

Young Adult *HISTORICAL FICTION*

- YA Fic Anderson, Laurie Halse *Fever, 1793*
In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.
- YA Fic Anderson, M.T. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the nation 1, the pox party (and sequel)*
Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.
- Newbery Avi *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*
As the lone lady on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.
- YA Fic Bagdasarian, Adam *Forgotten Fire*
Horrors of the Armenian genocide from 1915 through 1923 become clear when a privileged boy is torn from his home and family.
- YA Fic Bartoletti, Susan Campbell *The Boy Who Dared*
In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.
- YA Fic Bell, Ted *Nick of Time*
In 1939, Nick McIver finds a sea chest washed up on the island in the English Channel where he lives. Soon after, he and his younger sister run afoul of the menacing pirate Billy Blood, who seems to have stepped right out of the eighteenth century, as well as a group of Nazis patrolling the waters in an experimental U-boat. Inside the chest is a time machine (built, naturally, by Leonardo da Vinci) and a cry for help from another Nick McIver, who was a captain in Lord Nelson's fleet.
- YA Fic Bennett, Veronica *Cassandra's Sister*
Bennett portrays Jane Austen--Jenny to her family--at 19, writing stories and sharing all her thoughts, hopes and dreams with her cherished older sister Cassandra.

- YA Fic Easton, Kelly *The Life History of a Star*
 For more than a year, fourteen-year-old Kristin uses her diary to record her confused thoughts about the physical changes brought on by adolescence and the emotional strain on her family of living with the “ghost” of her older who was physically and mentally destroyed while serving in Vietnam.
- YA Fic Fletcher, Christine *Ten Cents a Dance*
 With her mother ill, it's up to fifteen-year-old Ruby Jacinski to support her family. But in the 1940s, the only opportunities open to a Polish-American girl from Chicago's poor Yards is a job in one of the meat packing plants. Through a chance meeting with a local tough, Ruby lands a job as a taxi dancer and soon becomes an expert in the art of "fishing": working her patrons for meals, cash, clothes, even jewelry. Drawn ever deeper into the world of dance halls, jazz, and the mob, Ruby gradually realizes that the only one who can save her is herself.
- YA Fic Friesner, Esther *Nobody's Princess*
 Determined to fend for herself in a world where only men have real freedom, headstrong Helen, who will be called queen of Sparta and Helen of Troy one day, learns to fight, hunt, and ride horses while disguised as a boy, and goes on an adventure throughout the Mediterranean world.
- YA Fic Gardner, Sally *Red Necklace*
 Yann, of Roma blood, has been raised by the dwarf Tetu, and together they assist a famed stage magician. When the evil Count Kalliovski murders the magician, hoping to discover the secret of his astounding automaton, Yann is smuggled off alone to London, to safety and education. He returns to a Paris on the brink of revolution, seeking not only Tetu but Sidonie, a young aristocrat whose unhinged father loathes her and has promised her to the Count.
- YA Fic Giff, Patricia Reilly *Nory Ryan's Song*
 When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.
- YA Fic Godberson, Anna *Luxe*
 Beautiful sisters Elizabeth and Diana Holland rule Manhattans social scene, but are soon caught up in a whirlwind of scandal when a family secret threatens their position. This delicious novel is the first of an exciting new trilogy about five compelling teens in 1899 Manhattan, where appearance matters over everything.

- YA Fic Grant, K.M. **How the Hangman Lost His Heart**
When her Uncle Frank is executed for treason against England's King George in 1746 and his severed head is mounted on a pike for public viewing, daring Alice tries to reclaim the head for a proper burial, finding an unlikely ally in the soft-hearted executioner, while incurring the wrath of the royal guard.
- YA Fic Greene, Bette **Summer of My German Soldier**
Sheltering an escaped German POW is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old Jewish girl in Arkansas.
- YA Fic Haddix, Margaret Peterson **Uprising**
In 1927, at the urging of twenty-one-year-old Harriet, Mrs. Livingston reluctantly recalls her experiences at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory, including miserable working conditions that led to a strike, then the fire that took the lives of her two best friends, when Harriet, the boss's daughter, was only five years old.
- YA Fic Hooper, Mary **Newes From the Dead**
A hanged scullery maid rises from the dead in this fascinating historical novel based on actual events in Cromwellian England. Wrongly accused of infanticide after delivering the stillborn child of her wealthy employer's ignoble grandson, Anne Green is sentenced to death. After being hanged, Anne awakens to a state of suspended animation, where she can neither see nor speak. She begins silently reviewing the sordid circumstances that led to her demise, while on the other side of the coffin's lid.
- YA Fic Jocelyn, Marthe **How it Happened in Peach Hill**
When fifteen-year-old Annie Grey and her "clairvoyant" mother arrive in Peach Hill, New York, in 1924, each finds a reason for wanting to finally settle down, but to reach their goals they will have to do some serious lying and Annie will have to stand up for herself.
- YA Fic Lawrence, Iain **Convicts**
His efforts to avenge his father's unjust imprisonment force thirteen-year-old Tom Tin into the streets of nineteenth-century London, but after he is convicted of murder, Tom is eventually sent to Australia where he has a surprise reunion.
- YA Fic L'Engle, Madeleine **Joys of Love**
After graduating from college in 1941, Elizabeth Jerrold pursues her dream of becoming a stage actress, landing a position as an apprentice in a summer theater company where she hones her acting skills and falls in love with an aspiring director.

- YA Fic Levitin, Sonia Silver Days
Escaping from Hitler's Germany a prosperous Jewish family lives in a New York City tenement until Papa decides to move the family to California.
- YA Fic Lisle, Janet Taylor The Art of Keeping Cool
In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets while staying in their grandparents' Rhode Island town, where they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy.
- YA Fic Meyer, Carolyn Duchessina
While her tyrannical family is out of favor in Italy, young Catherine de Medici is raised in convents, then in 1533, when she is fourteen, her uncle, Pope Clement VII, arranges for her marriage to prince Henri of France, who is destined to become king.
- YA Fic Meyer, Carolyn Mary, Bloody Mary
Mary Tudor, who would reign briefly as Queen of England during the mid sixteenth century, tells the story of her troubled childhood as daughter of King Henry VIII.
- YA Fic Meyer, LA Mississippi Jack
In 1806, the exploits of Jacky Faber continue as she heads west to avoid capture by the British and discovers adventure aboard a keelboat on the mighty Mississippi River.
- YA Fic Morgan, Nicola Highwayman's Footsteps
The runaway son of a wealthy English gentleman and the orphan daughter of a notorious highwayman meet at gunpoint on a deserted moor one dark night in 1761 and form an unlikely alliance. Branded a coward by his father for refusing to enter the King's army, 14-year-old William de Lacey flees his home after stealing his father's purse. Will himself becomes the victim of a robber who turns out to be Bess, love child of a highwayman and an innkeeper's daughter murdered by redcoats years ago.
- YA Fic Myers, Walter Dean Harlem Summer
In 1920s Harlem, sixteen-year-old Mark Purvis, an aspiring jazz saxophonist, gets a summer job as an errand boy for the publishers of the groundbreaking African American magazine, "The Crisis," but soon finds himself on the enemy list of mobster Dutch Shultz.

- YA Fic Naidoo, Beverley **Burn My Heart**
 Alternating its focus between Mathew, a white farmer's son growing up in Kenya during the 1950s, and Mugo, a native African close to Mathew's age, this novel paints a grim picture of British imperialism and revolution. Mathew and Mugo have been lifelong friends, even though Mugo has been a trusted servant in Mathew's household since the day he saved the then six-year-old Mathew by killing a snake. But the friends' loyalty is tested when rumors of deadly uprisings against white settlers sweep the country.
- YA Fic Napoli, Donna Jo **Bound**
 In a novel based on Chinese Cinderella tales, fourteen-year-old stepchild Xing-Xing endures a life of neglect and servitude, as her stepmother cruelly mutilates her own child's feet so that she alone might marry well.
- YA Fic Napoli, Donna Jo **Stones in Water**
 After being taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys including his Jewish friend, Roberto is forced to work in Germany, escapes into the Ukrainian winter, before desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.
- YA Fic Nixon, Joan Lowery **Land of Hope**
 Follows the trials, hardships and joys of teenage girls who have come to the US in the early 1900s.
- YA Fic O'Dell, Scott **Sarah Bishop**
 Left alone after her father and brother take opposite sides in the War for Independence, Sarah flees the British by trying to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.
- Newbery Park, Lind Sue **A Single Shard**
 Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
- YA Fic Paterson, Katherine **Lyddie**
 Impoverished Vermont farm girl is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts in the 1840's.
- YA Fic Paton, Walsh **Grace**
 After helping her father rescue survivors of a shipwreck on the coast of England in 1838, Grace finds her quiet life crumbling around her.
- YA Fic Peck, Robert Newton **A Day No Pigs Would Die**
 A twelve-year-old boy comes of age on a Shaker farm in Vermont.

- YA Fic Perkins, Mitali **Secret Keeper**
 In 1974 when her father leaves New Delhi, India, to seek a job in New York, Ashi, a tomboy at the advanced age of sixteen, feels thwarted in the home of her extended family in Calcutta where she, her mother, and sister must stay, and when her father dies before he can send for them, they must remain with their relatives and observe the old-fashioned traditions that Ashi hates.
- YA Fic Reese, Celia **Witch Child**
 In 1659, fourteen-year-old Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts.
- YA Fic Richter, Conrad **Light in the Forest**
 A white boy, taken by the Indians and reared as one of them, is forced to return to his white family.
- YA Fic Sanders, Scott **Hanging Woods**
 In an Alabama mill town in 1975, a teen reads his mother's diary and kills a fox, discovering a lot he didn't want to know about his parents and realizing he has the power to kill. An only child who likes to read, 13-year-old Walter hangs out with his two best friends, Mothball and Jimmy. Mothball is overweight, cowardly and the brunt of teasing, while Jimmy is lean, malicious and good-looking. As they skulk around town, camp in the woods and swim in the river, the three friends avoid Troll, a reclusive Vietnam vet.
- YA Fic Sayres, Meghan **Anahita's Woven Riddle**
 In Iran, more than 100 years ago, a young girl with three suitors gets permission from her father and a holy man to weave into her wedding rug a riddle to be solved by her future husband, which will ensure that he has wit to match hers.
- Newbery Schmidt, Gary **Wednesday Wars**
 During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

- YA Fic Selfors, Suzanne Saving Juliet
Seventeen-year-old Mimi Wallingford's stage fright and fight with her mother on the closing night of Romeo and Juliet are nothing compared to the troubles she faces when she and her leading man are transported to Shakespeare's Verona, where she decides to give the real Juliet a happy ending.
- YA Fic Sheth, Kashmirira Keeping Corner
In India in the 1940s, thirteen-year-old Leela's happy, spoiled childhood ends when her husband since age nine, whom she barely knows, dies, leaving her a widow whose only hope of happiness could come from Mahatma Ghandi's social and political reforms.
- YA Fic Taylor, Mildred Let the Circle Be Unbroken
Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times but learn pride and self-respect.
- YA Fic Taylor, Theodore The Bomb
In 1945, when the Americans liberate the Bikini Atoll from the Japanese, fourteen-year-old Sorry Rinamu does not realize that the next year he will lead a desperate effort to save his island home from a much more deadly threat.
- YA Fic Twain, Mark Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Adventures of a young boy and a run-away slave as they float down the Mississippi on a raft.
- YA Fic Twain, Mark Prince and the Pauper
When a young Edward VI of England and a poor boy who resembles him exchange places, each learns about the other's very different station in life.
- YA Fic Ventrakamen, Padma Climbing the Stairs
Fifteen-year-old Vidya is shocked and proud to learn that her appa (father), a compassionate doctor, has joined the freedom fighters, who follow Gandhi's example of nonviolent protest against British rule. But tragedy strikes: during a rally Vidya's father is beaten nearly to death and left with severe brain injury. Because he can no longer practice medicine, the family is forced to move in with relatives, who treat them as servants.
- YA Fic Wells, Rosemary Red Moon at Sharpsburg
India, a young Southern girl, struggles to survive in a war that threatens to destroy her family, her Virginia home, and the only life she has ever known.

- YA Fic Whelan, Gloria Parade of Shadows
In 1907, sixteen-year-old Julia Hamilton, happy to accompany her diplomat father on a tour of the Ottoman-controlled cities of Istanbul, Damascus, Palmyra, and Aleppo, soon finds the journey increasingly hazardous as she begins to uncover her father's true mission and the secret motivations of the other travelers in their group.
- YA Fic White, Ruth Way Down Deep
In the West Virginia town of Way Down Deep in the 1950s, a foundling called Ruby June is happily living with Miss Arbutus at the local boarding house when suddenly, after the arrival of a family of outsiders, the mystery of Ruby's past begins to unravel.
- YA Fic Whitney, Kim The Other Half of Life
In this fictionalized account of the MS St. Louis, 15-year-old Thomas travels from Germany to Cuba to escape the Nazis in 1939. Thanks to a sympathetic captain, the Jewish passengers are treated well by the Nazi crew. Aboard the ship, Thomas befriends another Jewish family, the Affeldts, and spends his leisure time honing his chess game. Via hiding and spying, Thomas and the Affeldts discover that although they have landing permits, Cuba might not allow them to enter. This scenario does come to pass and America will not allow them entrance, either, so the ship is forced to return to Europe. Separated from the Affeldts, Thomas promises to meet their oldest daughter, whom he loves, five years after they disembark.
- YA Fic Yolen, Jane The Rogues
After his family is evicted from their Scottish farm, fifteen-year-old Roddy forms an unlikely friendship with a notorious rogue who helps him outwit a tyrant landlord in order to find a family treasure and make his way to America.

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