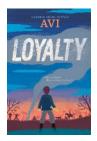




## Children's Booklist 2023: Travel Back in Time

Historical Fiction for Grades 4-5



## Loyalty

by Avi

To avenge his father, Noah becomes a spy for the British during the American Revolution, witnessing firsthand the hypocrisy, lies and allegiances that come with war, and must determine for himself where his loyalty truly lies.



# I Survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001

by Georgia Ball

Published to coincide with the 20th anniversary of 9/11, this gripping graphic novel adaptation follows a young boy's firsthand account of the events that unfolded during that fateful day.



#### **Troublemaker**

by John Cho

On the first night of rioting in the wake of the Rodney King verdict, Jordan's father leaves to check on the family store, spurring Jordan and his friends to embark on a dangerous journey through South Central and Koreatown to come to his aid.



#### War and Millie McGonigle

by Karen Cushman

The Newbery Award-winning author of *The Midwife's Apprentice* traces the story of a girl from 1930s California who helps her family through the challenges of food rationing and caring for an ailing sister as America draws closer to World War II.



### **Tenmile**

by Sandra Dallas

In 1880 Tenmile, Colorado, a rough gold mining town, 12-year-old Sissy Carlson, who is assisting her local doctor father, sees firsthand the personal and not-always-private struggles of his patients and starts thinking of a world outside of this place where she might fit in.



## Singing with Elephants

by Margarita Engle

Lonely Cuban-born Oriol, age 11, lives in Santa Barbara, California, with her veterinarian parents and enjoys taking care of injured animals. But it is her budding friendship with a Latin American author who opens her up to a world of words.



#### My Nest of Silence

by Matt Faulkner

To prove that Japanese Americans are American enough, Mari's brother Mak heads off to fight in WWII, where he encounters danger and racism at every turn, while Mari, refusing to talk until he comes home safely, expresses herself through drawings.



## Strong as Fire, Fierce as Flame

by Supriya Kelkar

In 1857 India, Meera is a servant to a British general in the East India Company. When a rebellion against British colonizers spreads, she must choose between relative safety in a British household or standing up for herself and her people.

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## We Dream of Space

by Erin Entrada Kelly Siblings Cash, Fitch, and Bird Nelson Thomas are changed and united in unexpected ways by the fateful launch of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.



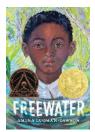
## The List of Unspeakable Fears

by J. Kasper Kramer In 1910 New York City, ten-year-old Essie moves with her mother to an island where her stepfather runs a quarantine hospital. Essie's imagination conjures all manner of horrors, including the ghost of a little girlwho may not be imaginary after all...



#### Red, White, and Whole

by Rajani LaRocca
Reha, already dealing with being the only
Indian- American student in middle school,
has to confront a new concern when her
mother is diagnosed with leukemia and Reha
must take care of her. Told in verse.



#### **Freewater**

by Amina Luqman-Dawson
After escaping Southerland Plantation with
his little sister, 12-year-old Homer becomes
part of a secret community called Freewater,
where he finally finds a place to call home
and the courage to go back and free his
mother from enslavement.



# We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963

by Shelia P. Moses In 1963, 11-year-old Black boy Rufus is living in Birmingham, Alabama, where he and his friends join a peaceful civil rights protest in a local park, not letting the firemen who turn their powerful hoses on the friends put out the fire in their hearts.



#### **Iceberg**

by Jennifer A. Nielsen raveling all alone aboard the Titanic, stowaway and aspiring journalist Hazel Rothbury secretly explores the opulent ship with the help of a porter and a sweet first-class passenger until disaster strikes, forcing Hazel to fight to save her friends and herself.



#### Miraculous

by Caroline Starr Rose
Traveling with Dr. Kingsbury to sell his
"Miraculous Tonic," 13-year-old Jack makes a
friend named Cora when they stop in a town
riddled with secrets, and together they
uncover something unexpected that calls
into question everything they believe in.



### **Spineless**

by Samantha San Miguel
Staying at a health resort in the wilds of
Gilded Age South Florida due to his asthma,
twelve-year-old budding naturalist Algie
stumbles upon a brand-new species that he
must protect from a famous collector of
exotic animals in a place where evil is lurking.



**Dog Star** 

by Megan Shepherd

Nina, a young girl unsure of her role in her 1950s communist society, befriends a dog named Laika, who dreams of finding a home and is being studied in Nina's father's lab as part of the Soviet space program.



## Trapped in Hitler's Web

by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch
Determined to protect her friend Nathan
when her Nazi-occupied Ukrainian town
becomes unsafe for Jewish residents, Maria
flees with Nathan to Austria, where their
efforts to hide in plain sight are complicated
by their Reich-enforced separation. By the
author of Don't Tell the Nazis.



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