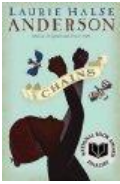


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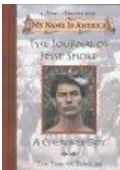
Do you like to read stories or accounts of people who lived through a different time period or historical event? Then you might find these interesting:



J/F/AND

[Chains](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson

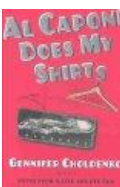
After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.



J/F/BRU

[The Journal of Jesse Smoke: A Cherokee Boy](#) by Joseph Bruchac

Jesse Smoke, a sixteen year-old Cherokee, begins a journal to record stories of his people and their difficulties as they face removal along the Trail of Tears. Part of the **My Name is America** series.



J/F/CHO

[Al Capone Does My Shirts](#) by Gennifer Choldenko

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.



J/F/CUR

[Elijah of Buxton](#) by Christopher Paul Curtis

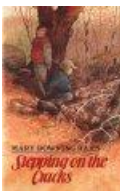
Eleven year-old Elijah Freeman is the first child born into freedom in Buxton, Canada, a haven for slaves fleeing the American south. Elijah uses his wits and skills to try and bring justice to the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.



J/F/ERD

[The Game of Silence](#) by Louise Erdrich

Living with her family on an island in Lake Superior during the mid-1800s, a young Ojibwe girl begins to fear for the worst when she hears rumors that the white men are coming to remove her entire tribe from their land.



J/F/HAH

[Stepping on the Cracks](#) by Mary Downing Hahn

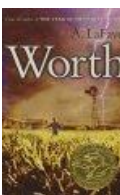
The Green Glass Sea In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, eleven year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him.



J/F/KLA

[The Green Glass Sea](#) by Ellen Klages

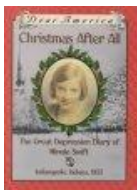
It is 1943 and eleven year-old Dewey Kerrigan is traveling west on a train to live with her scientist father--but no one will tell her exactly where he is. When she reaches Los Alamos, New Mexico, she learns why: he's working on a top secret government program.



J/F/LAF

[Worth](#) by A. LaFaye

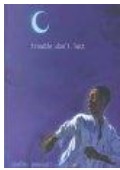
After breaking his leg, eleven year-old Nate feels useless because he cannot work on the family farm in nineteenth-century Nebraska. When his father brings home an orphan boy to help with the chores, Nate feels even worse.



J/F/LAS

Christmas After All: The Great Depression Diary of Minnie Swift by Kathryn Lasky

In her fictionalized journal, eleven year-old Minnie Swift recounts how her family dealt with the difficult times during the Depression and how the arrival of an orphan from Texas changed their lives in Indianapolis just before Christmas 1932. Part of the **Dear America** series.



J/F/PEA

Trouble Don't Last by Shelley Pearsall

Samuel, an eleven year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad.



J/F/PEC

On the Wings of Heroes by Richard Peck

A boy in Illinois remembers the home front years of World War II, especially his two heroes--his brother in the Air Force and his father, who fought in the previous war.



J/F/PEC

The River Between Us by Richard Peck

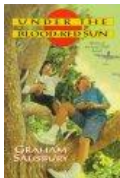
During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois.



J/F/ROB

Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule by Harriette Robinet

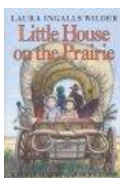
Born with a withered leg and hand, Pascal, who is about twelve years old, joins other former slaves in a search for a farm and the freedom which it promises.



J/F/SAL

Under the Blood-Red Sun by Graham Salisbury

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.



J/F/WIL

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

In the first **Little House** book, a family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire. Part of the **Little House** series.



J/F/WIL/pb

Behind the Bedroom Wall by Laura E. Williams

Thirteen year-old Korinna must decide whether to report her parents to her Hitler youth group when she discovers that they are hiding Jews in a secret space behind Korinna's bedroom wall.



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