

# 100 Historical Books for Kids

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*My favorite books are in italics!*

## GRADES 1-4: FICTIONAL SERIES

- The Imagination Station series by Adventures in Odyssey - varies
- Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osbourne - varies
- Anholt's Artists Books for Children series by Lawrence Anholt - varies
- If You series by Various Authors - varies
- American Girl Doll series by Various Authors - varies*
- Baseball Card Adventure series by Dan Gutman - varies

## GRADES 1-4: FICTION

- Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims by Rush Limbaugh - 1600s
- The Scarlet Stockings Spy by Trinka Noble - 1777, American Revolutionary War
- Ben and Me by Robert Lawson - 1700s
- Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco - American Civil War
- A Place Called Freedom by Scott Sanders - American Civil War
- Hope's Gift by Kelly Lyons - 1862, American Civil War
- Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan - late 1800s
- Ruby's Wish by Shirin Yim - late 1800s?*
- War Game by Michael Foreman - 1910s, WWI
- All-Of-A-Kind-Family by Sydney Taylor - 1910s
- The Yellow Star by Carmen Deedy - Holocaust
- The Little Ships by Louise Borden - WWII
- Twenty and Ten by Claire Bishop - Holocaust
- So Far From the Sea by Eve Bunting - WWII (American-Japanese in the US)
- Those Hands by Margaret Mason - 1950s/1960s

## GRADES 1-4: NON-FICTION

- Who Was? Series by Various Authors - varies
- Along Came Galileo by Jeanne Bendick - 1500s
- The American Revolution from A to Z by Laura Crawford - American Revolutionary War
- Heroes of the Revolution by David Adler - American Revolutionary War
- For the Love of Music by Elizabeth Rusch - mid 1700s*
- The Declaration of Independence from A to Z by Catherine Osornio - 1776
- Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine - American Civil War
- Louis Pasteur, Founder of Modern Medicine by John Hudson Tiner - 1800s
- The Story of Thomas A. Edison by Frances M. Perry - 1800s/1900s
- Young Thomas Edison by Michael Dooling - 1800s/1900s*
- The Great Horseless Carriage by Michael Dooling - late 1800s
- Winnie: The True Story of the Bear That Inspired Winnie the Pooh by Sally M. Walker - 1910s*
- Anna and Solomon by Elaine Snyder - 1920s, immigration*
- Passage to Freedom by Ken Mochizuki - early 1940s, WWII/Holocaust
- Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto by Susan Goldman Rubin - Holocaust*

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- Always Remember Me: How One Family Survived WWII by Marisabina Russo - Holocaust

## GRADES 5-8: FICTIONAL SERIES

- I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis - varies
- Mysteries series by American Girl - varies
- Mysteries Through History series by American Girl - varies
- Dear America series by Various Authors - varies
- Dear Canada series by Various Authors - varies
- The Royal Diaries series by Various Authors - varies
- My Name is America series by Various Authors - varies

## GRADES 5-8: FICTION

- The Cat of Bubastes by G.A. Henty - Ancient Egypt
- Tirzah by Lucille Travis - Exodus
- A Cry Far From Egypt by Hope Auer - Exodus
- A Stand at Sinai by Hope Auer - Exodus
- The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare - Biblical Times
- The Viking Quest Series by Lois Walfrid Johnson - 11th Century?
- A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park - 1100s Korea
- The Hidden Treasure of Glaston by Eleanore Aewett - 1171
- Adam of the road by Elizabeth Gray - 1200s England
- Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman - 1200s England
- The Trumpeter of Karkow by Eric Kelly - 1461
- Peter by Anne Holm - misc
- The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman - late 1700s
- Water Rat by Marnie Laird - 1748
- Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates -1700s
- Calico Captive by Elizabeth George Speare - French and Indian War 1754
- Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes - 1773
- The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare -1700s
- Fever 1793 by Laurie Anderson - 1793
- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain - 1830s/1840s-ish
- By the Great Horn Spoon by Sid Fleischman - 1849, California Gold Rush
- Nory Ryan's Song* by Patricia Reilly Giff - mid 1800s, Ireland Potato Famine
- Maggie's Door* by Patricia Reilly Giff - mid 1800s, Ireland Potato Famine
- Freedom Seekers* series by Lois Walfrid Johnson – 1860s, American Civil War
- Escape to Freedom by Barbara Brooks Simon – 1858, American Civil War
- The War Within by Carol Matas – 1863, American Civil War
- The Madman of Piney Woods by Christopher Paul Curtis – Post American Civil War
- Sworn Enemies by Carol Matas – 1860s
- A House of Tailors* by Patricia Reilly Giff – 1870s
- Manor of Secrets by Katherine Longshore – 1911
- War Horse by Michael Morpurgo – WWI

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- The Night Flyers by Elizabeth McDavid Jones – WWI
- Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool – WWI/Great Depression
- Bridge to America* by Linda Glaser – 1920s, Immigration
- Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse – Great Depression
- Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck – Great Depression
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis – Great Depression
- The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis – Great Depression
- Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys – 1941
- Daniel's Story* by Carol Matas – 1940s, Holocaust
- Run, Boy, Run by Uri Orlev – Holocaust
- Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry – Holocaust
- Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gatz – Holocaust
- Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Houston – WWII
- Willow Run by Patricia Reilly Giff – WWII
- Escape from Warsaw* by Ian Serraillier – WWII
- The Boy Who Dared by Susan Campbell Bartoletti – WWII
- Promise of Zion series by Robert Elmer – Post-WWII/Pre-Israel
- I Am David* by Anne Holm – Post-WWII
- Breaking Stalin's Nose by Eugene Yelchin – Stalin's USSR
- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai – 1975
- I Lived on Butterfly Hill by Marjorie Agosin – Chile Revolution

### HISTORICAL NOVELS: NONFICTION

- The Landing of the Pilgrims by James Daugherty – 1600s
- Women Heroes of World War I* by Kathryn Atwood – WWI
- Hitler Youth* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti – WWII
- Parallel Journeys by Eleanor H. Ayer – Holocaust
- Surviving Hitler by Andrea Warren – Holocaust
- Unbroken: Young Adult Edition* by Laura Hillenbrand – WWII
- The Boy on the Wooden Box* by Leon Leyson – Holocaust
- Women Heroes of World War II* by Kathryn Atwood – WWII
- The Greatest Stories Never Told* by Rick Beyer – Varies

### LIST OF HONORABLE MENTIONS:

- Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder – 1870s-1880s
- Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery – early 1900s
- Lincoln's Last Days by Bill O'Reilly – 1860s
- Water Street by Patricia Reilly Giff – (I loved this)
- Kennedy's Last Days by Bill O'Reilly – 1960s
- The Hidden Children by Howard Greenfeld – 1940s Holocaust
- Louis Zamperini: Survivor and Champion by Renee Taft Meloche - WWII Pacific

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- Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff – 1940s America
- Code Name Pauline by Kathryn Atwood – 1940s (Biography)
- Hiding to Survive by Maxine Rosenberg – 1940s Holocaust
- Red Scarf Girl by Ji Li Jiang – 1966 Communist China
- A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park – 1985/present
- Gifted Hands (Kids version)* by Ben Carson – modern