

# Historical Fiction

## Grades 3-4

***Choosing Up Sides*** John H. Ritter (670L) In 1921 thirteen-year-old Luke finds himself torn between accepting his left-handedness or conforming to the belief of his preacher-father that such a condition is evil and must be overcome.

***The Courage of Sarah Noble*** by Leonard Weisgard (610L) An eight year old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.

***I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916*** by Lauren Tarshis (610L) In July 1916, Chet Roscow is fascinated by news accounts of the great white shark said to be attacking people along the New Jersey shore not far from his home, but when he goes swimming in Matawan Creek he discovers the truth of these stories.

***Love You, Soldier*** by Amy Hest (540L) Katie, a Jewish girl living in New York City during WW2 sees many dynamic changes in her world as she waits for her father to return from war.

***The Minstrel in the Tower*** by Gloria Skurzynski (660L) In the year 1195, 11 year old Rogers and his little sister Alice must travel the French countryside in search of their ailing mother's estranged brother, a wealthy baron.

***Riding Freedom*** by Pam Munoz (720L) A fictionalized account of Charlie (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, move to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

***Sarah, Plain and Tall*** by Patricia MacLachlan (690L) 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 she will stay.

***Tolliver's Secret*** by Esther Wood Brady (740L) During the Revolutionary War, a 10 year old girl crosses enemy lines to deliver a loaf of bread containing a message for the patriots.



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## Grades 5-6

***Blood Red Horse*** K.M. Grant (930L) A special horse named Hosanna changes the lives of two English brothers and those around them as they fight with King Richard I against Saladin's armies during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Crusade.

***The Great Turkey Walk*** Kathleen Karr (700L) In 1860, a somewhat simple-minded 15 year old boy attempts to herd one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Colorado in hopes of selling them at profit. The action is nonstop as the group encounters turkey rustlers, locust swarms, rowdy soldiers, and friendly Indians.

***The Green Glass Sea*** Ellen Klages (790L) In 1943, 11 year old Dewey is traveling west to live with her scientist father. When she reaches Los Alamos, NM, she learns that her father is working on a top secret government project.

***In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*** Bette Bao Lord (730L) A Chinese child comes to Brooklyn in 1947, where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.

***Johnny Tremain*** Esther Forbes (840L) After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.

***Matilda Bone*** Karen Cushman (850L) 14 year old Matilda, an apprentice bonesetter and practitioner of medicine, in a medieval English village, tries to reconcile aspects of her life, both spiritual and practical.

***Morning Girl*** Michael Dorris (980L) Morning Girl, who loves the day, and her younger brother Star Boy, who loves the night, take turns describing their life on an island in pre-Columbian America. Morning Girl describes the arrival of the first Europeans.

***My Brother Sam is Dead*** James L. Collier (770L) Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the American Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces with the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

***Shakespeare Stealer*** Gary Blackwood (840L) An orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe and steal the script of "Hamlet", but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.

***Slave Dancer*** Paula Fox (970L) Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa bound ship, a 13 year old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slave ship and his job is to play music for exercising the human cargo.

***SOS Titanic*** Eve Bunting (690L) 15 year old Barry O'Neill, travelling from Ireland to America on the maiden voyage of the Titanic, finds his life endangered when the ship hits an iceberg and begins to sink.

