

Young Adult

WORLD WIDE FICTION

Afghanistan

- YA Fic Ellis, Deborah *The Breadwinner (and sequel)*
Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.
- YA Fic Staples, Suzanne *Under the Persimmon Tree*
During the 2001 Afghan War, the lives of Najmal, a young refugee from Kunduz, Afghanistan, and Nusrat, an American-Muslim teacher who is awaiting her husband's return from Mazar-i-Sharif, intersect at a school in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Africa

- YA Fic Coman, Carolyn *Many Stones*
After her sister Laura is murdered in South Africa, Berry and her estranged father travel there to participate in the dedication of a memorial in her name.
- YA Fic Craig, Colleen *Afrika*
Growing up in Canada with her white South African mother, Kim van der Merwe does not know who her father is. Now, at 13, she goes to Cape Town for the first time, shortly after independence in the mid-1990s, because her mother, a journalist, is going to report on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Visiting and meeting her family for the first time, she decides that her mission will be to discover her father's identity.
- YA Fic Jansen, Hanna *Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You*
The patient encouragement of the author to help her adopted daughter, Jeanne d'Arc Umubeyi, come to terms with her memories provides the frame for this account of genocide in Rwanda in 1994. When Jeanne was eight, Hutu neighbors massacred her family and destroyed her home; she witnessed the murder of her mother and brother, as well as other Tutsis, strangers and family friends.
- YA Fic Naidoo, Beverley *Out of Bounds: seven stories of conflict and hope*
Seven stories, spanning the time period from 1948 to 2000, chronicle the experiences of young people from different races and ethnic groups as they try to cope with the restrictions placed on their lives by South Africa's apartheid laws.
- YA Fic Stratton, Alan *Chanda's Secret (and sequel)*
A young adult novel set in modern Africa tells the story of Chanda, a 16-year-old girl who must confront the realities of HIV/AIDS, as well as the corrosive nature of secrets and the healing power of truth.

YA Fic Quintana, Anton **The Baboon King**
Son of a Kikuyu mother and a Masai herdsman father, Moreng Aru the hunter lives on the edges of tribal society until an actual banishment forces him to make a life for himself among a troop of baboons.

African American

YA Fic Anderson, M.T. **The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, traitor to the nation, 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 Brooks, Bruce **The Moves Make the Man**
A black boy and an emotionally troubled white boy in North Carolina form a precarious friendship.

Newbery Curtis, Christopher **The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963**
The lives and routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they visit Grandma in Alabama in 1963.

YA Fic Flake, Sharon **The Skin I'm In**
Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, self-conscious because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and discovers how to love who she is and what she looks like.

YA Fic Grimes, Nikki **Jazmin's Notebook**
Jazmin, an Afro-American teenager who lives with her older sister in a small Harlem apartment in the 1960s finds strength in writing poetry and keeping a record of the events in her sometimes difficult life.

YA Fic Lester, Julius **Day of Tears**
Pierce Butler has a big slave auction to pay debts and his family is very sad because Emma, a slave who raised the children, may be sold.

Newbery Schmidt, Gary **Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy**
In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot.

Armenia

YA Fic Bagdasarian, Adam **Forgotten Fire**
Horrors of the Armenian genocide become clear when a privileged boy is torn from his home and family.

Australia

- YA Fic Abdel-Fattah, Randa **Does my Head Look Big in This?**
Year Eleven at an exclusive prep school in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia, would be tough enough, but it is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith--without losing her identity or sense of style.
- YA Fic Crew, Gary **Strange Objects**
After discovering valuable relics from a seventeenth century shipwreck, a sixteen-year-old Australian disappears under mysterious circumstances.
- YA Fic Moriarty, Jaclyn **Feeling Sorry for Celia**
Australian teenager Elizabeth's life is revealed through notes from imaginary organizations such as the Cold Hard Truth Association, and from post-it notes from her mom and letters to a local pen pal.
- YA Fic Zusak, Markus **Fighting Ruben Wolfe**
Two brothers from the wrong side of the tracks spar with life in defense of family and become involved with the Australian underground boxing circuit.

Brazil

- YA Fic Ibbotson, Eva **Journey to the River Sea**
Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River.

Canada

- YA Fic Banerjee, Anjali **Maya Running**
Maya, a Canadian of East Indian descent, struggles with her ethnic identity, infatuation with a classmate, and the presence of her beautiful Bengali cousin, Pinky, who comes for a visit bearing a powerful statue of the god Ganesh, the Hindu elephant boy. Maya asks Ganesh to remove all obstacles to her dreams. Like most wishes, it backfires in hilarious and painful ways. Maya must journey across continents to restore the truth and find out who she is.
- YA Fic Fox, Paula, **The Moonlight Man**
Fifteen-year-old Catherine and her father take their first joint vacation in Nova Scotia and finally get to know each other.
- YA Fic Hokenson, Terry **The Winter Road**
Seventeen-year-old Willa, still grieving over the death of her older brother and the neglect of her father, decides to fly a small plane to fetch her mother from Northern Ontario, but when the plane crashes she is all alone in the snowy wilderness.
- Youth Fic Montgomery, L.M. **Anne of Green Gables**
Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan is sent by mistake to live with a lonely middle aged brother and sister on Prince Edward Island and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Caribbean Islands

- YA Fic Lawrence, Iain **The Smugglers**
In eighteenth-century England, after his father buys a schooner called the Dragon, sixteen-year-old John sets out to sail it from Kent to London and becomes involved in a dangerous smuggling scheme.
- YA Fic Vance, Susanna **Deep**
Somewhere in the Caribbean, seventeen-year-old Morgan and thirteen-year-old Birdie, two girls whose lives are worlds apart, are brought together by the maniacal Nicholas.

China

- Newbery Fritz, Jean **Homesick: My Own Story**
The author's fictionalized version, though all the events are true, of her childhood in China in the 1920s.
- Newbery Lewis, Elizabeth **Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze**
In the 1920s a Chinese youth from the country comes in Chungking where he finds adventure and good fortune.
- YA Fic Namioka, Lensey **Ties that Bind, Ties that Break**
Ailin's life takes a different turn when she defies the traditions of upper class Chinese society by refusing to have her feet bound.
- YA Fic Smith, Roland **Peak**
A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Dominican Republic

- YA Fic Alvarez, Julia **Before We Were Free**
In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.

England

- YA Fic Almond, David **Counting Stars**
In a series of connected stories, a boy describes his life growing up in the English urban district of Felling.
- YA Fic Almond, David **Kit's Wilderness**
Thirteen-year-old Kit goes to live with his grandfather in the decaying coal mining town of Stonegate, England, and finds both the old man and the town haunted of ghosts of the past.
- YA Fic Avi **Beyond the Western Sea**
Driven from their impoverished Irish village, fifteen-year-old Maura and her younger brother meet their landlord's runaway son in Liverpool while they wait for a ship to America.

- YA Fic Cooney, Caroline **The Terrorist**
Seventeen-year-old Laura, an American living in London, tries to find the person responsible for the death of her younger brother Billy who has been killed by a terrorist bomb.
- YA Fic Lawrence, Iain **The Wreckers**
Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded.
- YA Fic Magorian, Michelle **Good Night, Mr. Tom**
A battered child learns to embrace life after he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during World War II.
- YA Fic Thomson, Sarah **The Secret of the Rose**
When her father is imprisoned in 1592 England for being Catholic, fourteen-year-old Rosalind disguises herself as a boy and finds an ultimately dangerous job as servant to playwright Christopher Marlowe.
- YA Fic Westall, Robert **A Place to Hide**
When the British government decides to have her father killed for exposing political corruption, eighteen-year-old Lucy is forced to leave her home and establish a new identity.
- France**
- YA Fic Bradley, Kimberly **The Lacemaker and the Princess**
In 1788, eleven-year-old Isabelle, living with her lacemaker grandmother and mother near the palace of Versailles, becomes close friends with Marie Antoinette's daughter, Princess Therese, and finds their relationship complicated not only by their different social class but by the growing political unrest and resentment of the French people.
- YA Fic McCaughrean, Geraldine **Cyrano**
Ashamed of his ugliness, long-nosed Cyrano de Bergerac, a brilliant seventeenth-century poet and expert swordsman in the French army, helps a rival woo and win Roxane, the beautiful cousin Cyrano loves in silence.
- YA Fic Meyer, Carolyn **Marie, dancing**
A fictionalized autobiography of Marie Van Goethem, the impoverished student from the Paris Opéra ballet school who became the model for Edgar Degas's famous sculpture, "The Little Dancer."
- YA Fic Mosher, Richard **Zazoo**
Amid old secrets revealed and rifts healed, a thirteen-year-old Vietnamese orphan raised in rural France by her aging "Grand-Pierre" learns about life, death, and love.
- Germany**
- 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 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 Pausewang, Gudrun Traitor
 During the closing months of World War II, a fifteen-year-old German girl must decide whether or not to help an escaped Russian prisoner of war, despite the serious consequences if she does so.
- YA Fic Zusak, Markus The Book Thief
 Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.
- Greece**
- YA Fic Alexander, Lloyd The Arkadians
 To escape the wrath of the king and his wicked soothsayers, an honest young man joins with a poet-turned-jackass and a girl with mystical powers on a series of epic adventures.
- YA Fic Galloway, Priscilla The Courtesan's Daughter
 From humble beginnings, Phano rises to become one of ancient Athens' most powerful citizens through her marriage to Theo, but they both have powerful enemies who don't share their political views.
- Haiti**
- YA Fic Danticat, Edwidge Behind the Mountains
 Writing in the notebook which her teacher gave her, thirteen-year-old Celiane describes life with her mother and brother in Haiti as well as her experiences in Brooklyn after the family finally immigrates there to be reunited with her father.
- YA Fic Placide, Jaira Fresh Girl
 After having been sent, at a very young age, from New York to live with her grandmother in Haiti, fourteen-year-old Mardi returns to join her parents and try to shape a new life in Brooklyn.
- Hungary**
- Newbery Siegal, Aranka Upon the Head of a Goat
 Describes how Siegal and her family survived World War II in Hungary from 1939-1944.
- India**
- YA Fic Ellis, Ella Thorp The Year of My Indian Prince
 A fictionalized version of the author's experiences in 1946 when, at the age of sixteen, she was admitted to a San Francisco tuberculosis hospital and courted by a Maharajah's son.
- YA Fic Finn, Mary Anila's Journey
 A half-Indian, half-Irish girl finds her past on a trip down the Ganges. Anila is the daughter of an Irish businessman and his Bengali mistress in 19th-century India. Anila, a gifted painter, has been ward to (real-life) painter Thomas Hickey and friend to Hickey's daughter. But when the Hickeys move to Madras, Anila stays in Calcutta. Only in Calcutta, she believes, will she find her long-lost father, who years ago left for Ireland promising to send for Anila and her mother.

- YA Fic McCormick, Patricia Sold
Thirteen-year-old Lakshmi leaves her poor mountain home in Nepal thinking that she is to work in the city as a maid only to find that she has been sold into the sex slave trade in India and that there is no hope of escape.
- Newbery Mukerji, Dhan Gopal Gay-Neck: The Story of a Pigeon
The story of the training of a carrier pigeon and its service during the First World War, revealing the bird's courageous and spirited adventures over the housetops of an Indian village, in the Himalayan Mountains, and on the French battlefield.
- YA Fic Perkins, Mitali Monsoon Summer
Secretly in love with her best friend and business partner Steve, fifteen-year-old Jazz must spend the summer away from him when her family goes to India during that country's rainy season to help set up a clinic.
- YA Fic Sheth, Kashmira 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 Venkatraman, Padma Climbing the Stairs
In 1941, 15-year-old Vidya's life in Bombay stands in direct contrast to that of her relatives in Madras for whom the traditional path of an arranged marriage, babies, and a life of serving a husband is not only expected but is also considered a girl's only proper option.
- YA Fic Whelan, Gloria Homeless Bird
When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.
- Inuit**
- Newbery Paulsen, Gary Dogsong
A fourteen-year-old Inuit boy who feels assailed by the modernity of his life takes a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own sense of himself.
- YA Fic Smelcer, John The Trap
In alternating chapters, seventeen-year-old Johnny Least-Weasel, who is better known for brains than brawn, worries about his missing grandfather, and the grandfather, Albert Least-Weasel, struggles to survive, caught in his own steel trap in the Alaskan winter.
- YA Fic Sullivan, Paul Maata's Journal
Stranded on an island during a mapping expedition in 1924, a seventeen-year-old Inuit girl writes about her life on the tundra and the changes brought about by the Europeans who settled Canada.

Iran

- YA Fic Fletcher, Susan **Alphabet of Dreams**
Fourteen-year-old Mitra, of royal Persian lineage, and her five-year-old brother Babak, whose dreams foretell the future, flee for their lives in the company of the magus Melchoir and two other Zoroastrian priests, traveling through Persia as they follow star signs leading to a newly-born king in Bethlehem.
- YA Fic Laird, Elizabeth **Kiss the Dust**
Her father's involvement with the Kurdish resistance movement in Iraq forces thirteen-year-old Tara to flee with her family over the border into Iran, where they face an unknown future.
- YA Fic Mead, Alice **Dawn and Dusk**
As thirteen-year-old Azad tries desperately to cling to the life he has known, the political situation in Iran during the war with Iraq finally forces his family to flee their home and seek safety elsewhere.
- 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.

Ireland

- YA Fic Cassidy, Cathy **Scarlett**
After being expelled from yet another school in London, twelve-year-old Scarlett is sent by her exasperated mother to live with her father, stepmother, and stepsister in Ireland, where, with the help of a mysterious boy, she eventually overcomes her anger and resentment and feels part of a family again.
- YA Fic Dowd, Siobhan **Bog Child**
In 1981, the height of Ireland's "Troubles," eighteen-year-old Fergus is distracted from his upcoming A-level exams by his imprisoned brother's hunger strike, the stress of being a courier for Sinn Fein, and dreams of a murdered girl whose body he discovered in a bog.
- YA Fic Dowd, Siobhan **A Swift Pure Cry**
Coolbar, Ireland, is a village of secrets and Shell, caretaker to her younger brother and sister after the death of their mother and with the absence of their father, is not about to reveal hers until suspicion falls on the wrong person.
- YA Fic Napoli, Donna Jo **Hush: an Irish princess' tale**
Fifteen-year-old Melkorka, an Irish princess, is kidnapped by Russian slave traders and not only learns how to survive but to challenge some of the brutality of her captors, who are fascinated by her apparent muteness and the possibility that she is enchanted.
- YA Fic Doyle, Malachy **Who is Jesse Flood?**
Striving to cope with the arguments of his parents and his feelings of not belonging, fourteen-year-old Jesse Flood struggles to find his place in a small town in Northern Ireland.

Israel

- Youth Fic** Banks, Lynne Reid **One More River**
Fourteen-year-old Lesley is upset when her parents abandon their comfortable life in Canada for a kibbutz in Israel prior to the 1967 war.
- YA Fic** Levine, Anna **Freefall**
As war between Israel and Lebanon breaks out in 2006 and her compulsory service in the Israeli army draws near, teenaged Aggie considers joining an elite female combat unit.
- YA Fic** Stein, Tammar **Light Years: a novel**
Maya Laor leaves her home in Israel to study astronomy at the University of Virginia after the tragic death of her boyfriend in a suicide bombing.
- YA Fic** Zenatti, Valerie **Bottle in the Gaza Sea**
When a bomb explodes at a nearby cafe on the evening of the tenth anniversary of a peace agreement between the Israelis and Palestinians, Tal, a 17-year-old Israeli girl, decides to reach out to a Palestinian neighbor. She asks her brother, serving his compulsory military service in the Gaza Strip, to throw a bottle with a letter inside into the Gaza Sea. She soon receives an email reply from 20-year-old Naim.
- Japan**
- YA Fic** Hoobler, Dorothy **The Demon in the Teahouse**
In eighteenth-century Japan, fourteen-year-old Seikei, a merchant's son in training to be a samurai, helps his patron investigate a series of murders and arson in the capital city of Edo, each of which is associated in some way with a popular geisha.
- Korea**
- YA Fic** Choi, Sook Nyul **Year of Impossible Goodbyes**
A young Korean girl survives the oppressive Japanese and Russian occupation of North Korea during the 1940's later to escape to freedom in South Korea.
- YA Fic** Lee, Marie **Somebody's Daughter**
Adopted and raised by Scandinavian-American parents in Minnesota, a Korean teenager returns to her native country to find her mother.
- YA Fic** Na, An **A Step from Heaven**
One Korean family's struggle to find its way in America as seen through the eyes of Young Ju, from her earliest memories through the end of high school.
- Newbery** Park, Linda 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** Park, Linda Sue **When My Name was Keoko**
With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

Mexico

- YA Fic Hobbs, Will Crossing the Wire
Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico.
- YA Fic Jaramillo, Ann La Linea
When fifteen-year-old Miguel's time finally comes to leave his poor Mexican village, cross the border illegally, and join his parents in California, his younger sister's determination to join him soon imperils them both.
- Youth Fic Jimenez, Francisco The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child
Follow young Panchito and the struggles and triumphs of his migrant family working in California.
- YA Fic Resau, Laura Red Glass
Sixteen-year-old Sophie has been frail and delicate since her premature birth, but discovers her true strength during a journey through Mexico, where the six-year-old orphan her family hopes to adopt was born, and to Guatemala, where her would-be boyfriend hopes to find his mother and plans to remain.
- YA Fic Ryan, Pam Esperanza Rising
Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

Native American

- YA Fic Bloss, Joan Brothers of the Heart
Fourteen-year-old Shem spends six months in the Michigan wilderness alone with a dying Indian woman who helps him not only to survive but to mature to the point where he can return to his family and face his difficult life as a cripple in a frontier village.
- YA Fic Bruchac, Joseph Code Talker: a novel about the
Navajo Marines of World War Two
After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.
- YA Fic Carvell, Marlene Sweetgrass Basket
In alternating passages, two Mohawk sisters describe their lives at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, established in 1879 to educate Native Americans, as they try to assimilate into white culture and one of them is falsely accused of stealing.
- YA Fic Hassler, Jon Jemmy
Seventeen-year-old Jemmy struggles to fight her way out of poverty and to discover her identity as an Indian, a woman and an artist.
- YA Fic Hobbs, Will Kokopelli's Flute
Thirteen-year-old Tepary discovers an old flute in a cliff dwelling in New Mexico, and through its power he learns about ancient Native American magic.

- YA Fic **Mikaelsen, Ben** **Touching Spirit Bear**
 After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.
- YA Fic **Paulsen, Gary** **Canyons**
 Finding a skull on a camping trip in the canyons outside El Paso, Texas, Brennan becomes involved with the fate of a young Apache Indian who lived in the late 1800s.
- Nigeria**
- YA Fic **Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi** **Purple Hibiscus**
 In the city of Enugu, Nigeria, fifteen-year-old Kambili and her older brother, Jaja, lead a privileged life. Their Papa is a wealthy and respected businessman; they live in a beautiful house; and they attend an exclusive missionary school. But, as Kambili reveals in her tender-voiced account, their home life is anything but harmonious.
- YA Fic **Naidoo, Beverly** **The Other Side of Truth**
 Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport and they are fearful of their new surroundings and of what may have happened to their journalist father back in Nigeria.
- Pakistan**
- YA Fic **Clifford, Mary Louise** **The Shalamar Code**
 In Pakistan, fifteen-year-olds Mumtaz and Rashid become involved in political intrigue and drug trafficking when their efforts to stop a man who is spying on Mumtaz's powerful father cost Rashid his job and home.
- YA Fic **D'Adamo, Francesco** **Iqbal**
 A fictionalized account of the Pakistani child who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and went on to help liberate other children like him before being gunned down at the age of thirteen.
- YA Fic **Qamar, Amjed** **Beneath My Mother's Feet**
 When her father is injured, fourteen-year-old Nazia is pulled away from school, her friends, and her preparations for an arranged marriage, to help her mother clean houses in a wealthy part of Karachi, Pakistan, where she finally rebels against the destiny that is planned for her.
- Newbery **Staples, Suzanne Fisher** **Shabanu**
 When eleven-year-old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.

- YA Fic Staples, Suzanne Fisher Haveli
Having relented to the ways of her people in Pakistan and married the rich older man to whom she was pledged against her will, Shabanu is now the victim of his family's blood feud and the malice of his other wives. Sequel to Shabanu.
- Poland**
- YA Fic Boyne, John The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.
- YA Fic Mackall, Dandi Eva Underground
In 1978, a high school senior is forced by her widowed father to move from their comfortable Chicago suburb to help with an underground education movement in communist Poland.
- YA Fic Pressler, Mirjam Malka
In the winter of 1943, a Polish physician and her older daughter make a dangerous and arduous trek to Hungary while seven-year-old Malka, who they were forced to leave behind when she became ill, fends for herself in a ghetto.
- YA Fic Roy, Jennifer Yellow Star
From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.
- YA Fic Spinelli, Jerry Milkweed
In Nazi occupied Poland, a young orphan boy learns about the harsh treatment of being Jewish.
- Russia**
- YA Fic Fine, Anne The Road of Bones
In Russia, during the reign of communism and one of the many purges that sweep the country, Yuri experiences first-hand the social injustices, labor camp, and starvation.
- YA Fic Holub, Josef An Innocent Solider
A sixteen-year-old farmhand is tricked into fighting in the Napoleonic Wars by the farmer for whom he works, who secretly substitutes him for the farmer's own son.
- YA Fic Whelan, Gloria The Impossible Journey
In 1934, thirteen-year-old Marya and her younger brother, Georgi, set out alone on a long and arduous journey into Siberia to find their mother after she and their father are exiled for opposing Stalin.
- YA Fic Whelan, Gloria The Turning
In the months leading up to the August 1991 coup attempt that resulted in the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union, a young dancer with the Kirov Ballet struggles to decide whether to defect while on an upcoming trip to Paris.

Scotland

- YA Fic Cooney, Caroline **Enter Three Witches**
Lady Mary's life is forever changed when her father, Lord Cawdor, betrays the Scottish king and is hanged as a traitor. Now a ward of Lord and Lady Macbeth, she's trapped in a castle with a power-hungry couple who will do anything to get what they want in this retelling of Shakespeare's tragedy.
- YA Fic Docherty, James **Ice Cream Con**
In Glasgow, Scotland, after getting mugged twice in ten minutes, thirteen-year-old Jake comes up with a plan to con the criminals on his estate with the help of his closest friends, until events start to snowball out of control.
- YA Fic Swoich, Tammy **Hot Scots, Castles, and Kilts**
Sixteen-year-old Sami and her romance-writer mother spend a month in Scotland fixing up an old farm as a tourist destination, while Sami and her new friend Fiona hunt for the resident ghost and Sami helps resolve a centuries-old feud.
- 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.

South America

- YA Fic Bondoux, Anne-Laure **The Killer's Tears**
A young boy, Paolo, and the man who murdered his parents, Angel, gradually become like father and son as they live and work together on the remote Chilean farm where Paolo was born.
- YA Fic Ellis, Deborah **I Am A Taxi**
At a women's prison in Bolivia, twelve-year-old Diego lives in his mother's cell and earns money by running errands for the guards, but this existence comes to an end and his life is changed forever.
- YA Fic Schmidt, C.A. **Useful Fools**
Set in Peru, Alonso is poor; Rosa is rich; he is of mostly Indian descent while she is of European descent. But their parents run a clinic together in Alonso's village and they love one another. When terrorists blow up the clinic, killing Alonso's mother, Rosa retreats into her privileged life and Alonso joins the Senderistas, seeking power.

Spain

- Newbery Wojciechowska, Maia **Shadow of a Bull**
Manolo Olivar has to make a decision: to follow in his famous father's shadow and become a bullfighter, or to follow his heart and become a doctor.

Sri Lanka

- YA Fic Selvadurai, Shyam **Swimming in the Monsoon Sea**
In Sri Lanka in 1980, 14-year-old Amrith is forced to confront his feelings about his birth family when Niresh, a cousin from Canada, visits. He falls in love with the boy, jealously refusing to share him with his adoptive sisters, in spite of their obvious interest.

Syria

YA Fic

Jolin, Paula

In the Name of God

Determined to follow the laws set down in the Qur'an, seventeen-year-old Nadia becomes involved in a violent revolutionary movement aimed at supporting Muslim rule in Syria and opposing the Western politics and materialism that increasingly affect her family.

Vietnam

YA Fic

Crist-Evans, Craig

Amaryllis

Jimmy and his older brother Frank share a love of surfing and their problems with a drunken father, until Frank turns eighteen and goes to Vietnam.

YA Fic

Hughes, Dean

Search and Destroy

Recent high school graduate Rick Ward, undecided about his future and eager to escape his unhappy home life, joins the army and experiences the horrors of the war in Vietnam.

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Myers, Walter Dean

Fallen Angels

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.

Zimbabwe

Newbery

Farmer, Nancy

The Ear, the Eye and the Arm

In 2194 Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.

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Farmer, Nancy

A Girl Named Disaster

While traveling to Zimbabwe, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and comes close to the luminous world of African spirits.

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