

Historical Fiction

The American West

Caddie Woodlawn

Brink JF BRI

Caddie Woodlawn is a real adventurer. She'd rather hunt than sew, plow than bake, and beats her brothers' dares every chance she gets. Caddie is friends with the Indians, who scare most of her neighbors—neighbors who, like her mother and sisters, don't understand her at all.

Tree of Freedom

Caudill JF CAU

The two eldest children of a pioneer family are determined to carry their love of beauty and learning to their new home in the Kentucky wilderness.

By the Great Horn Spoon

Fleischman JF FLE

Aunt Arabella's butler, Praiseworthy, and her nephew stowaway on a ship to win a fortune for her in California during the Gold Rush of 1849.



Orphan Runaway

Gregory JF GRE

Harrowing adventures accompany twelve-year-old Danny and his younger brother Judd when they run away from a San Francisco orphanage and search for their uncle in a gold rush boom town.

Our Only May Amelia

Holm JF HOL

As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.

Night Bird

Kudlinski JF KUD

In 1840 Night Bird, whose clan of Seminole Indians is fighting to preserve its traditional way of life in Florida, must decide whether to seek land and an unknown future in distant Oklahoma.

Clem's Chances

Levitin JF LEV

In 1860, fourteen-year-old Clem Fontayne learns from fellow travelers about important topics of the day, including the Mormon migration, slavery, and the Pony express, as he journeys from Missouri to California in search of his father.

Year of the Ranch

McLerran JF MCL

In 1919 Papa, Mama, and their four daughters homestead a tract of land near Yuma, Arizona, and try to turn a desert mesa into farmland and a shack into a home.

Save Queen of Sheba

Moeri JF MOE

After miraculously surviving a Sioux Indian raid on the trail to Oregon, a brother and sister set out with few provisions to find the rest of the settlers.

Rachel's Journal

Moss JF MOS

In her journal, Rachel chronicles her family's adventures traveling by covered wagon on the Oregon Trail in 1850.

Fair Weather

Peck JF PEC

In 1893, thirteen-year-old Rosie and members of her family travel from their Illinois farm to Chicago to visit Aunt Euterpe and attend the World's Columbian Exposition which, along with an encounter with Buffalo Bill and Lillian Russell, turns out to be a life-changing experience for everyone.

In Plain Sight

Hurst JF HUR

Eleven-year-old Sarah copes with emotional and economic hardships when her beloved but impulsive father leaves the family and their Massachusetts farm to prospect for gold in California.

Bound for Oregon

Van Leeven JF VAN

A fictionalized account of the journey made by nine-year-old Mary Ellen Todd and her family from their home in Arkansas westward over the Oregon Trail in 1852.

Wild Bill Hickok

Weidt JF WEI

A fictionalized account of the life and adventures of the scout, Marshall, and showman known as Wild Bill Hickok.

Dakota Dream

Bennett YA BEN

After being shuttled between foster homes and institutions for most of his life, fifteen-year-old Floyd Rayfield escapes from a mental institution to a Sioux reservation, desperately seeking a family and a home.

The Ransom of Mercy Carter

Cooney YA COO

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.

Borning Room

Fleischman YA FLE

Lying at the end of her life in the room where she was born in 1851, Georgina remembers what it was like to grow up on the Ohio frontier.

Beyond the Divide

Lasky YA LAS

In 1849, a fourteen-year-old Amish girl defies convention by leaving her secure home in Pennsylvania to accompany her father across the continent by wagon train.

Message from the Mountains

McCall YA MCC

In the frontier town of Franklin, Missouri, in 1826, teenage friends of Jim Matthews and Kit Carson share the dream of running away to a life of adventure on the Santa Fe Trail.

High Trail to Danger

Nixon YA NIX

In 1879 seventeen-year-old Sarah travels from Chicago to the violent town of Leadtown, Colorado, to locate her missing father, but she finds that the mention of his name brings her strange looks and an attempt on her life.

Prairie Songs

Conrad YA CON

Louisa's life in a loving pioneer family on the Nebraska prairie is altered by the arrival of a new doctor and his beautiful, tragically frail wife.

