

Mid Twentieth Century America (1950-1975)

Beyond Mayfield Nelson, Vandeux Micheaux

In 1961 the children of Mayfield are concerned with air-raid drills and fallout shelters, but the civil rights movement becomes real when a neighbor joins the Freedom Riders.

The Liberation of Gabriel King Going, K.L.

In Georgia during the summer of 1976, Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African American girl who is facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade.

The Rising Star of Rusty Nail Blume, Lesley M.M.

In the small town of Rusty Nail, Minnesota, in the early 1950s, musically talented ten-year-old Franny wants to take advanced piano lessons from newcomer Olga Malenkov, a famous Russian musician suspected of being a communist spy by gossipy members of the community.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963 Curtis, Christopher Paul

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

The Vietnam War (1961-1975)

Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam Kadohata, Cynthia

A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

The Wednesday Wars Schmidt, Gary

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.

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town Holt, Kimberly Willis

During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.