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Historical Fiction Ages 11-14

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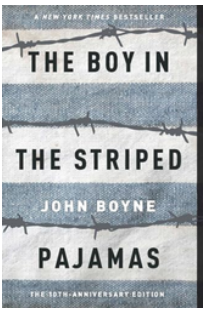
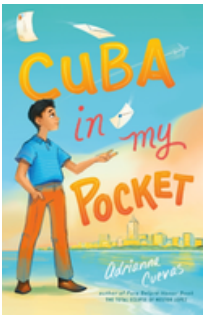
T Alexander - Black Star
by Kwame Alexander
12-year-old Charley Cuffey dreams of becoming the first female professional baseball pitcher, but must navigate the harsh realities and racial dangers of her segregated town.

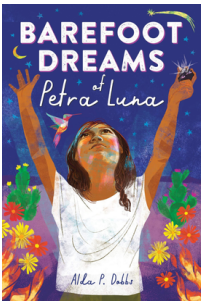
T Angus - Soldier Dog
by Sam Angus
In the trenches of France in 1917, Stanley is a dog handler, whose dog must be so loyal that he will cross no-man's-land alone under heavy fire to return carrying a message that could save countless lives.



T Boyne - The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
by John Boyne
Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

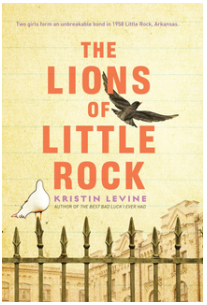


T Cuevas - Cuba in My Pocket
by Adrianna Cuevas
In 1961 Cuba, with the threat of military service for children looming, twelve-year-old Cumba's parents send him to Miami, where he lives with a new family and misses his homeland.

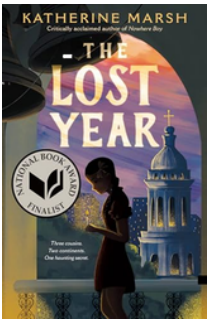


T Dobbs - Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna
by Alda P. Dobbs
Based on a true story, 12-year-old Petra Luna flees the Mexican Revolution in 1913, carrying her younger siblings across the U.S. border in pursuit of safety and freedom.

T Hiranandani - The Night Diary
by Veera Hiranandani
Twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of her world by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in her diary.



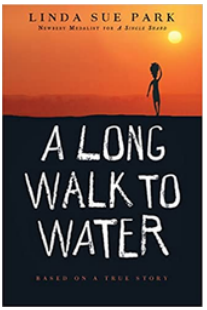
T Levine - The Lions of Little Rock
by Kristin Levine
In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.



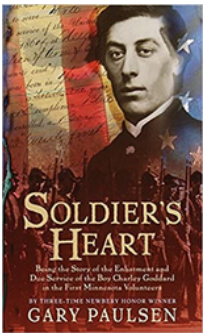
T Marsh- The Lost Year
by Katherine Marsh
In the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, thirteen-year-old Matthew discovers a shocking secret about his great-grandmother's past as he learns about her life during the Holodomor famine in Soviet Ukraine.

T Myers - Invasion
by Walter Dean Myers
Josiah and Marcus were friends in Virginia, but now in the Normandy invasion, Josiah is a white infantryman and Marcus is a black transport driver, the only role the segregated army will allow him.

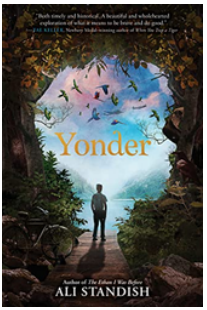
T Nielsen - Iceberg
by Jennifer A. Nielsen
Twelve-year-old Hazel stows away aboard the Titanic and, with the help of a porter and a first-class passenger, she uncovers a haunting mystery. Then, the ship hits an iceberg and she must fight to survive.



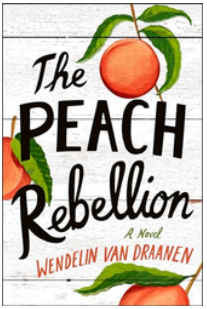
T Park - A Long Walk to Water
by Linda Sue Park
When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven.



T Paulsen - Soldier's Heart: A Novel of the Civil War
by Gary Paulsen
Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat.



T Standish - Yonder
by Ali Standish
Danny has looked up to Jack ever since Jack saved two small children from drowning during the Great Flood of 1940. When Jack goes missing from their small Appalachian town, Danny is determined to find him.



T Van Draanen - The Peach Rebellion
by Wendelin Van Draanen
Ginny and were best friends, picking peaches on hot summer days. Peggy's family owned the farm, and Ginny's were pickers, escaping the Oklahoma dust storms. Ten years later, their differences feel starker.

T Walters - Broken Strings
by Eric Walters and Kathy Kacer
In the aftermath of the twin towers and the death of her beloved grandmother, Shirli is intent on moving forward. A long-kept family secret spills out, and Shirli learns the true power of music, both terrible and wonderful.