






TRAVEL BACK IN TIME HISTORICAL FICTION FOR GRADES 4 & 5

NAVIGATING EARLY

By Claire Vanderpool

J FICTION VANDERPOOL



Odyssey-like adventure of two boys' incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail where they deal with pirates, buried secrets, and extraordinary encounters.

PAPERBOY

By Vince Vawter

J FICTION VAWTER



When an 11-year-old boy takes over a friend's newspaper route in July, 1959, in Memphis, his debilitating stutter makes for a memorable month.

COUNTDOWN

By Deborah Wiles

J FICTION WILES



Franny Chapman just wants some peace. But that's hard to get when her best friend is feuding with her, her sister has disappeared, and her uncle is fighting an old war in his head. Her saintly younger brother is no help, and the cute boy across the street only complicates things. Worst of all, everyone is walking around just waiting for a bomb to fall. It's 1962, and it seems the whole country is living in fear...

QUEEN OF THE FALLS

By Chris Van Allsburg

JB TAYLOR



Recounts how, at the turn of the nineteenth century, retired school teacher Annie Edison Taylor planned and executed her daring feat to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel, earning her the name Queen of the Falls.






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IRON THUNDER, THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE MONITOR & THE MERRIMAC

By Avi

J FICTION AVI



Tom's job as an assistant to Captain John Ericsson, the inventor of the Monitor, makes him a target of Confederate spies.

STAY WHERE YOU ARE & THEN LEAVE

By John Boyne

J FICTION BOYNE



Alfie's father left London to become a soldier in World War I. Alfie is shining shoes at King's Cross Station when he happens to learn that his father is at a nearby hospital.

THE WAR THAT SAVED MY LIFE

By Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

J FICTION BRADLEY



A girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

CADDIE WOODLAWN

By Carol Ryrie Brink

J FICTION BRINK



The adventures of an 11-year-old growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-19th century.

DANIEL AT THE SIEGE OF BOSTON

By Laurie R. King

J FICTION CALKHOVEN



In 1776 Boston, 12-year-old Daniel enjoys assuming his father's role in taking care of his mother and sister, as well as his work as a spy and messenger for the American Revolution.

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BLOOD ON THE RIVER: JAMES TOWN 1607

By Elisa Lynn Carbone

J FICTION CARBONE



Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain Smith, 12-year-old orphan Samuel settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must learn to distinguish between friend and foe.

ATTACK OF THE TURTLE

By Drew Carlson

J FICTION CARLSON



During the Revolutionary War, fourteen-year-old Nathan joins forces with his older cousin, the inventor David Bushnell, to secretly build the first submarine used in naval warfare.

JUST A DROP OF WATER

By Kerry O'Malley Cerra

J FICTION CERRA



Jake and Sam are best friends, but after the attacks on September 11, their friendship is in danger of crumbling as Sam and his family succumb to hatred for being Muslim American.

ALCHEMY AND MEGGY SWANN

By Karen Cushman

J FICTION CUSHMAN



In 1573, the crippled, scorned, and destitute Meggy Swann goes to London, where she meets her father, an impoverished alchemist, and eventually discovers that although her legs are bent and weak, she has many other strengths.

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SWEET HOME ALASKA

By Carole Estby Dagg

J FICTION DAGG



In 1934, 11-year-old Terpsichore's father signs up for Roosevelt's Palmer Colony project, uprooting the family from Wisconsin to become pioneers in Alaska, where Terpsichore refuses to let rough conditions get in the way of her grand adventure.

MY NEAR-DEATH ADVENTURES (99% TRUE)

By Allison Decamp

J FICTION DECAMP



In 1895, 12-year-old Stan decides to find his long-lost father in the logging camps of Michigan, documenting his travels in his scrapbook.

TRAITOR'S CHASE, THE LAST MUSKETEER,

By Stuart Gibbs

J FICTION GIBBS



When the Musketeers pursue the dangerous Michel Dinicoeur to Spain, they're ambushed at every turn, causing them to suspect that there may be a traitor within their own ranks.

GINGERSNAP

By Patricia Reilly Giff

J FICTION GIFF



When her brother Rob goes missing in action in 1944, Jayna, desperate for family, leaves upstate New York to seek their grandmother, who she believes lives in Brooklyn.

PENNY FROM HEAVEN

By Jennifer L. Holm

J FICTION HOLM



As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death.

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THE YEAR WE SAILED THE SUN

By Theresa Nelson

J FICTION NELSON



In St. Louis, Missouri, in 1911, orphaned 11-year-old Julia rails against countless disappointments and the nun's strict rules at the House of Mercy, especially after her sister turns 14 and must leave, but she and her best friend get tangled up with a gangster and a decade-old mystery.

A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO

By Richard Peck

J FICTION PECK



A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

SECRETS OF THE SEVEN: THE EUREKA KEY

By Sarah L Thomson

J FICTION THOMSON



Sam (a puzzle master) and Martina (a history whiz) become involved in a dangerous quest to find seven keys left behind by Benjamin Franklin and a secret society of descendants.

ONE CAME HOME

By Amy Timberlake

J FICTION TIMBERLAKE



In 1871 Wisconsin, 13-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in, and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foiler of counterfeiters.