THE BOMB by Taylor (YA Taylor)
Grades 6-10
It is 1946, a year after the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and World War II is over. But the U.S. government has decided that further tests of atomic bombs must be conducted. When Bikini Atoll is chosen for the testing site, the inhabitants of the tiny island are told they must relocate for just two years. But Sorry Rinamu believes the Americans are lying and that it will never be safe to return.

SPARTAN QUEST series by Ford (YA Ford)
Grades 6-10
Lysander, a young Helot slave who is trying to do twice the work demanded of him so his ailing mother can stay out of the fields, is attacked on his way home one night. He is saved by a distinguished old Spartan who is fascinated by the pendant that has been pulled from its hiding place under Lysander's clothing. (THE FIRE OF ARES, THE BIRTH OF A WARRIOR, LEGACY OF BLOOD)

THE LUXE series by Godbersen (YA Godbersen)
Grades 8 & up
Privileged teens in Manhattan conduct forbidden romances, betray their so-called friends, and generally indulge in bad behavior. The twist is that it's 1899, and they do so in corsets, silk
gowns, and horse-drawn carriages rather than designer labels and sports cars. *(The Luxe, Rumors, Envy, Splendor)*

**Bright Young Things** series by Godbersen (YA Godbersen)
Grades 9 & up
It's 1929 and Cordelia and Letty were meant for more than Union, Ohio, will ever offer, so they run away to Manhattan - just hours after Cordelia's wedding. Cordelia hopes to reunite with her famous and wealthy father, bootlegger Darius Grey, and Letty dreams of stardom. Shortly after arriving, the two best friends have a falling out; Letty becomes a cigarette girl at a famed Manhattan speakeasy, while Cordelia finds her way to her father's mansion. *(Bright Young Things, Beautiful Days)*

**Cleopatra's Moon** by Shecter (YA Shecter)
Grades 9 & up
As a child, Selene wants nothing more than to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a powerful queen, but she instead becomes a hostage of war when Roman ruler Octavianus invades Egypt, defeating Marc Antony and ensuring his claim to the Roman Empire. After her parents' deaths by suicide, Selene is forced to live with her two brothers in Octavianus' hostile household in Rome, where she schemes futilely to reclaim the Egyptian throne. Based on historical records, this is an often-tragic tale of a determined young woman who must adapt to the loss of everything she's known in order to recognize the new possibilities before her.

**Heart of a Samurai** by Preus (YA Preus)
Grades 5 & up
In 1841, a Japanese fishing vessel sinks. Its crew is forced to swim to a small, unknown island, where they are rescued by a passing American ship. Japan's borders remain closed to all Western nations, so the crew sets off to America, learning English on the way. Based on a true story.

**MY NAME IS NOT EASY** by Edwardson (YA Edwardson)
Grades 7 & up
When Luke and his brothers are sent to a punitive Catholic boarding school, he knows that he will have to sacrifice his Inupiaq name. But he isn't prepared to lose his youngest brother, Isaac, who is too young to enroll and is sent to live with a family in Texas. At Sacred Heart, Eskimos, Indians, and whites initially segregate themselves by ethnicity, but as they are touched by insidious outside forces, the racial boundaries fall away, and their voices become unified.

**CALEB’S WARS** by Dudley (YA Dudley)
Grades 8 & up
Caleb lives in a world at war. War news is on everyone’s mind, and Caleb’s older brother, Randall, is likely to be sent overseas. The presence of German POWs in Caleb’s rural Georgia community is a constant reminder of what’s happening in Europe. Locked in a power struggle with his domineering father and fighting to keep both his temper and his self-respect in dealing with whites, Caleb finds his loyalties shifting and his certainties slipping away.

**FEVER, 1793** by Anderson (YA Anderson)
Grades 6-10
The Cook Coffeehouse outside of Philadelphia is a haven for those fleeing from the fever sweeping across the mosquito-infested city.

**TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE** by Avi (YA Avi)
Grades 5-8
A vicious captain, a mutinous crew - and a young girl caught in the middle.

**TWO SUNS IN THE SKY** by Bat-Ami (YA PBK FIC Bat-Ami)
Grades 8 & up
During World War II, a girl meets a young Jewish refugee in a New York shelter.

**THE BOOK OF TORMOD: A TEMPLAR’S APPRENTICE** by Black (YA Black)
Grades 6-9
While trying to harness his power for prophetic visions, a fourteenth-century Scottish boy joins a Templar knight on his sacred quest to unearth an ancient relic.
SHAKESPEARE STEALER series by Blackwood (JF Blackwood)
Grades 5-8
Steal Shakespeare's play Hamlet...or else. (THE SHAKESPEARE STEALER, SHAKESPEARE'S Scribe, SHAKESPEARE'S SPY)

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS by Boyne (JF Boyne)
Grades 7 & up
Bruno's family moves to a new house that has a long fence that has strange people on the other side.

NO QUARTER: A MATTY GRAVES NOVEL by Campbell (YA Campbell)
Grades 9 & up
In 1799, the young U.S. Navy faces France in an undeclared Quasi-War for the Caribbean. Matty Graves is caught up in escalating violence as he serves aboard the Rattle-Snake under his drunken cousin, Billy.
**Hidden Voices** by Collins (YA Collins)  
Grades 8 & up  
While studying under Vivaldi, three girls in a Venice orphanage forge their own notions of love.

**Red Badge of Courage** by Crane (F Crane)  
Grades 6 & up  
Private Henry Fleming goes into the Civil War a hot-headed young patriot with his mind brimful of ideas of glory.

**The Stolen One** by Crowley (YA Crowley)  
Grades 8 & up  
Kat has grown up in a country cottage under the care of a foster mother. After her death, Kat goes to London in hopes of learning her parents’ identities.
**THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM, 1963** by Curtis (JF Curtis)  
Grades 6 & up  
Kenny’s family goes to visit their grandmother in Birmingham in the summer of 1963, the same year as the horrific Birmingham Sunday.

**THE MIDWIFE’S APPRENTICE** by Cushman (Summer 6)  
Grades 6-9  
A homeless & nameless girl goes from wandering waif to competition for her mentor.

**MATILDA BONE** by Cushman (JF Cushman)  
Grades 5-8  
To Blood and Bone Alley, home of leech, barber-surgeon, and apothecary, comes Matilda.
**ANASTASIA’S SECRET** by Dunlap (YA Dunlap)
Grades 9 & up
As world war and the looming Russian Revolution threaten all they hold dear, Anastasia, the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas II, and her family are being held in captivity, where she falls in love with one of their captors, a young man who has espoused the ideals of Lenin.

**THE GYPSY CROWN** by Forsyth (YA Forsyth)
Grades 6-9
Emilia Finch and her cousin Luke are Gypsies. To the repressive Puritan government of 17th-century England, Gypsies are thieving, fortunetelling vagrants.

**PIRATE’S PASSAGE** by Gilkerson (YA Gilkerson)
Grades 9 & up
Off the coast of Nova Scotia in 1952, fierce winds force a small boat into port. The boat's pilot, the eccentric Captain Charles Johnson, takes up residence at the small inn run by Jim and his mother.
THE WHITE WITCH by Graber (YA Graber)
Grades 5-9
Accused of witchcraft, threatened by the Plague.

SUMMER OF MY GERMAN SOLDIER by Greene (Summer 9ACCP)
Grades 6 & up
World War II has come to Patty Bergen's hometown of Jenkinsville, Arkansas, in the form of a German prisoner of war camp.

PICTURE THE DEAD by Griffin (YA Griffin)
Grades 6-10
After Jennie Lovell's fiancé, Will, is killed during the Civil War, she forms an alliance with a spirit photographer and uses her ability to talk to the dead to investigate the secrets Will was hiding and how he really died.
**Uprising** by Haddix (YA Haddix)
Grades 6-8
In 1927, at the urging of twenty-one-year-old Harriet, Mrs. Livingston reluctantly recalls her experiences at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory, including miserable working conditions that led to a strike, then the fire that took the lives of her two best friends, when Harriet, the boss’s daughter, was only five years old. Includes historical notes.

**A Farewell to Arms** by Hemingway (F Hemingway, PBK FIC Hem)
Grades 9 & up
Lieutenant Henry and Catherine Barkley are caught in the inexorable sweep of war.

**Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials** by Hemphill (YA Hemphill)
Grades 9 & up
A fictionalized account, told in verse, of the Salem witch trials, told from the perspective of three of the real young women living in Salem in 1692 - Mercy Lewis, Margaret Walcott, and Ann Putnam, Jr.
**WITNESS** by Hesse (YA Hesse)  
Grades 6 & up  
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.

**BROOKLYN BRIDGE** by Hesse (YA Hesse)  
Grades 6-9  
In 1903 Brooklyn, fourteen-year-old Joseph Michtom's life changes for the worse when his parents, Russian immigrants, invent the teddy bear and turn their apartment into a factory, while nearby the glitter of Coney Island contrasts with the dismal lives of children dwelling under the Brooklyn Bridge.

**THE GIRLS THEY LEFT BEHIND** by Hunter (YA Hunter)  
Grades 7 & up  
Seventeen-year-old Beryl, living in Toronto, Canada, in 1943, is sick of being left behind, sad and lonely, while the boys go off to exciting adventures in wartime Europe. Her friends have lost boyfriends overseas - if not to the war, to English girls waiting for boys "like vultures." Then her favorite cousin goes missing during a bombing mission in Germany.
**GENGHIS: BIRTH OF AN EMPIRE** by Iggulden (YA Iggulden)
Grades 9 & up
Convincingly portrays the harsh conditions of the medieval Mongolian steppes and even harsher circumstances of Temujin's early life.

**BELLE** by Jenkins (YA Kimani)
Grades 8 & up
After a grueling escape north, Belle Palmer is free, yet lost and alone. Separated from her father on the harrowing journey, Belle has nowhere to turn until she finds shelter with the Bests, the first free family she's ever known.

**JOSEPHINE** by Jenkins (YA Kimani)
Grades 7 & up
Josephine Best has a sharp tongue - especially where Adam Morgan is concerned.
THE PAGAN CHRONICLES series by Jinks (YA Jinks)
Grades 7 & up
Pagan, a streetwise teenager in muddy, medieval Jerusalem, tries to escape his criminal past by joining the Templar Knights. (PAGAN’S CRUSADE, PAGAN IN EXILE, PAGAN’S VOW, PAGAN’S Scribe)

THE EVOLUTION OF CALPURNIA TATE by Kelly (YA Kelly)
Grades 5-8
In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate learns about love from the older three of her six brothers and studies the natural world with her grandfather which leads to an important discovery.

MONKEY TOWN by Kidd (YA Kidd)
Grades 6 & up
Scopes, Frances’s friend and “secret crush,” is arrested and put on trial for teaching evolution from a school-approved textbook purchased in Frances’s father’s drugstore.
THE RED QUEEN’S DAUGHTER by Kolosov (YA Kolosov)
Grades 9 & up
Recruited as a "white magician" and sent to court at the age of 16 to wait upon and secretly protect Queen Elizabeth, Mary Seymour finds herself nearly overmatched by her own cousin, the powerful and devastatingly handsome black magician Edmund Seymour, in this workmanlike 16th-century romantic fantasy.

A SWEET DISORDER by Kolosov (YA Kolosov)
Grades 7 & up
After the death of her father, Miranda becomes the ward of relatives who wish to marry her off, but her skills as a seamstress place her at Queen Elizabeth’s court and provide an opportunity for escape and independence.

ORPHAN TRAINS TRILOGY series by Lacy (YA Lacy)
Grades 7 & up
At each train station, a few lucky orphans from the crowded streets of New York City receive the fulfillment of their dreams: a home and family. (THE LITTLE SPARROWS, ALL MY TOMORROWS, WHISPERS IN THE WIND)
ASHES by Lasky (YA Lasky)
Grades 6-10
In 1932 Berlin, thirteen-year-old Gaby Schramm witnesses the beginning of Hitler's rise to power, as soldiers become ubiquitous, her beloved literature teacher starts wearing a jewelled swastika pin, and the family's dear friend, Albert Einstein, leaves the country while Gaby's parents secretly bury his books and papers in their small yard.

GUARDIAN by Lester (YA Lester)
Grades 7-10
In a rural southern town in 1946, a white man and his son witness the lynching of an innocent black man. Includes historical note on lynching.

BLACK DUCK by Lisle (YA Lisle)
Grades 7-10
When Ruben and Jeddy find a dead body in an evening suit washed up on the shore, they are certain it has to do with smuggling liquor.
**NUMBER THE STARS** by Lowry (JF Lowry)
Grades 5-8
It's 1943 Copenhagen and the Jews of Denmark are being “relocated,” so Annemarie Johansen’s best friend, Ellen, moves in with the Johansens and pretends to be part of the family.

**THE SEASON** by MacLean (YA MacLean)
Grades 9 & up
Showing no interest in the sumptuous balls, lavish dinner parties, and country weekends enjoyed by the rest of early nineteenth-century London society, seventeen-year-old Lady Alexandra Stafford seeks adventure as she investigates the puzzling murder of the Earl of Blackmoor, father of devilishly handsome Gavin.

**THE ROCK & THE RIVER** by Magoon (YA DISPLAY)
Grades 7 & up
In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father’s nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.
JUST HENRY by Magorian (YA Magorian)
Grades 6 & up
It’s 1949 and life is bleak for Henry. He misses his father who died a war hero, and he escapes from his annoying stepfather and stepsister whenever he can by going to the movies. One day he meets Mr. Beaumont, a man who also loves films and agrees to lend Henry a camera for his school project.

IN COUNTRY: A NOVEL by Mason (Summer 11ACCP)
Grades 9 & up
Sam, a recent high school graduate who is trying to understand the strange behavior of her uncle Emmett and the death of the father she never knew, both victims of the Vietnam War.

LOVING WILL SHAKESPEARE by Meyer (YA Meyer)
Grades 8 & up
In Stratford-upon-Avon in the sixteenth century, Anne Hathaway suffers her stepmother’s cruelty and yearns for love and escape, finally finding it in the arms of a boy she has grown up with, William Shakespeare.
**IN MOZART’S SHADOW** by Meyer (YA Meyer)  
**Grades 8 & up**  
In eighteenth-century Europe, Anna "Nannerl" Mozart, a musician whose talent and dedication is overshadowed by that of her gifted younger brother, Wolfgang, struggles to win the notice of her father and patrons who might further her career, despite her gender.

**MARIE, DANCING** by Meyer (YA Meyer)  
**Grades 6-8**  
A fictionalized autobiography of Marie Van Goethem, the impoverished student from the Paris Opéra ballet school who became the model for Edgar Degas's famous sculpture, "The Little Dancer."

**THE TRUE ADVENTURES OF CHARLEY DARWIN** by Meyer (YA Meyer)  
**Grades 6-10**  
In nineteenth-century England, young Charles Darwin rejects the more traditional careers of physician and clergyman, choosing instead to embark on a dangerous five-year journey by ship to explore the natural world.
**YOUNG ROYALS** series by Meyer (YA Meyer)
Grades 7 & up
Different royalty go through their own trials and dangers. *(Mary Bloody Mary, Beware Princess Elizabeth, Doomed Queen Anne, Patience Princess Catherine, Duchessina: A Novel of Catherine)*

**Anne of Green Gables** series by Montgomery (YA PBK FIC Montgomery)
Grades 6 & up
An red-headed orphan finds a home in beautiful Avonlea.
*(Anne of Green Gables, Anne of Avonlea, Anne of the Island, Anne of Windy Poplars, Anne’s House of Dreams, Anne of Ingleside, Rainbow Valley, Rilla of Ingleside, Chronicles of Avonlea, Further Chronicles of Avonlea, The Road to Yesterday)*

**Fleshmarket** by Morgan (YA Morgan)
Grades 8 & up
In nineteenth-century Scotland, following the death of his mother during surgery, Robbie decides to take revenge on the surgeon who performed the operation, Dr. Robert Knox, and in the process, makes a gruesome discovery about the lengths the medical profession will go to advance its knowledge of anatomy.
RIOT by Myers (YA Myers)
Grades 7 & up
As the Civil War rages, another battle breaks out behind the lines. During a long hot July in 1863, the worst race riots the United States has ever seen erupt in New York City.

FALLEN ANGELS by Myers (YA Myers)
Grades 7 & up
After graduating from high school, Richie Perry signs up for the army and gets shipped off to Vietnam.

THE SMILE by Napoli (YA Napoli)
Grades 6-10
In Renaissance Italy, Elisabetta longs for romance, and when Leonardo da Vinci introduces her to Guiliano de Medici, whose family rules Florence but is about to be deposed, she has no inkling of the romance - and sorrow - that will ensue.
BOUND by Napoli (YA Napoli)
Grades 7-12
Xing Xing has become hardly more than a slave, serving her acrimonious stepmother and pitiable stepsister, whose botched, bloody foot binding has left her perilously unwell.

BREATHE by Napoli (YA Napoli)
Grades 8 & up
Salz isn’t affected by the plague in Hamelin and, since no one can understand it, faces serious trouble.

DAUGHTER OF VENICE by Napoli (YA Napoli)
Grades 7-10
Donata wants to see Venice and receive the same education as her brothers. So she disguises herself as a boy and tours the city.
HUSH by Napoli (YA Napoli)
Grades 8 & up
Melkorka is a princess, the first daughter of a magnificent kingdom in medieval Ireland - but all of this is lost the day she is kidnapped and taken aboard a marauding slave ship.

ELLIS ISLAND series by Nixon (YA Nixon)
Grades 5-7
Russian immigrant Rebekah hopes desperately that her dream will come true in America. (LAND OF HOPE, LAND OF PROMISE, LAND OF DREAMS (JF))

WHEN THE EMPEROR WAS DIVINE: A NOVEL by Otsuka (YA Otsuka)
Grades 8 & up
This heartbreaking, bracingly unsentimental debut describes in poetic detail the travails of a Japanese family living in an internment camp during World War II, raising the specter of wartime injustice in bone-chilling fashion.
**THE RIVER BETWEEN US** by Peck (YA Peck)  
Grades 7-12  
At the start of the Civil War two mysterious young women get off a boat in a small town in southern Illinois, and Tilly’s mother takes them in.

**A DAY NO PIGS WOULD DIE** by Peck (YA Peck)  
Grades 7 & up  
Rural Vermont farm life in the 1930’s, with all it’s joys and pains.

**SOVAY** by Rees (YA Rees)  
Grades 9 & up  
In 1794 England, the rich and beautiful Sovay, disguised as a highwayman, acquires papers that could lead to her father’s arrest for treason, and soon her newly-awakened political consciousness leads her and a compatriot to France during the Revolution.
**Witch Child** by Rees (YA Rees)
Grades 5-9
Journal entries bring you into the life of Mary, whose healing powers are making others suspicious that she’s a witch.

**All Quiet on the Western Front** by Remarque (F Remarque)
Grades 8 & up
Paul is a German soldier in The Great War.

**Numbering All the Bones** by Rinaldi (YA Rinaldi)
Grades 6-8
In the last year of the Civil War, Eulinda, the daughter of a slave and a slave owner, waits for news of her older brother, who ran away to join the Union Army.
**THE FIFTH OF MARCH** by Rinaldi (YA Rinaldi)
Grades 6-9
Rachel, an indentured servant, sees the events leading up to the Boston Massacre.

**CAST TWO SHADOWS** by Rinaldi (YA Rinaldi)
Grades 5-9
Caroline’s father is in prison for refusing to pledge allegiance to the king and her brother is away fighting for the Loyalists.

**THE EVER-AFTER BIRD** by Rinaldi (JF Rinaldi)
Grades 6-9
Now that her father is dead, CeCe is left to wonder why he risked his life for the ragged slaves who came to their door in the dead of night.
THE ROAD TO PERDITION (YA G Road)
Grades 9 & up
Depression-era Chicago: a city riding a tide of liquor and blood, ruled by guns, graft, and gangsters. At the top of the heap is Al Capone... and Capone's most feared hitman is Michael O'Sullivan, known to friends and enemies alike as the "Angel of Death".

STRONGBOW SAGA series by Roberts (YA Roberts)
Grades 8 & up
He's the son of a chieftain and a princess - yet Halfdan was born a slave. (VIKING WARRIOR, DRAGONS FROM THE SEA, THE ROAD TO VENGEANCE)

ESPERANZA RISING by Ryan (YA Ryan)
Grades 5-8
Esperanza goes from living at her family's Mexican ranch to working at a labor camp in California.
**SONG OF THE SPARROW** by Sandell (YA Sandell)
Grades 8 & up
Elaine, The Lady of Shalott, lives in a British military camp and falls in love with Lancelot.

**KEEPING CORNER** by Sheth (YA Sheth)
Grades 6-9
In India in the 1940s, thirteen-year-old Leela's happy, spoiled childhood ends when her husband since age nine, whom she barely knows, dies, leaving her a widow whose only hope of happiness could come from Mahatma Ghandi's social and political reforms.

**WHEN THE WHISTLE BLOWS** by Slayton (YA Slayton)
Grades 6-10
Jimmy wants to work the railroad like his father and brother, but things change over the years. This novel looks at Jimmy’s life on seven consecutive Halloweens.
**Night Fires** by Stanley (YA Stanley)  
Grades 7-10  
In 1922, thirteen-year-old Woodrow Harper and his recently-widowed mother move to his father’s childhood home in Lawton, Oklahoma, where he is torn between the "right people" of the Ku Klux Klan and those who encourage him to follow the path of his "nigra-loving" father.

**Logan Family Saga** series by Taylor (multiple locations)  
Grades 5-9  
In the midst of the Depression, a family struggles to keep their land and cope with racial prejudices in their Mississippi neighborhood. (For *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.*)  

**The Prince & the Pauper** by Twain (Summer 11ACCP)  
Grades 6 & up  
Two boys: the same age, almost the same face. One is a child of the slums, the other heir to the throne.
**ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN** by Twain (F Twain)
Grades 4 & up
Huckleberry Finn is "the pariah of the village . . . the son of the drunkard."

**CLIMBING THE STAIRS** by Venkatraman (YA Venkatraman)
Grades 7-9
Vidya lives a life totally different from her family in another city. When her family has to move in with their more traditional relatives, Vidya’s intent to go to university and become independent are upturned. Set in 1941, during protests against England’s occupation of India.

**THE BRIDESHIP** by Weir (YA PBK FIC Weir)
Grades 7-9
When Sarah overhears what sounds like a good opportunity for work relief from their orphanage, she and her friend are unaware they are intended as brides for a gold rush prospector.
**THE OTHER HALF OF LIFE** by Whitney (YA Whitney)  
Grades 6-8  
Based on true events from 1939 that occurred aboard a ship carrying Jews and other refugees away from Nazi Germany.

**BRIAR ROSE** by Yolen (YA Yolen)  
Grades 9 & up  
A young woman's promise to her dying grandmother leads her on a quest to discover the truth of her own family's mysterious beginnings in this grim retelling of the classic fairy tale of "The Sleeping Beauty."