

Historical Fiction for Third and Fourth Graders



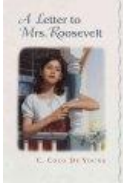
Do you like to read stories or accounts of people who lived through a different time period or historical event? Then you might find these interesting:



J/F/CUY

[The Battlefield Ghost](#) by Margery Cuyler

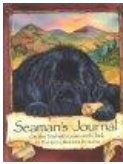
When fourth grader John and his sister Lisa move into an old house in Princeton, New Jersey, they find it haunted by the ghost of a Hessian soldier from the Revolutionary War and try to reunite him with the ghost of his beloved horse.



J/F/DEY

[A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt](#) by Coco De Young

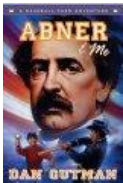
Eleven year-old Margo fulfills a class assignment by writing a letter to Eleanor Roosevelt asking for help to save her family's home during the Great Depression.



J/F/EUB

[Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark](#) by Patricia Reeder Eubank

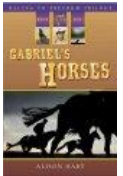
Seaman, the Newfoundland dog belonging to Meriwether Lewis, keeps an account of their adventures during the journey to the Pacific.



J/F/GUT

[Abner and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure](#) by Dan Gutman

With his ability to travel through time using baseball cards and photographs, thirteen year-old Joe goes back to 1863 to ask Abner Doubleday whether he invented baseball, but instead finds himself in the middle of the Battle of Gettysburg. Part of **A Baseball Card Adventure** series.



J/F/HAR

[Gabriel's Horses](#) by Alison Hart

In Kentucky during the Civil War, the twelve year-old slave Gabriel contends with a cruel new horse trainer and skirmishes with Confederate soldiers as he pursues his dream of becoming a jockey.



J/F/HUG/Step Up

[Les Miserables](#) by Victor Hugo; adapted by Monica Kulling

Trying to forget his past and live an honest life, escaped convict Jean Valjean risks his freedom to take care of a motherless young girl during a period of political unrest in Paris. This is an abridged version of the classic written at a level appropriate for third and fourth graders.



J/F/LAS

[Hope in my Heart](#) by Kathryn Lasky

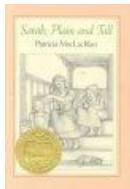
After her family immigrates to America from Italy in 1903, ten year-old Sofia is quarantined at the Ellis Island Immigration Station, where she makes a good friend but endures nightmarish conditions. Part of the **My America** series.



J/F/LIT

[Fire at the Triangle Factory](#) by Holly Littlefield

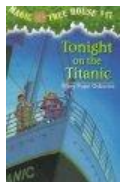
Two fourteen year-old girls, sewing machine operators at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company, are caught in the building during the deadly fire of 1911.



J/F/MAC/Newbery

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

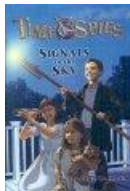
When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.



J/F/OSB/pb

Tonight on the Titanic by Mary Pope Osborne

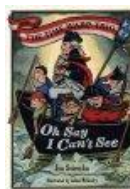
The Magic Tree House transports Jack and Annie to the deck of the Titanic to find a mysterious gift that will free a small dog from a magic spell. Part of the **Magic Tree House** series.



J/F/RAN/pb

Signals in the Sky by Candice F. Ransom

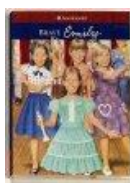
Whisked back to 1863 Virginia with the aid of a magical spyglass, the three Chapman children meet real-life Civil War spy, John Doyle. Part of the **Time Spies** series.



J/F/SCI

Oh Say, I Can't See by Jon Scieszka

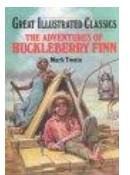
After arriving in Pennsylvania during the winter of 1776, time travelers Joe, Fred, and Samantha inspire General George Washington, "the man on the one dollar bill," to carry out a surprise attack on Hessian troops in Trenton, New Jersey, that will change the course of the Revolutionary War. Part of the **Time Warp Trio** series.



J/F/AME

Brave Emily by Valerie Tripp

Molly befriends a World War II refugee named Emily Bennett, who struggles to overcome shyness. Part of the **American Girl** series.



J/F/TWA

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain; adapted by Deidre S. Laiken

Huck is a young white boy fleeing from his dangerous Pa and Jim is a runaway slave longing to be reunited with his family. Flung together by circumstance, they journey down the Mississippi together on a log raft, each in search of his own definition of freedom.



J/F/WIL/STEP UP

Hard Times on the Prairie adapted from the **Little House Books** by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Laura and her pioneer family struggle against hardships on the Kansas frontier, including a prairie fire, a grasshopper invasion and a blizzard. Part of the **Little House** series.



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