



Discover American History

through Historical Fiction for Teens



Anderson, Laurie Halse

Chains (2008)

American Revolution Slavery

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. For another colonial story of slavery, try **Copper Sun** (2006) by Sharon Draper.

Bryant, Jen

Ringside 1925 (2008)

Scopes Trial

The 1925 Scopes “monkey trial” regarding the legality of teaching evolution in school is described by visitors, spectators, and residents of Dayton, Tennessee.

Chibbaro, Julie

Deadly (2011)

Typhoid Fever Epidemic

In the early 1900s, Prudence takes a job assisting the epidemiologist investigating the intriguing case of “Typhoid Mary.” For a story of the yellow fever epidemic, try **Fever, 1793** (2000) by Laurie Halse Anderson or read **A Time of Angels** (2000) by Karen Hesse for a story about the 1918 flu epidemic.

Freisner, Esther

Threads and Flames (2010)

Triangle Shirtwaist Fire

After recovering from typhus, Raisa joins her sister in America to work at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory. For more on this tragedy, read **Ashes of Roses** (2002) by Mary Jane Auch, **Uprising** (2007) by Margaret Peterson Haddix, or **Lost** (2009) by Jacqueline Davies.

Frost, Helen

Crossing Stones (2009)

World War I

Four young people tell of their experiences in war overseas and on the homefront. For more World War I stories, try **Without Warning** (2007) by Dennis Hamley, **Hattie Big Sky** (2006) by Kirby Larson, or **After The Dancing Days** (1986) by Margaret Rostkowski.

Gray, Claudia

Fateful (2011)

Titanic

Tess meets Alec aboard the RMS Titanic and quickly becomes entangled in the dark secrets of his past, but her growing love puts her in mortal peril even before fate steps in. For another Titanic tale, try **The Watch That Ends The Night** (2011) by Allan Wolf.

Hesse, Karen

Brooklyn Bridge (2008)

Immigration

In 1903, Joseph’s Russian immigrant parents change their apartment into a factory, while nearby the glitter of Coney Island contrasts their dismal lives. Read **Alligator Bayou** (2009) by Donna Jo Napoli for another story of immigration.

Hughes, Pat

Five 4ths of July (2011)

American Revolution

Jake faces many adventures while battling British forces, surviving captivity, and finally returning home, war-torn and weary, yet hopeful. For another revolutionary story, try **Soldier’s Secret: the Story of Deborah Sampson** (2009) by Sheila Solomon Klass.

Kadohata, Cynthia

Weedflower (2006)

WWII Japanese Internment Camp

Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from California to an internment camp in Arizona where she tries to hold onto her dreams. For another internment camp story, try **Missing in Action** (2010) by Dean Hughes.

Levithan, David

Love is the Higher Law (2009)

September 11 Terrorist Attacks

Three New York City teens express their reactions to the bombing of the World Trade Center and its impact on their lives and the world.

- Lisle, Janet Taylor **Black Duck** (2006) *Prohibition*
Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how his family was caught up in the violent competition to control the local rum-smuggling trade.
- Magoon, Mekla **The Rock and the River** (2010) *Civil Rights Movement*
In 1968 Chicago, Sam is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.
- Myers, Walter Dean **Sunrise Over Fallujeh** (2008) *Iraq War*
Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.
- O'Brien, Tim **The Things They Carried** (1990) *Vietnam War*
A foot soldier retells his experiences in the Vietnam War. For other Vietnam stories try **Sonny's War** (2002) by Valerie Hobbs or **Fallen Angels** (1988) by Walter Dean Myers.
- Richards, Jame **Three Rivers Rising** (2010) *Johnstown Flood*
In 1889, Celestia's illicit romance with a hired hand has her disowned from her wealthy family so she moves to the valley right before the rains begin.
- Rinaldi, Ann **Last Full Measure** (2010) *Civil War*
Tacy faces the horrors of the Battle of Gettysburg and tries to keep her friend who is a free black safe from rebel soldiers. More Civil War stories include **Red Moon at Sharpsburg** (2007) by Rosemary Wells, **The River Between Us** (2003) by Richard Peck, **Soldier's Heart** (1998) by Gary Paulsen, **With Every Drop of Blood** (1992) by James Lincoln Collier.
- Schatzer, Jeffrey **Fires in the Wilderness** (2008) *Great Depression*
Jarek Sokolowski signs up for the Civilian Conservation Corps to work in Michigan's Upper Peninsula clearing land, fighting fires, and growing into manhood.
- Taylor, Mildred D. **The Land** (2001) *Post-Civil War*
Paul, the son of a white father and black mother, finds himself caught between two worlds as he pursues his dream of land ownership. Prequel to **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry** (1976).
- Weyn, Suzanne **Invisible World** (2012) *Salem Witch Trials*
Recently sent to Salem, MA, Sarah has psychic abilities which land her in trouble. For more on the Salem Witch Trials, read **Father of Lies** (2011) by Ann Warren Turner, **Wicked Girls** (2010) by Stephanie Hemphill, **Witch Child** (2002) by Celia Rees, **A Break With Charity** (1992) by Ann Rinaldi; or **Tituba Of Salem Village** (1964) by Ann Petry.
- Wolf, Allan **New Found Land** (2004) *Lewis and Clark Expedition*
The letters and thoughts of all of the members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition tell of the historic expedition to seek a water route to the Pacific Ocean. For more on the expedition read **Streams To The River, River To The Sea** (1986) by Scott O'Dell.
- Yep, Laurence **Dragon's Gate** (1993) *Transcontinental Railroad*
After accidentally killing a Manchu, a Chinese boy is sent to America to help build a tunnel for the transcontinental railroad through the Sierra Nevada mountains in 1867.

