**Historical Fiction**

*Fever 1793* – Laurie Halse Anderson

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 the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.

*The Astonishing Life of Ocavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation; v 1: The Pox Party* – M.T. Anderson

Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.

*What I Saw and How I Lied* – Judy Blundell

In 1947, with her jovial stepfather Joe back from the war and family life returning to normal, teenage Evie, smitten by the handsome young ex-GI who seems to have a secret hold on Joe, finds herself caught in a complicated web of lies whose devastating outcome change her life and that of her family forever.

*SOS Titanic* – Eve Bunting

Fifteen-year-old Barry O'Neill, traveling from Ireland to America on the maiden voyage of the Titanic, finds his life endangered when the ship hits an iceberg and begins to sink.

*The Book of the Lion* – Michael Cadnum

In twelfth-century England, after his master, a maker of coins for the king, is brutally punished for alleged cheating, seventeen-year-old Edmund finds himself traveling to the Holy Land as squire to a knight crusader on his way to join the forces of Richard Lionheart.

*Girl with a Pearl Earring* – Tracy Chevalier

Imagines the young woman in Johannes Vermeer's mysterious painting "The Girl With a Pearl Earring" as a sixteen-year-old Dutch girl named Griet who sparks the interest of the artist when she becomes a maid in his turbulent household.

*The Lady and the Unicorn* – Tracy Chevalier

Imagines the lives and intrigues of the men and women involved in the creation of the fifteenth-century "Lady and the Unicorn" tapestries.

*The Ransom of Mercy Carter* – Caroline B. Cooney

In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.

*The Queen’s Daughter* – Susan Coventry

A fictionalized biography of Joan of England, the youngest child of King Henry II of England and his queen consort, Eleanor of Aquitaine, chronicling her complicated relationships with her warring parents and many siblings, particularly with her favorites brother Richard the Lionheart, her years as queen consort of Sicily, and her second marriage to Raymond VI, Count of Toulouse.

*Under a War-Torn Sky* – L.M. Elliott

Just nineteen years old, Henry Forester is the youngest pilot in his Air Force squadron and one of the best fliers, facing Hitler’s Luftwaffe in the skies over France.

*Cold Mountain* – Charles Frazier

Inman, a wounded Confederate soldier, leaves the hospital where he is being treated and determines to walk home to his sweetheart Ada, only to find the land and the girl he remembers as changed by the war as he is.

*A Painted House* – John Grisham

Seven-year-old Arkansas farm boy Luke Chandler loses his innocence over the course of a contentious and strenuous cotton harvest in 1952, during which time Luke's family hires several Mexicans and an Ozark family and Luke begins keeping dangerous secrets.

*True Grit* – Charles Portis

In 1870s Arkansas, fourteen-year-old Mattie Ross persuades U.S. Marshal "Rooster" Cogburn to ride into Indian Territory and help her capture the gang of outlaws who murdered her father.

*The Light in the Forest* – Conrad Richter

After being raised as an Indian for eleven years following his capture at the age of four, John Butler is forcibly returned to his white parents but continues to long for the freedom of Indian life.

*A Break with Charity: a Story about the Salem Witch Trials* – Ann Rinaldi

While waiting for a church meeting in 1706, Susanna English, daughter of a wealthy Salem merchant, recalls the malice, fear, and accusations of witchcraft that tore her village apart in 1692.

*Taking Liberty: the Story of Oney Judge, George Washington’s Runaway Slave* – Ann Rinaldi

After serving Martha Washington loyally for twenty years, Oney Judge realizes that she is just a slave and must decide if she will run away to find true freedom.

*Sarah’s Key* – Tatiana de Rosnay

American journalist Julia Jarmond researches the brutal 1942 Nazi roundup in Paris and stumbles upon a connection between her family and one of the victims, which compels Julia to learn more about the girl’s life.

*Code Name Verity* – Elizabeth Wein

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

*Queen’s Own Fool: A Novel of Mary, Queen of Scots* – Jane Yolen & Robert J. Harris

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.