

The American Revolution (1775-1783)

Adam and the Golden Cock Dalglish, Alice

When French troops under Rochambeau camp near a young boy's town in Connecticut, the boy makes the acquaintance of a young French soldier and is faced with a questionable relationship with a friend whose father is a Tory.

Betrayal at Cross Creek Ernst, Kathleen

Twelve-year-old Elspeth Monro, a Scottish settler and weaver's apprentice on the North Carolina frontier in 1775, must find out who is betraying her Loyalist family during the months before the start of the Revolutionary War.

Captain Grey Avi

Following the Revolution, an eleven-year-old boy becomes the captive of a ruthless man who has set up his own "nation," supported by piracy, on a remote part of the New Jersey coast.

Chains: Seeds of America Anderson, Laurie Halse

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

The Fighting Ground Avi

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

Forge Anderson, Laurie Halse

Separated from his friend Isabel after their daring escape from slavery, fifteen-year-old Curzon serves as a free man in the Continental Army at Valley Forge until he and Isabel are thrown together again, as slaves once more.

I'm Deborah Sampson Clapp, Patricia

Relates the experiences of the woman who disguised herself as a man in order to enlist and fight in the American Revolution.

The Incredible Deborah; a story based on the life of Deborah Sampson Cheney, Cora

A fictional account of the life of a colonial girl, who, anxious to escape the narrow prescribed life of a female, disguises herself and serves with the Continental Army for three years during the Revolution.

My Brother Sam Is Dead Collier, James Lincoln

Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

Redcoat in Boston Finlayson, Ann

A thirteen-year-old joins the British Army and is sent to Boston where he is exposed to the growing resentment toward the crown and witnesses other forces that are part of the Revolutionary fervor.

Ride of Courage Felder, Deborah G.

In 1781, twelve-year-old Molly Randall, living with her family in Yorktown, Virginia, finds her courage tested when she must ride a powerful Arabian horse to get help for a neighbor about to be executed for treason by the British.

A Spy in the King's Colony Banim, Lisa

In British-occupied Boston in 1776, eleven-year-old Emily Parker is determined to find out if a family friend is a traitor to the American patriots.

War Comes to Willy Freeman Collier, James Lincoln

A free thirteen-year-old black girl in Connecticut is caught up in the horror of the Revolutionary War and the danger of being returned to slavery when her patriot father is killed by the British and her mother disappears.

Nineteenth Century America

The Birchbark House Erdrich, Louise

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

Bound for Oregon Van Leeuwen, Jean

A fictionalized account of the journey made by nine-year-old Mary Ellen Todd and her family from their home in Arkansas westward over the Oregon Trail in 1852.

Boston Jane (sequels Wilderness Days and The Claim) Holm, Jennifer

Schooled in the lessons of etiquette for young ladies of 1854, Miss Jane Peck of Philadelphia finds little use for manners during her long sea voyage to the Pacific Northwest and while living among the American traders and Chinook Indians of Washington Territory.

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate Kelly, Jacqueline

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.

The Final Freedom Wallace, Bill

When thirteen-year-old Will Burke and the famed Apache chief, Geronimo, forge a unique bond of friendship, each wins a special kind of freedom.

The Great Brain Fitzgerald, John D.

The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah, are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.

A House of Tailors Giff, Patricia Reilly

When thirteen-year-old Dina emigrates from Germany to America in 1871, her only wish is to return home as soon as she can, but as the months pass and she survives a multitude of hardships living with her uncle and his young wife and baby, she finds herself thinking of Brooklyn as her home.

Little Women Alcott, Louisa May

Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England.

The King of Mulberry Street Napoli, Donna Jo

In 1892, Dom, a nine-year old stowaway from Naples, Italy, arrives in New York and must learn to survive the perils of street life in the big city.

Lyddie Paterson, Katherine

Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.

Our Only May Amelia Holm, Jennifer L.

As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.

Preacher's Boy Paterson, Katherine

In 1899, ten-year-old Robbie, son of a preacher in a small Vermont town, gets himself into all kinds of trouble when he decides to give up being Christian in order to make the most of his life before the end of the world.

Sing Down the Moon O'Dell, Scott

A young Navajo girl recounts the events of 1864 when her tribe was forced to march to Fort Sumner as prisoners of the white soldiers.

Weasel DeFelice, Cynthia

Alone in the frontier wilderness in the winter of 1839 while his father is recovering from an injury, eleven-year-old Nathan runs afoul of the renegade killer known as Weasel and makes a surprising discovery about the concept of revenge.