

## Past Lives: Historical Fiction for Teens

Lester, Julius. Pharaoh's Daughter. Y Fic.

A fictionalized account of a Biblical story in which an Egyptian princess rescues a Hebrew infant who becomes a prophet of his people while his sister finds her true self as a priestess to the Egyptian gods.

Cushman, Karen, Catherine, Called Birdy. Y Fic

The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Cushman, Karen, Matilda Bone. J Fic

Fourteen-year-old Matilda, an apprentice bonesetter and practitioner of medicine in a village in medieval England, tries to reconcile the various aspects of her life, both spiritual and practical.

Hendry, Frances, Quest for a Maid. J Fic.

"When I was nine years old, I hid under a table and heard my sister kill a king." The king was Alexander III of Scotland and the time is the late 13<sup>th</sup> century. Meg, the narrator, becomes involved in the political scheming as she saves the eight-year-old queen from Norway.

Twain, Mark, The Prince and the Pauper Y Fic and Classics

When young Edward VI of England and a poor boy who resembles him exchange places, each learns something about the other's very different station in life.

Yolen, Jane. The Queen's Own Fool. Y Fic

When twelve-year-old Nicola leaves Troupe Brufort and serves as the fool for Mary, Queen of Scots, she experiences the political and religious upheavals in both France and Scotland.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. Fever, 1793. Y Fic

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Avi. The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Y Fic

As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

Forbes, Esther. Johnny Tremain. J Fic

Johnny Tremain is apprenticed to a silversmith. An accident fuses the fingers of one hand together, leaving Johnny with no way to learn his craft. While working for a Boston newspaper, he becomes involved in the American Revolution.

O'Dell, Scott. Sarah Bishop. J Fic

Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.

Speare, Elizabeth, The Witch of Blackbird Pond. J Fic

In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

Hahn, Mary Downing, The Gentleman Outlaw and Me - Eli. J Fic

In 1887 twelve-year-old Eliza, disguised as a boy and traveling towards Colorado in search of her missing father, falls in with a Gentleman Outlaw and joins him in his illegal schemes.

Hudson, Jan. Sweetgrass. Y Fic

Living on the western Canadian prairie in the nineteenth century, Sweetgrass, a fifteen-year-old Blackfoot Indian girl, saves her family from a smallpox epidemic and proves her maturity to her father.

Richter, Conrad. A Light in the Forest. Y Fic, YA Paperback, Classic

When John is 4-years-old, he is kidnapped by the Lenne Lenape. Eleven years later, he is returned to his white family. As he plots his escape and return to his Native family, he betrays the tribe.

Paterson, Katherine. Jip: His Story. J Fic

While living on a Vermont poor farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother and comes to understand how he arrived at this place.

Peck, Robert Newton, A Day No Pigs Would Die. Y Fic

To a thirteen-year-old Vermont farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns "doing what's got to be done," especially regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter.

Taylor, Mildred D. Let the Circle Be Unbroken. J Fic

Four black children growing up in Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need to survive.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963. J Fic

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.

Hesse, Karen. Witness. Y Fic

A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town.

Bunting, Eve. Spying on Miss Muller. Y Fic

At Alveara boarding school in Belfast at the start of World War II, thirteen-year-old Jessie must deal with her suspicions about a teacher whose father was German and with her worries about her own father's drinking problem.

Greene, Bette. The Summer of My German Soldier. Y Fic

Sheltering an escaped German prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a 12-year-old Jewish girl in Arkansas.

Watkins, Yoko Kawashima, So Far From Bamboo Grove. Y Fic

A fictionalized autobiography in which eleven-year-old Yoko escapes from Korea to Japan with her mother and sister at the end of World War II.

Wolff, Virginia Euwer. Bat 6. J Fic

In small town, post-World War Oregon, twenty-one 6th grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.

Clapp, Patricia. Constance. Y Fic  
The journal of a young girl tells of her daily life, hardships, romances and marriage during the first years of the Pilgrim settlement at Plymouth.

Lawrence, Iain. The Wreckers. Y Fic  
Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded.

Peck, Richard. A Year Down Yonder. Y Fic  
During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.

Ibbotson, Eva. Journey to the River Sea. J Fic  
Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River.

Garden, Nancy. Dove and Sword: A Novel of Joan of Arc. Y Fic  
In 1455 in France, Gabrielle is visited by Pierre d'Arc, a brother of Joan of Arc, and with him reminisces about their childhood together in Domremy and Joan's subsequent trial and burning at the stake at Rouen twenty-four years before.

Wilson, Diane J. I Rode a Horse of Milk-White Jade. Y Fic  
Oyuna tells her granddaughter the story of how love for her horse enabled her to win a race and bring good luck to her family living in Mongolia in 1339.

Collier, James Lincoln. My Brother Sam is Dead. J Fic  
Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

Paulsen, Gary. The Rifle. Y Fic  
A priceless, handcrafted rifle, fired throughout the American Revolution, is passed down through the years until it fires on a fateful Christmas Eve of 1994.

Rinaldi, Ann. Cast Two Shadows. Y Fic  
In South Carolina in 1780, fourteen-year-old Caroline sees the Revolutionary War take a terrible toll among her family and friends and comes to understand the true nature of war.

Paulsen, Gary. Tucket's Travels: Francis Tucket's Adventures in the West, 1847-1849. J Fic  
Five books in one: Mr. Tucket -- Call me Francis Tucket -- Tucket's ride -- Tucket's gold -- Tucket's home.

Collier, James Lincoln. With Every Drop of Blood. Y Fic  
While trying to transport food to Richmond, Virginia, during the Civil War, fourteen-year-old Johnny is captured by a black Union soldier.

Paulsen, Gary. Soldier's Heart. J Fic  
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.

Magorian, Michelle. Good Night, Mr. Tom. Y Fic  
A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during the Second World War.

Park, Linda Sue. When My Name was Keoko. J Fic

With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

Rylant, Cynthia. I Had Seen Castles. Y Fic

Now an old man, John is haunted by memories of enlisting to fight in World War II, a decision which forced him to face the horrors of war and changed his life forever.

Westall, Robert. Blitzcat. J Fic

During World War II a black cat journeys all across war-ravaged England in an effort to track down her beloved master.

Myers, Walter Dean. Fallen Angels. Y Fic

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.

Perkins, Linda Rae. Criss Cross. Y Fic

Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.

Park, Linda Sue. A Single Shard. J Fic

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.