



# Historical Fiction

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## *Younger Elementary School Readers*

### **A Lion to Guard Us** by Clyde Robert Bulla

It has been three years since Father left England for America. When her mother dies, Amanda wonders if she and her younger brother and sister will find a way to join Father.

### **Molly's Pilgrim** by Barbara Cohen

"You talk funny, Molly. You look funny Molly." The girls tease Molly so much that after school she runs home and cries.

### **The Cabin Faced West** by Jean Fritz

Life is so plain in the West. Will there ever again be a special occasion—one that calls for fancy shoes, hair ribbons, and china plates?

### **Spy in the Sky** by Kathleen Karr

How does an orphan boy from South Carolina meet President Lincoln and become a spy in the Union Army Balloon Corps? Ridley Jones will tell you.

### **Sarah, Plain and Tall** by Patricia MacLachlan

Anna and Caleb can hardly wait for Sarah to come. They hope she will like their prairie home and not miss the sea. They hope she will sing. They hope she will love them.

### **Molly Bannaky** by Alice McGill

Molly's only crime was spilling a bucket of milk. Her sentence was to work as a servant on a farm in Maryland for seven long years.

### **Away West** by Patricia C. McKissack

Thirteen-year-old Everett was determined to seek his fortune in the West—a place, he had heard, where black pioneers were free to follow their dreams.

### **Baseball Saved Us** by Ken Mochizuki

World War II is a sad time for a young Japanese-American boy and his family. Learning to play baseball helps him feel better.

### **Pink and Say** by Patricia Polacco

Sheldon was near death when Pinkus found him lying in a Civil War battlefield. So began an amazing friendship.

### **Rescue on the Outer Banks** by Candice F. Ransom

In the midst of a hurricane, can ten-year-old Sam and his horse, Ginger, rescue the shipwrecked people before they drown?

### **Freedom's Wings** by Sharon Dennis Wyeth

Corey risks a dangerous journey on the Underground Railroad in order to find freedom in the North.

## *Older Elementary School Readers*

### **Storm Warriors** by Elisa Carbone

When ships crash at sea, it is the men of the Lifesaving Service that rescue survivors. Nathan dreams of some day joining them—a hard dream to realize for an African American in 1895.

### **Al Capone Does My Shirts** by Gennifer Choldenko

It is 1935 and Moose and his family have just moved to Alcatraz Island where his father is a guard at the famous prison. He misses his friends, but hopes he will meet the famous gangster, Al Capone.

### **The Watsons Go to Birmingham--1963** by Christopher Paul Curtis

When Kenny and his crazy family, the Weird Watsons, travel to Birmingham, they have no idea that they will be there to witness an historic and tragic event.

### **Catherine, Called Birdy** by Karen Cushman

No matter if it's 1290 or the twenty first century, a clever girl determined to have a say in her life will find a way.

### **Bull Run** by Paul Fleischman

Experience the first major battle of the Civil War from many different points of view—young, old, male, female, Northern, Southern, black, and white. Read it, and then perform it as a play!

### **Stepping on the Cracks** by Mary Downing Hahn

Margaret's brother is away fighting Hitler. She and her best friend have their own problems with the neighborhood bully and a secret discovery in the woods of College Hills, Maryland.

### **Out of the Dust** by Karen Hesse

Billie Jo's Oklahoma is blowing away, bit by dusty bit. A horrible accident leaves her wounded inside and out, and only Billie Jo can cure herself.

### **Letters from a Slave Girl** by Mary E. Lyons

Harriet's mistress promised her freedom. That promise was broken and Harriet must escape to the North for her freedom.

### **Esperanza Rising** by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Esperanza leads a rich and privileged life in Mexico. Then tragedy strikes and she and her mother leave it all behind to move to California.

### **Under the Blood-Red Sun** by Graham Salisbury

Tomikazu's life in Hawaii is filled with baseball, school, and his friends. Everything changes on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor.

### **The Red Rose Box** by Brenda Woods

Leah is excited to visit her glamorous aunt in California. There she experiences a world different from her segregated Louisiana town.

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