017)

It's 1953, and the United States has just executed an American couple convicted of spying for the Soviet Union. Everyone is on edge as the Cold War standoff between communism and democracy leads to the rise of Senator Joe McCarthy and his zealous hunt for communist sympathizers.

Pages: 291  
Gr: 5-9  
LL 790

**Island War**  
Giff, Patricia Reilly (2018)

The daughter of a scientific researcher and the son of a U.S. agent meet by chance on a remote Aleutian Island during World War II and put aside their differences in order to survive when they become the only Americans to escape an invasion by Japanese forces.

Pages: 201  
Gr: 3-7  
LL 520
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Author</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Pages</th>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>LLI</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Valley of the Moon: The Diary of Maria Rosalia De Milagros</td>
<td>J Fic Garland</td>
<td>2002</td>
<td>The 1845-1846 diary of thirteen-year-old Maria, servant to a wealthy Spanish family which took her in when her Indian mother died. Includes a historical note about the settlement and early history of California.</td>
<td>208</td>
<td>4-6</td>
<td>880</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allies</td>
<td>J Fic Gratz</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>D-Day, June 6, 1944: the most expansive military endeavor in history. No less than world cooperation would bring down Hitler and the Axis powers. And so people -- and kids -- across the globe lent their part. From the young US soldiers in the boats to spies in the French countryside.</td>
<td>288</td>
<td>4-7</td>
<td>780</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Out of the Dust</td>
<td>J Fic Hesse</td>
<td>1997</td>
<td>Billie Jo, a fourteen-year-old who lives in Oklahoma during the Great Depression, jumps a train to head West. Newbery Award Winner: 1998.</td>
<td>227</td>
<td>5+</td>
<td>1040</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Equal</td>
<td>J Fic Hostetter</td>
<td>2021</td>
<td>It’s the summer of 1959 at the foot of Bakers Mountain in western North Carolina when 13-year-old Jackie Honeycutt first bumps into Thomas Freeman fishing on the riverbank. They hit it off, and Jackie hopes the two of them can be friends. But Jackie is white, and Thomas is Black—and Jackie quickly learns their growing friendship won’t be easy.</td>
<td>320</td>
<td>4-7</td>
<td>660</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Backyard Secrets of Danny Wexler</td>
<td>J Fic Pokras</td>
<td>2021</td>
<td>Eleven-year-old Danny Wexler, the only Jewish boy in his blue-collar town during the late 1970s, is obsessed with the Bermuda Triangle. When a local child goes missing, Danny’s convinced it’s connected to an old Bermuda Triangle theory involving UFOs. With his two best friends and their Spacetron telescope, Danny heads to his backyard to investigate.</td>
<td>252</td>
<td>3-7</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Root Magic</td>
<td>J Fic Royce</td>
<td>2021</td>
<td>It’s 1963, and things are changing for Jezebel Turner. With school integration arriving in South Carolina, Jez and her twin brother, Jay, are about to begin the school year with a bunch of new kids. But the biggest change comes when Jez and Jay turn eleven—and their uncle, Doc, tells them he’s going to train them in rootwork.</td>
<td>352</td>
<td>3-7</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red Menace</td>
<td>J Fic Ruby</td>
<td>2020</td>
<td>If thirteen-year-old Marty Rafner had his way, he’d spend the summer of 1953 warming the bench for his baseball team. Marty just wants everything to go back to normal, but that’s impossible thanks to the rumors that his parents are traitors. As his friends and teammates turn on him and federal agents track his every move, Marty isn’t sure what to believe.</td>
<td>224</td>
<td>6-8</td>
<td>790</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>Author</td>
<td>Year</td>
<td>Summary</td>
<td>Pages</td>
<td>Grade Range</td>
<td>LL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-------------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>------</td>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-------</td>
<td>-------------</td>
<td>------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of the Stars</td>
<td>J Fic Lowry</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>Gr. 5-7</td>
<td>670</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cuckoo’s Flight (Minoan Wings Bk 3)</td>
<td>J Fic Orr</td>
<td>2021</td>
<td>Clio raise and train horses even when she had an accident that left her unable to ride. After a series of difficult years in the community, the palace issued that a young girl should be sacrificed as offering to the mother goddess. Clio works to overcome her fears, save her family, city and animals.</td>
<td>288</td>
<td>Gr. 4-7</td>
<td>1000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camp Time in California</td>
<td>J Fic Osborne</td>
<td>2021</td>
<td>The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie to the Yosemite National Park in 1903. They are surprised to join John Muir and President Theodore Roosevelt on the most significant camping trip in conservation history!</td>
<td>112</td>
<td>Gr. 1-4</td>
<td>430</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prairie Lotus</td>
<td>J Fic Park</td>
<td>2020</td>
<td>A young half-Asian girl, Hanna, is in a small town in America’s heartland, in 1880. Her dream is to get an education and become a dressmaker in her father’s shop. First she must deal with the prejudice the town’s people have against Asians.</td>
<td>272</td>
<td>Gr. 5-7</td>
<td>730</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Turtle In Paradise</td>
<td>J Fic Holm</td>
<td>2010</td>
<td>In 1935, when her mother gets a job house keeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West Florida.</td>
<td>191</td>
<td>Gr. 3-5</td>
<td>610</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mighty Inside</td>
<td>J Fic Frazier</td>
<td>2021</td>
<td>Melvin Robinson wants a strong, smooth, He-Man voice that lets him say what he wants, when he wants—especially to his crush Millie Takazawa, and Gary Ratliff, who constantly puts him down. But the thought of starting high school is only making his stutter worse. And Melvin’s growing awareness that racism is everywhere—not just in the South where a boy his age has been brutally killed by two white men, but also in his own hometown of Spokane—is making him realize that he can’t mutely stand by.</td>
<td>248</td>
<td>Gr. 3-7</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kira-Kira</td>
<td>J Fic Kadohata</td>
<td>2004</td>
<td>Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950’s and early 1960’s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill. Newberry Award Winner (2005)</td>
<td>244</td>
<td>Gr. 4-6</td>
<td>740</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Sound of Freedom  (Heroes Quartet series)  J Fic Kacer

Kacer, Kathy (2018)

These books are about the unsung heroes of World War 2.

Book 1: The Sound of Freedom— A clarinetist family applies for a position in a new orchestra forming in Palestine trying to evade the changing times in Poland. LL 750

Book 2: Masters of Silence— A French mime, Marcel Marceau, risks everything to help Jewish children at a convent to escape the Nazis. LL 750

Book 3: Louder Than Words— A Catholic housekeeper sacrifices her own safety to save the children of her employer. LL 710

Book 4: Call Across the Sea— Transporting Jewish escapes in a boat from Denmark to freedom in Sweden. LL 780

Gr. 4-7

Hattie Big Sky  J Fic Larson

Larson, Kirby (2008)

For most of her life, sixteen-year-old Hattie Brooks has been shuttled from one distant relative to another. Tired of being Hattie Here-and-There, she summons the courage to leave Iowa and move all by herself to Vida, Montana, to work on her late uncle’s homestead claim. Hattie braves hard weather, a cantankerous cow, and her own hopeless hand at the cook stove.

Pages: 289  Gr: 6-8  LL 700

Faceless  J Fic Lasky

Lasky, Kathryn (2021)

Growing up in 1943 war-torn England, thirteen-year-old Alice and her older sister Louise are members of a centuries-old spy clan, but when Louise decides to spy for the enemy, their bond is changed forever.

Pages: 304  Gr: 3-7  LL----

A Ceiling made of Eggshells  J Fic Levine

Levine, Gail Carson (2021)

From age seven, Loma relishes traveling with her beloved grandfather across fifteenth-century Spain, working to keep the Jews safe, but soon realizes she must also make sacrifices to help her people. Includes historical notes, recipe, glossary, and a link to a bibliography.

Pages: 416  Gr:3-7  LL 670

The World was Ours  J Fic Kessler

Kessler, Liz (2021)

Torn apart by the historical events leading up to World War II, three friends from 1936 Vienna are scattered to different countries as darkness spreads throughout Europe, impacting their families and their bonds with each other.

Pages: 328  Gr: 4-7  LL 630