

3rd – 4th Grade Historical Fiction Recommended Reading

Aston, Dianna. *The Moon Over Star.* (Moon Landing) **(Older Reader E Aston)**
As the space ship *Eagle* lands on the moon in 1969, Mae and her family gather to watch the historic event and dream of what the future holds.

Bildner, Phil. *The Hallelujah Flight.* (History of aviation) **(Older Reader E Bildner)**
James Banning, a stunt pilot, fulfills his dream in 1932 as he becomes the first African American to complete a transcontinental flight.

Bildner, Phil. *The Soccer Fence.* (Apartheid) **(Older Reader E Bildner)**
As Hector watches white boys playing soccer in Johannesburg, South Africa, he dreams of playing on a real pitch one day. After the fall of apartheid, when he sees the 1996 African Cup of Nations team, he knows that his dream can come true.

Brady, Esther. *Toliver’s Secret.* (Revolutionary War) **(J PB Brad)** When Ellen’s grandfather, a patriot spy, cannot fulfill his mission, Ellen dresses as a boy to face British soldiers, as she attempts to cross the New York harbor, and get a message to General George Washington.

Bunting, Eve. *Dandelions.* (Pioneer Life) **(J FIC Bunting)** Zoe and her family face difficult obstacles as they make a life in the dangerous Nebraska territory.

Bunting, Eve. *Train to Somewhere.* (1850 – 1920) **(Older Reader E Bunting)**
Marianne and other orphaned children are transported on a train headed west. As the Orphan Train travels town to town, families gather at each stop to choose a child to adopt.

Dalgliesch, Alice. *The Courage of Sarah Noble.* (Pioneer) **(J FIC Dalgliesch; J PB Dalg)** 8 year-old Sarah goes with her dad to build a home in the wilderness, and stays with Native Americans while her father goes back for their family.

Denenberg, Barry. *Early Sunday Morning.* (World War II) **(J FIC Dear); Audiobook**
In her diary, twelve-year-old Amber describes moving to Hawaii in 1941, and experiencing the horror of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Fern, Tracey E. *Pippo the Fool.* (1377-1446) **(Older Reader E Fern)** Filippo Brunelleschi of Florence, Italy, wins a contest by building the dome of Santa Maria del Fiore.

Fleischman, Paul. *The Matchbox Diary.* (Immigration) **(Older Reader E Fleischman)**
A girl learns of her great-grandfather’s immigration from Italy by examining the items he stored in matchboxes.

Grimes, Nikki. *Chasing Freedom.* (1820-1913) **(Older Reader E Grimes)**
Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony sit down to a tea party and compare their life experiences.

Hendershot, Judith. *In Coal Country.* (Coal Mining) **(Older Reader E Hendershot)**
A young girl growing up in a coal mining community finds both excitement and hard work in a life deeply affected by the local industry.

Hendrix, John. *Shooting at the Stars.* (WW I) **(Older Reader E Hendrix)**
In 1914, as World War I rages around them, French and German soldiers call a truce to celebrate Christmas. Singing carols, they exchanged pudding and biscuits before heading back to their trenches.

Hest, Amy. *When Jessie Came Across the Sea.* (Immigration) **(Older Reader E Hest)**
When Jessie is chosen by the village rabbi to travel to America, and to leave her grand-mother behind, they both feel their hearts will break.

Kimmel. Eric A. *Whale of a Tale.* (Ancient Israel) **(J FIC Kimmel)**
When Scarlett and Sam take Grandma Mina's special carpet to be cleaned and repaired, they encounter a strange person who steps on the rug and disappears! Scarlett and Sam follow him back through time to ancient Israel, where they find themselves on a ship.

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah Plain and Tall.* (Pioneer life) **(J FIC MacLachlan); Audiobook; Ebook** When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother.

Mattick, Lindsay. *Winnie’s Great War.* (WW I) **(J FIC Mattick); Ebook** A tale of the real journey undertaken by the bear that inspired the creation of Winnie-the-Pooh, from her early days in the Canadian forest to her travels with the Veterinary Corps across the country, overseas, and all the way to the London Zoo.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Stallion by Starlight.* (Alexander, the Great 356–323 BC) **(J FIC Osborne); Audiobook; Ebook** Travel to Ancient Greece with Jack and Annie as they meet Alexander the Great and help tame his wild stallion.

Polacco, Patricia. *John Philip Duck.* (The Depression) **(Older Reader E Polacco)**
During the Depression, a young Memphis boy trains his pet duck to do tricks in the fountain of a grand hotel and ends up becoming the Duck Master of the Peabody Hotel.

Preus, Margi. *The Littlest Voyageur.* (1792) **(J FIC Preus)** Jean Pierre Petit Le Rouge, a squirrel eager for adventure, stows away in the canoe of voyageurs, unaware of what they are traveling so far to trade.

Ransom, Candice F. *The Promise Quilt.* (Civil War) **(Older Reader E Ransom)**
After her father leaves the family farm on Lost Mountain to be General Lee’s guide, Addie finds ways to remember him, even when he does not return at the end of the war.

Roop, Peter. *Ahyoka and the Talking Leaves.* (Mid 1700s – 1800s) **(J FIC Roop)**
Ahyoka helps her father, Sequoyah in his quest to create a system of writing for his people.

Ross, Pat. *Hannah’s Fancy Notions.* (Industrial New England) **(J FIC Ross)**
While making a gift for her sister, Hannah finds a way to help her family. Since their mother died, her older sister Rebecca takes a job in a factory and Hannah must care for her three younger sisters.

Roy, Ron. *Mayflower Treasure Hunt.* (17th Century; Pilgrims) **(J MYS Roy); Ebook**
When Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose visit Plymouth, Massachusetts for Thanksgiving, they uncover a mystery dating back to the landing of the Pilgrims.

Sanders, Scott Russell. *Warm as Wool.* (1803) **(J FIC Sanders)** When Betsy Ward's family moves to Ohio from Connecticut in 1803, she brings along a sock full of coins to buy sheep to gather wool, spin cloth, and make clothes to keep her children warm during the cold winter months.

Shaw, Janet. *Kaya’s Hero.* (1764) **(J FIC American Girl; J PB Amer)** Kaya greatly admires a courageous and kind young woman in her Nez Percé village and wants to be worthy of her respect. Includes notes on the winter activities of the Nez Percé Indians’ ceremonies and crafts.

Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived The Great Chicago Fire.* (1871) **(J FIC Tarshis); Audiobook; Ebook** Oscar Starling never wanted to come to Chicago, but finds himself not just in the heart of the big city, but in the middle of a terrible fire!

Tripp, Valerie. *A Stand for Independence.* (Revolutionary War) **(J PB Amer)**
The second volume of Felicity's classic stories, finds her helping a runaway apprentice and warning the colonists of a threatening plot.